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Legal Provisions on Sustainable Development in India

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Abstract

This research paper aims to highlight the key legal provisions of the Indian legal framework for sustainable development. International conventions and treaties which involve India have significantly influenced the municipal laws of our country. Post the Stockholm Conference and the Rio Conference, a number of laws have been implemented with regards to the three pillars of sustainable development- environment, social and economic issues. In the past, Indian legal initiatives have focused more on the environment but more recently there have been a increasing number of initiatives that address social and economic issues. There is also a higher degree of integration between the different pillars.

The present study focuses on the four broad, often overlapping, phases under which the legal provisions of India can be reviewed.

These phases influenced by the changing international stance on the concept of sustainable development. The four broad phases can be classified as: i)The First Phase (1972-1983): Post-Stockholm Conference ii)The Second Phase (1984-1997): Post-Bhopal Gas Tragedy iii)The Third Phase (1998-2004) iv)The Fourth Phase (2005 & beyond). Post the Stockholm conference, rigorous changes were made to the constitution. The fundamental right to clean environment was granted by the 42nd amendment to the Constitution. A fundamental duty under Article 51A(g) ushered a responsibility on the citizens to protect the environment. Safeguarding of forest and wildlife became integral to the directive principles of state policy. Post the Bhopal Gas Disaster of 1984, a landmark in the evolution of jurisprudence of sustainable development in India, protection and improvement of the environment and prevention of environmental hazards became the primary agenda of the government. The third phase has a strong focus

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on reconciling the economy with the environment and social imperatives. The fourth phase focused on Right to Information Act, 2005 with the objective to promote transparency and accountability in the working of public authorities.

While there has been a remarkable progress in the Indian legal provisioning on sustainable development, India still continues to struggle to match the international standards due to poor implementation. Economic benefits have often overshadowed environmental implications. This paper aims to find out possible reasons for the Government to sanction development projects which can potentially compromise with the environment.

Introduction

The terms 'sustainable development' and 'sustainable growth' have gotten to be extremely commonplace while their implications have stayed ambiguous. A first step to clarity would be to receive the lexicon refinement between growth and development. To grow signifies 'to increment regularly in size by the expansion of material through 'assimilation or accretion'. To develop implies " to extend or understand the potentialities of; bring bit by bit to a more full, more noteworthy, or better state'. In short, growth is quantitative increment in physical scale, while development is subjective change or unfolding of potentialities. An economy can develop without creating, or create without developing, or do both or not one or the other. Since the human economy is a subsystem of a limited worldwide environment which does not grow,

despite the fact that it does develop, it is clear that growth of the economy cannot be sustainable over long periods of time. The term sustainable growth ought to be rejected as an issue ironic expression. The term sustainable development is considerably well-suited. Qualitative development of non-owing frameworks has been watched for drawn out stretches of time.

Sustainable development law, in the worldwide setting, comprehensively alludes to 'a corpus of, international legal principles and treaties which address the territories of convergence between international economic law, international environmental law and international social law pointing towards advancement that can last.

The development of the standards of sustainable development law has run parallel to the few worldwide approach making techniques connected with sustainable development, starting with the Stockholm Declaration of 1972. As per Principle 21 of the Stockholm Declaration, states have the sovereign right to exploit their own resources pursuant to their own environmental policies, as well as the responsibility to ensure that activities within their jurisdiction or control do not cause damage to the environment of other states or of areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction. The Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development or the Brundtland Commission Report entitled Our Common Future (1987), in its lawful addition, proposed the reception of twenty two legitimate standards, isolated into four groups on general standards, rights and

obligations; principles, rights and commitments concerning trans-limit natural resources and ecological obstructions; state obligation; and tranquil settlement of question, to make ready for future law making. Agenda 21 considered as the 'outline of activity for sustainable development' put a need on 'development of universal law on sustainable development, giving exceptional consideration regarding the sensitive harmony in the middle of natural and developmental concerns'.

Post Rio, the 1995 Report of the Expert Group Meeting on Identification of Principles of International Law for Sustainable Development (arranged by the Division for Sustainable Development for the Commission on Sustainable Development) turned out with nineteen standards and ideas of worldwide law for sustainable development separated into five groups: principles of interrelationship and integration; principles and concepts relating to environment and development; principles and concepts of international cooperation; of participation decision-making and transparency; and principles and concepts of dispute avoidance and resolution procedures, monitoring and compliance.

