

NRC so far identifies 1.30 cr original citizens



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NEW DELHI: The ongoing process to update the [National](#) Registrar of Citizens has only identified 1.30 crore original inhabitants. This was what NRC nodal officer Prateek Hajela told the Supreme Court as it heard a set of more than 30 NRC related petitions on Wednesday.

A division bench comprising Justice [Ranjan Gogoi](#) and Justice FA Nariman slammed the Assam government for failing to explain the importance of OI without any proper evidence.

The Assam government side drew flak when it told the court that 15% tribal population hardly come out to be involved in the process. Then the bench questioned the government's role and asked not to make such comment in future.

Later, Assam Public Works [leader](#) Abhijit Sarma said the government's position is unfortunate and that these suggest lack of coordination between government and the NRC project.

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