

SC: Panchayat certificates valid to update NRC



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NEW DELHI:After weeks of will-it-wont-it, the Supreme Court has cleared the validity of panchayat certificates as supportive [documents](#) to update NRC providing a big breather for nearly 50 residents whose fate kept hanging in balance.

A division bench of the country's top court comprising Justice [Ranjan](#) Gogoi and Justice FA Nariman who reserved thd ruling last week cleared it on M on Monday setting aside the Gauhati High Court ruling.

The division bench further termed OI(original inhabitants) an irrevalent one in the on going process to update NRC.

Last week in a major setback for the Centre, the court rejected the plea to extend the date for publication of NRC by 6 months. It asked the authority to publish the draft by December 31, 2017.

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