On 6 April, 2002, the 70th Conference of the International Law Association (ILA) adopted by consensus the New Delhi Declaration of Principles of International Law Relating to sustainable development. With this Declaration the ILA hopes to make a contribution to the further development of a 'balanced and comprehensive international law on sustainable development' as called for in Principle 27 of

the Rio Declaration of Environment and development and Agenda 21. These principles were subsequently reaffirmed and recognized at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) at Johannesburg. The seven principles of New Delhi Declaration seek to integrate these three chapters of international law in order to make international law more effective in the pursuance of sustainable development.

1. duty of states to ensure sustainable use of natural resources;
2. equity and the eradication of poverty;
3. the precautionary approach to human health, natural resources and ecosystems;
4. public participation and access to information and justice;
5. good governance;
6. the principle of common, but differentiated obligations; and
7. Integration and interrelationship, in particular in relation to human rights and social, economic and environmental objectives.

As to the lawful legitimacy of the above standards of international law, a few are not yet perceived as tying guidelines of customary international law. On the other hand, their significance lies in the way that they are progressively made operational in tying international treaties, forming part of international law and policy in the field of sustainable development, giving standardizing setting to best approaches and laws in the field, and additionally in local Agenda 21 activities and national methods.

Indian Legal Framework

Sustainable development law standards are gradually, yet most likely, securing a certain influential compel as reflected by the dedication of different countries to execute these in their jurisdictions. In India, post Stockholm and especially, post Rio, a plethora of laws has been authorized and actualized relating to the three mainstays of sustainable development. The Bhopal calamity of 1984 is a milestone in the development of law in this respect. The Indian Supreme Court has in various cases held that environmental standards cherished in international conventions and treaties (to which India has acquiesced) are a characteristic piece of the municipal laws of the nation. While prior, Indian lawful activities have concentrated all the more on the environment, recently, there have been various activities that address social and economical issues and a larger amount of joining between the diverse columns.

The lawful provisioning on sustainable development in the Indian setting can be surveyed in four wide (regularly covering) stages; each one described by unique needs and strategy objectives. These are as per the following.

First Phase (1972–1983)

The approach center of this phase was generally the environment and its insurance. Its key highlights are constitutional amendments to secure the environment and the sanctioning of legislation on wildlife and to capture contamination of air and water. The current lawful structure administering the environment

in India came to a great extent in the wake of the Stockholm Conference of 1972, which obliged states to receive measures to secure and enhance the environment. Post Stockholm, the 42nd amendment to the Constitution of India was made in 1976. Through this amendment, Article 48A was incorporated, whereby protection and improvement of the environment and the safeguarding of forests and wildlife became part of the Directive Principles of State Policy. A Fundamental Duty was ushered onto citizens of the nation to 'protect and improve the natural environment, including forest, lakes, rivers and the wildlife, and to have compassion for living creatures' (Article 51A (g)). In the case of *State of Tamil Nadu v. Hind Store*, it was held that “*the cumulative effect of Articles 48A and 51A (g) seems to be that the state as well as the citizens are now under constitutional obligation to conserve, protect and improve the environment, with every generation owing a duty to all succeeding generations to develop and conserve the natural resources of the nation in the best possible way*”.

In the wake of the Stockholm Declaration, India also enacted primary environmental legislation across a number of important sectors, namely the Wildlife (Protection) Act of 1972, the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act of 1974, the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act of 1977, the Forest Conservation Act of 1980, the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act of 1981. The Wildlife (Protection) Cess Act of 1972 is a thorough enactment for the security of wild animals, birds and plants and

additionally sets out the law for the setting up of protected areas- sanctuaries, national parks and closed areas. The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 has as its point the counteractive action and control of water contamination and of restoring the wholesomeness of water quality. The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Cess Act of 1997 looked to provide for the levy and gathering of de-reservation on water devoured by persons working and carrying on specific sorts of industrial activities. The Forest Conservation Act 1980 entirely confines and manages the dereservation of forests or utilization of forest land for non-forest purposes without earlier regard of central government. The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 accommodates the avoidance, control and reduction of air contamination and unequivocally states in its Preamble that the Act speaks to a usage of the choices taken at Stockholm.

Second Phase (1984–1997)

In the result of the Bhopal catastrophe of 1984, India entered a proactive period of legitimate change and activities, focused on towards aversion of repeat of such an occasion and better readiness. The concentrate still kept on being the environment, yet progressively arranged to issues of social justice and equity. As an issue to the Bhopal debacle of 1984, environmental statute in India arrived at another high, owing to a great extent to legal activism, new understanding of existing enactment, amendments and procedural laws and new enactment. The Air (Prevention and

Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 experienced a significant alteration in 1987.

