

■ **Govt Bans Popular Front of India, Associates for Unlawful Activities**

The Ministry of Home Affairs has declared the Popular Front of India (PFI) along with its associates or affiliates or fronts as an "unlawful association" under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. The associates, affiliates or fronts include the Rehab India Foundation (RIF), Campus Front of India (CFI), All India Imams Council (AIC), National Confederation of Human Rights Organization (NCHRO), National Women's Front, Junior Front, Empower India Foundation and Rehab Foundation, Kerala. The Home Ministry has mentioned that there have been a number of instances of international linkages of PFI with Global Terrorist Groups and some activists of the PFI have joined the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and participated in terror activities in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. Recently, the National Investigation Agency, Enforcement Directorate and State Police carried out a joint operation at premises linked to PFI in several states. Several PFI leaders and functionaries were arrested in the raids.