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“Indian Environment Service”?!

There is plea on the Supreme Court seeking establishment of the 'Indian Environment Service'. The plea also said the issue of environmental degradation, as one of the primary causes of diseases and health issues. It sought a direction to set up an Indian Environmental Service Academy to train officers for environmental law enforcement.

Why there is a need of a new All India Service, “Indian Environment Service”?

- Lack of trained personnel involved in the administration, policy formulation, and supervising the implementation of policies of the state and central governments.
- The constant degradation of our ecosystem needs special attention from the Civil Service as well as from the part of the government.
- Seeing the scientific and technical nature of the environment sector, it can be assumed that officers with a background in environmental science can come up with better solutions for numerous issues.
- Lack of time for government servants to spare special time for environmental causes.
- The constant environmental degradation, ecological imbalance, climate change, water scarcity, etc. are a great concern for India.
- The citizens are facing many environmental issues such as air pollution, water pollution, non-eradication of solid waste and garbage and pollution of the natural environment.
- Inadequate coordination amongst various Ministries/institutions regarding the integration of environmental concerns.
- While India has a strong environmental policy and legislative framework, much of the problem relates to weak implementation of the various acts and the rules there under.

Way Forward.

- Given the environmental issues faced throughout the country, the creation of the All India Service “The Indian Environment Service” is the need of the hour.
- The plea has also sought setting up an Indian Environmental Service Academy to train officers for environmental law enforcement.

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