A key enactment of this period is the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 that has been sanctioned to accommodate prompt help to persons affected by accidents from handling of notified hazardous substance, on a 'no fault basis'. It is mandatory for industries included in processes of hazardous substances in amounts informed under the Act to take Public Liability Insurance spread for prompt help to victimized people or harm to property, on a scale recommended in the Schedule to the Act. Additionally, the National Environment Tribunal Act, 1995 (Repealed) and the National Environment Appellate Authority Act, 1997 (Repealed) were authorized amid this time to offer impact to the Rio Declaration's call upon States to create national laws in regards to obligation and remuneration for the casualties of contamination and other environmental harms. These have been therefore repealed and replaced by the new National Green Tribunal Act of 2010.

Export and Storage of Hazardous Micro-Organisms Genetically Engineered Organisms or Cells Rules, 1989 and the Chemical Accidents (Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Response) Rules, 1996 were likewise told under the Environment Protection Act, which looked to keep the re-event of a Bhopal-like calamity by placing governs set up for emergency planning, readiness and reaction. Guidelines planned under the Environment (Protection) Act likewise tried to capture contamination at source, guarantee that the polluter pays and include people in general in

choice making. A significant alteration to the EIA notice was made in 2006 making an EIA compulsory for environmental clearance for various exercises and industries and set down procedure that obliges public participation the whole time (offering impact to a critical Rio guideline). There have been various changes to the EIA Notification, 2006 with the most recent revision in 2009. Other imperative enactment relating to the nature's turf incorporates the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, which perceives the need to capture vehicular contamination. The Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules were notified in 1998.

Post Rio, ecological standards, for example, precautionary principle, polluter pays standard, public trust law doctrine, between generational value and total obligation came to be acknowledged in India as a major aspect of Article 21 (Right to Life) in various legal claims by the Supreme Court (Indian Council for Enviro-Legal Action v. Union of India (AIR 1996 SC 1446), Vellore Citizens' Welfare Forum v. Union of India (AIR 1996 SC 2715)). Principles detailed under the Environment Protection Act likewise tried to arrest pollution at source, guarantee that the polluter pays and include the general public in choice making. In spite of the fact that an expansive lump of the enactment governing the environment in India has been instituted preceding Rio, the Supreme Court, in deciphering the provisions, has indicated dependence upon the Rio Principles, and in addition on the requirement for watchful adjusting of the diverse mainstays of practical

advancement. The Supreme Court, on account of *Shri Bhagawati Tea Estates Ltd v. Legislature of India* held that the restrictions under the Act were not absolute and the objective of the Act (forest conservation) has to be reconciled with the livelihood issues of forest dependent marginalized communities.

Third Phase (1998–2004)

The third Phase, coinciding with India's membership of the WTO in 1998, has a solid concentrate on accommodating the economic with the environment and social objectives. Legislation instituted post 1998 and alterations to existing legislations, done to accomplish compliance with the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) have additionally looked to consolidate standards of the Convention on Biological Diversity (for example, conservation of bio-resources, access and benefit sharing, rights of indigenous communities, local producers and farmers). Actually, attaining TRIPS – CBD compromise has been the centre of a number of India's entries at the TRIPS Council. The Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and the Rules surrounded under it looks for to offer impact to the two key standards of the Convention on Biological Diversity: the sovereign right of nations of birthplace over their genetic and biological resources and the acknowledgement of the need to impart profits spilling out of business usage of natural assets with holders of indigenous learning.

The Patents (Amendment) Act of 2005 has a procurement to avoid misappropriation of indigenous learning of groups by making it non

patentable. It likewise orders exposure of the topographical source of natural assets utilized as a part of the innovation. The Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001, while trying to ensure the privileges of plant breeders, as ordered under TRIPS has, in a creative manner, figured out how to give "rights" to the Indian rancher. In fact, it is the main enactment on the planet, which concurs exhaustive rights (instead of concessions or benefits) to the Indian rancher in distinguished of his commitment to agro-differences and plant rearing. The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 facilitates protection of the collective rights of the rural and indigenous communities in their unique products.

Various laws have additionally been established in the economical space. Post liberalization of the Indian economy in the early 1990s, there was recognition of the need to control and in addition create remote exchange India, prompting the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992.

The Competition Act, 2002 seeks to prevent anti-competitive practices and to promote and sustain competition in markets, to protect the interests of consumers and to ensure freedom of trade carried on by other participants in markets. Reducing fiscal deficit is the goal of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2003. Equity and inclusiveness in economic development is the principle governing the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 designed with the objective to develop these

industries as 'engines of inclusive growth and development'.

