

Legislation & policies in India are often passed with inadequate scrutiny & assessment. In this context, discuss the significance of the idea of legislative impact assessments in India.

Legislative impact assessment is a framework for risk analysis of upcoming policies & laws at micro level before it is implemented.

SIGNIFICANCE OF LEGISLATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

⇒ Prior impact assessment will save governments from embarrassment, like few provisions of Aadhar Act 2016 were nullified by Supreme Court of India judgement.

⇒ The rise of vote-bank politics is coupled with hasty policy decisions which end up burdening the government treasury. With impact assessment, this could be avoided, hence saving of taxpayer's money.

⇒ A detailed & micro-level impact assessment of policies, especially that of Poverty-reduction programmes will result in sustainable development. It is only the result of inadequate impact assessment of policies & laws that extreme income, social inequalities is still present in India.

⇒ Environment Impact Assessment in India has saved us from commercialisation of natural resources. Likewise, Legislative Impact Assessment shall result in professional, good governance, thus preserving the sanctity of policies & laws in society.

However, for adequate legislative impact assessment, a large amount of data is required to be ~~pro~~ processed. Time & again, the concerns have been centered around authentic data for implementation.

Also, India ~~is~~ is mostly informal in work organisation. Therefore, data collection for impact assessment is worrying factor. Lack of data analytics professionals is another area of concern.

The government in India works in so many myriad forms that a one-size-fits-all approach to deal with the issues is impossible & financially depleting. Hence, the idea of legislative impact assessment holds significance in India & existing practices in ~~the~~ Kenya & Finland for impact assessments can be considered.