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Petitions pour into SC against Act,

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Parliamentarians, activists, NGOs, former Service officers and others from various walks of life filed petitions in the Supreme Court on Friday, challenging the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, which was notified as law by the President.

The Supreme Court Registry received a steady stream of petitions challenging the various aspects of the law. But they all showed the central contention that the Act, meant to provide "benefits" to immigrants fleeing religious persecution, actually ends up dividing them on the basis of faith and nationality of origin.

Congress MP Jairam Ramesh said the Act created an "unconstitutional exclusionary regime".