This phase likewise kept on being described by need to natural concerns and saw various optional enactments being surrounded under the Environment Protection Act, including the Municipal Solid Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000; the Recycled Plastics Manufacture and Usage Rules, 1999; the Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical (Amendment) Rules, 2000; the Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001; the Ozone Depleting Substances (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000; and an arrangement of warnings appointing force to state River Conservation Authorities to manage water contamination. The Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 were told under the Environment (Protection) Act.

After Recognizing the need for efficient use of energy and its conservation, the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 was enacted, which provided for the setting up of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, with the primary objective of reducing energy intensity of the Indian economy. The Electricity Act of 2003 has attempted to ensure better coordinate development of the power sector in India, seeking, among other objectives, to promote efficient and environmentally benign policies. It also contains key provisions relating to renewable energy. This phase also saw a balancing of the needs of forests and development, with compensatory afforestation (CA) The Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001 while seeking to protect the rights of plant breeders, as

mandated under TRIPS, has in an innovative fashion, managed to provide 'rights' to the Indian farmer being an important mechanism to compensate for forests cleared for development purposes. This mechanism, developed as a consequence of the Supreme Court (SC) order dated October 2002 in T.N Godavarman v. Union of India, mandates providing a comprehensive scheme, while seeking approval for proposals of de-reservation or diversion of forest land for non-forest uses. On 30 October 2002, in the T N Godavarman case, the Apex court passed a request for the making of a Compensatory Afforestation Management and Planning Agency (CAMPA), to which supports got by states and union regions towards compensatory afforestation and reformatory compensatory afforestation, in light of net present worth were to be exchanged.

Fourth Phase (2005 and Beyond)

This phase is described by a stamped dynamic rights based methodology to social welfare, justice and equity and a high level of integration between the diverse pillars of sustainable development. Post Rio, a dynamic common society and master dynamic government has assumed a key part in the enactment of landmark legislation, which looks to make a lawful administration that is socially just and equitable and in specific examples, has even gone past Rio standards. This rights based methodology picked up specific force with the enactment of the Right to Information Act in 2005. Indeed preceding it, responsibility to human rights and to guarantee equity for all is

seen in enactment like the Human Rights Act of 1993, which accommodates the constitution of a National Human Rights Commission, State Human Rights Commission in States and Human Rights Courts for better assurance of Human Rights. A fairly recent enactment is the Gram Nyayalayas Act, 2009, which has been sanctioned to accommodate the foundation of the Gram Nyayalayas at the grass roots level with the end goal of giving access to equity to the natives at their doorstep.

The privileges of the traditional forest dwellers have been codified in the Forest Rights Act, 2006. Through amendments in 1991, the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, established with the goal of securing wildlife through making of inviolate protected areas, has tried to give exclusion to the exercises of the Scheduled Tribes indigent upon forests. The corrected Wildlife (Protection) Act, 2002 looks to accommodate participatory administration of the cushions around the National Parks and Sanctuaries and presents the idea of 'Group Reserves'.

The Right to Information Act, 2005 enacted with the target to advance transparency and responsibility in the working of public authorities, engages the citizen of the nation to assume a vital part in building great administration and functional democracy in the country. The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 gives a lawful assurance of a base 100 days of wage employment in a budgetary year to each family unit, whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work, at the minimum wage permitted by law rate informed for rural work

recommended in the state or else an unemployment remittance. It aims to enhance rural food security and give effect to the fundamental right of the rural poor to life and livelihood.

Commitment to the youth of the nation has showed as enactment like the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 and Commissions for the Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005. Legislation has been enacted to present legitimate rights to the defenseless parts of society; the privileges of the senior native to a noble seniority are the reason for the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007. The privileges of the disabled have been secured in India through enactment, fundamentally the People with Disabilities Act, 1995, which perceives the right of the incapacitated to business and the National Trust Act, 1999, which tries to set up a national level body to guarantee the welfare of the impaired.

This period has additionally seen a proceeded with concentrate on the nature with the Environment Impact Assessment Notification of 2006, and the Hazardous Wastes (Management, Handling and Trans-boundary Movement) Rules, 2008 being informed under the Environment (Protection) Act. E-Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011 have been confined under the EPA, with the goal of guaranteeing the ecologically sound administration of various sorts of e-waste and to empower the recuperation and/or reuse of helpful material from e-waste. The National Green Tribunal Act of 2010 tries to offer

impact to the guarantee made at Rio and to accommodate the viable and quick transfer of cases identified with natural security, woodlands and regular assets and give easing and recompense to harms.

