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Navigating India's Legal Landscape for Environmental Protection

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What are Environmental Regulations?



Laws and Rules designed to

- Protect the environment from damage caused by human activities.
- Address pollution from industry and development.
- Safeguard public health
- Encourage businesses to respect and make efforts to protect and restore the environment.

Key Legislations



- ❑ The Environment (Protection) Act;
- ❑ The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act;
- ❑ The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act;
- ❑ The National Green Tribunal Act;
- ❑ The Forest (Conservation) Act.

Legislative framework – The Environment Protection Act



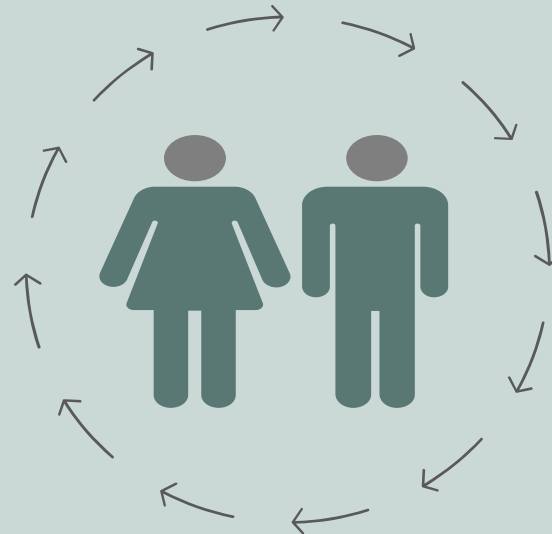
- ❑ An “umbrella” legislation to provide a framework for the environmental regulation regime in India;
- ❑ Enacted as a response to the aftermath of **Bhopal Gas Leak** tragedy;
- ❑ Implements the decisions taken at the UN Conference on the Human Environment to take steps for protection and improvement of the environment.

Objectives of Environment Protection Act (EPA)



To create consistent framework relating to the work of the agencies for the protection of the environment.

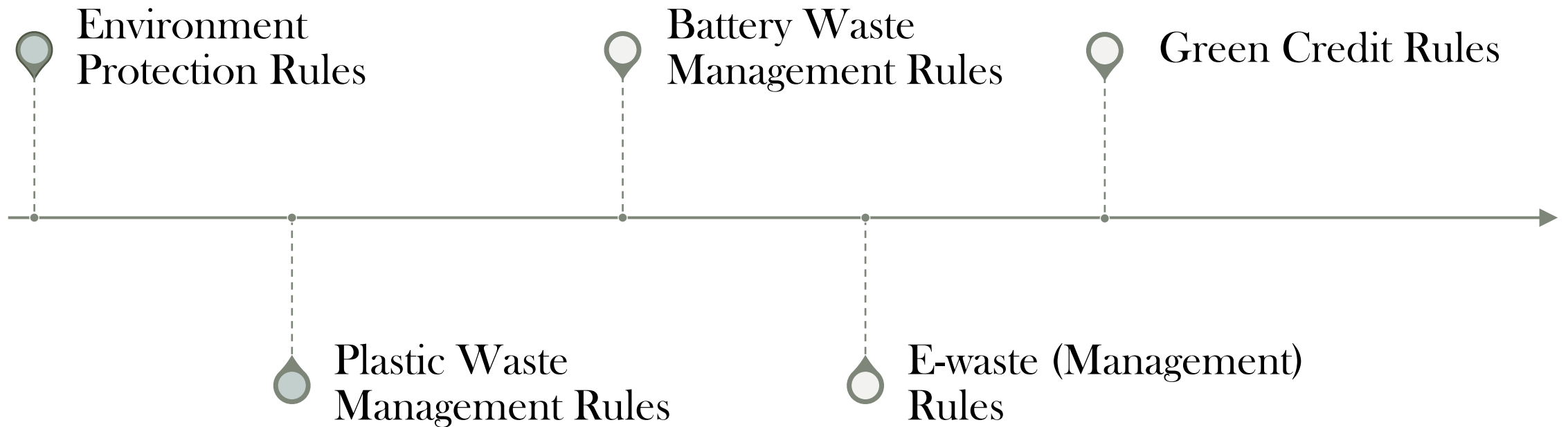
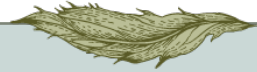
To impose punishments and penalties on those who harm the environment.



To take necessary actions to encourage and work towards sustainable development of the environment.

To regulate the discharge or emission of environmental pollutants by industries .

Key Rules under the EPA



Important definitions under EPA



Examples of pollutants

Smoke, greenhouse gases, chemical waste, micro plastics, heavy metals, fertilisers/ pesticides, sewage, industrial noise, etc.



“Environmental Pollutant”

Any solid, liquid or gaseous substance injurious to environment.

“Hazardous substance”

Any substance liable to cause harm to human being, other living creatures, plants, micro-organism, property or environment.

Measures for Prevention, Control and Abatement of environmental pollution



1

Persons handling hazardous substances to comply with specified procedural safeguards.

2

Person carrying on industry operations are not allowed to emit or discharge pollutants in excess of standards prescribed.

3

Environment permits /clearances required to be obtained upon conduct of inspection / assessments.



Thank you!



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