



## KNOW THE RULES ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS IN INDIA

### Constitutional Provisions:

- Article 48A:** Directive Principles of State Policy - The State shall endeavor to protect and improve the environment and safeguard the country's forests and wildlife.
- Article 51A(g):** Fundamental Duties - It shall be the duty of every citizen of India to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers, and wildlife, and to have compassion for living creatures.

### MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS:

S. NO	ENVIRONMENT LAW	DESCRIPTION OF LAW
1.	<b>The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974</b>	Establishes Pollution Control Boards at the Central and State levels to monitor and control water pollution
2.	<b>The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981</b>	Establishes measures to control air pollution and assigns responsibility to Pollution Control Boards
3.	<b>The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986</b>	Provides a framework for the protection and improvement of the environment
4.	<b>The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980</b>	Aims to conserve forests and regulate the diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes.
5.	<b>The Wildlife Protection Act, 1972</b>	Provides the protection of wild animals, birds, and plants. Establishes protected areas such as national parks and wildlife sanctuaries.
6.	<b>The Energy Conservation Act, 2001</b>	Promotes energy efficiency and conservation, establishing the Bureau of Energy Efficiency to implement measures for reducing energy consumption including PAT schemes
7.	<b>The National Green Tribunal Act, 2010</b>	Establishes the National Green Tribunal (NGT) for the effective and expeditious disposal of cases relating to environmental protection of forests.

### MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL RULES & REGULATIONS

S. NO	ENVIRONMENT RULES	DESCRIPTION OF RULES
1.	<b>The Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 (9th Amendment in 2024)</b>	Governs the management and handling of hazardous and other wastes and its transboundary movement
2.	<b>The Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016 (3rd Amendment in 2019)</b>	Regulates the proper management and disposal of biomedical waste
3.	<b>The E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2016 (3rd Amendment in 2024)</b>	Specifies the responsibilities of producers and consumers for the management of electronic waste
4.	<b>The Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 (2nd Amendment in 2022)</b>	Focuses on managing plastic waste through recycling and reducing plastic use through EPR
5.	<b>The Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016</b>	Provides guidelines for the proper management and disposal of construction and demolition waste
6.	<b>The Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016</b>	Establishes procedures for managing solid waste generated by municipalities and other local bodies
7.	<b>The Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 2019</b>	Regulates activities in coastal areas to protect/conserves the coastal environment
8.	<b>The Ozone Depleting Substances (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000</b>	Regulates production, use, and disposal of substances that deplete the ozone layer
9.	<b>The Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001</b>	Governs the management and handling of lead-acid batteries & other batteries
10.	<b>The Fly Ash Utilization Notification, 1999</b>	Promotes the utilization of fly ash generated by thermal power plants
11.	<b>The Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000</b>	Regulates and controls noise pollution
12.	<b>The Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017</b>	Provides for the conservation and management of wetlands
13.	<b>The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006</b>	Mandates prior environmental clearance for certain projects and activities