Implementation and Suggestions

There is plethora of legislations in India focusing on environmental aspects and number of policies dedicated specially to deal with problems of deteriorating environment but still the implementation of these laws and policies are weak in our country. There are many instances where government compromises with environment norms to promote development projects. The possible reasons for it are-

1. The present environmental mechanism is largely based on doctrines of criminal liability and not civil liability, which have not proved sufficiently effective, and need to be supplemented. The burden of evidences in civil proceedings is less daunting than those of criminal law. It also allows for preventive policing through orders and injunctions. If civil proceedings are initiated then courts can curb the menace by granting orders of injunction.
2. The other reason that can be identified for neglecting environment concern is extreme influence of corporate on government. Corporate houses in country dominate over government policies and get easy sanctions of their development project compromising on environment. Government trying to lure more investors and focusing on short term goals gives permission to these development projects.

3. Generally litigation proceedings are initiated against only those projects that have substantial effect on environment and minor projects are neglected. But over a period of time environment is substantially damaged by multiple number of those projects which prima facie don't cause such havoc.

Suggestions-

1. **Interstate Cooperation on**

Environmental: Matters it is alluring to cultivate provincial administration structures to manage ecological issues regular to more than one state in zones, for example, biodiversity, watershed insurance and genuine contamination overflows. This help may be as seed cash for imaginative recommendations on task mode premise

2. **Internalizing Environmental**

Externalities: Costs of numerous characteristic assets are beneath their expenses .subsequently over extraction/utilization is basic. There are additionally numerous unreasonable endowments like free power for agrarian pump sets, under-valuing of urea, and under-estimating of watering system water. On account of focused populism no state has a motivation to lessen the endowments singularly. The Finance Commission may suggest measures to affect states to dispose of the unreasonable endowments and to target appropriations just to poor. There is additionally adequate degree for increasing assets of states and nearby bodies by means

of an arrangement of client charges joining effectiveness value exchange offs.

3. **Weak Sustainability Principle:** This guideline recommends than rent from expendable assets ought to be utilized for supplanting the loss of physical capital in order to keep up a consistent capital stock. At present states are more inspired by bringing current incomes up in the manifestation of higher costs/sovereignties than in recovery of mines and quarries after conclusion and ear-denoting a huge piece of the salaries to supplant the loss of physical resources. The Finance Commission may devise an arrangement of motivations and punishments for execution of the rule.

Pollution Prevention and Control:

Initiatives at State Level Our pollution control laws prescribe national standards. Even though State Pollution Control Boards can tighten the standards based on the carrying capacities of regions, this is done rarely. To encourage states to come with their own solutions for dealing with environmental hotspots and coming with proposals for natural resource regeneration and remediation of contaminated sites seed money may be given. States may be given freedom in regulating local pollutants based on an assessment of their ecosystem characteristics

4. **Climate Change Mitigation:** Greenhouse gas accumulation is a global public bad and in view of the acceptance of the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities according to the respective

capabilities of states, India is under no obligation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. But it is in India's own interest to promote energy conservation by incentivizing use of energy-efficient pump sets and energy-saving lighting. This can be done by changing the price signals and regulations. Similarly conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and afforestation while yielding benefits in the form of local and global public goods also enhance livelihood opportunities. These efforts should be encouraged and rewarded. International support for the production of global public goods may be sought.

Conclusion

From the above examination, it rises that India has a plenty of laws, which manage the three pillars of sustainable development—environment, social and economic (including trade and IPR enactment). The greater part of these demonstrates a high level of mix or interrelationship between the diverse pillars of sustainable development, a paramount peculiarity of reasonable advancement law. To refer to an illustration, the Biological Diversity Act tries to ration bio-assets and in addition give lawful privileges to the groups who have kept up them over hundreds of years and empowers them to profit financially from the resource. In a comparable manner, the Forest Rights Act perceives social and financial privileges of forest dwellers and forest dependent communities and accommodates it with the need of making ensured zones for natural life. Essentially, NREGA sets out to

attain manageable improvement in an extensive way giving a legitimate right to business to rustic individuals. While destroying country neediness and guaranteeing nourishment security, it likewise tries to secure the nature with vocation being proposed to manage ecological issues like drought, deforestation and soil erosion. Truth be told, this pattern to coordinate two or more columns is more recognizable in post-Rio enactment than the prior ones. Case in point, the Wildlife Protection Act in its unique structure did not perceive the privileges of backwoods ward groups, yet an endeavor to have a more participatory and comprehensive methodology is seen in the later revisions. While there has been amazing advancement in Indian lawful provisioning on manageable improvement, a couple of difficulties keep on existing especially regarding execution. It is overall perceived that key to enhanced execution is the limit fabricating and enhanced monetary and specialized resourcing of executing agencies.

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