



Uttar Pradesh Passes Escalator Bill And Lokayukta Amendment Bill, 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly passed the **Uttar Pradesh Lift and Escalator Bill, 2024 and Uttar Pradesh Lokayukta and Up-Lokayukta (Amendment) Bill, 2024**.

Key Points

- After the Bill becomes a law, **lifts and escalators cannot be installed without obtaining the approval of the Energy Department**.
 - **A fine will be imposed** on the owner or the institution concerned if they fail to get the repairs done and ignore the standards.
 - A provision has been made in the Bill that **registration will be mandatory** for installing lifts and escalators in public.
 - They will **need to be renewed every five years**, tested annually, and a fee of Rs 1,500 needs to be deposited for this.
- Under the Uttar Pradesh Lokayukta and Up-Lokayukta (Amendment) Bill, 2024, the **tenure of the lokayukta and the up-lokayukta has been reduced from eight years to five years** and the maximum age has been increased to 70 years.
- States like Maharashtra, Gujarat, West Bengal and Haryana have their own laws for installing lifts, but there was no such provision for it in Uttar Pradesh.
 - Its implementation **will not only curb accidents, but will also strengthen the system**.

Lokayukta

- The Lokayukta is the Indian Parliamentary Ombudsman, executed into power, through and for, each of the State Governments of India.
- It is an **anti-corruption authority**. The object of the Lokayukta system in a state is to investigate grievances, allegations against public servants.

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