



Environment Audit Rules, 2025

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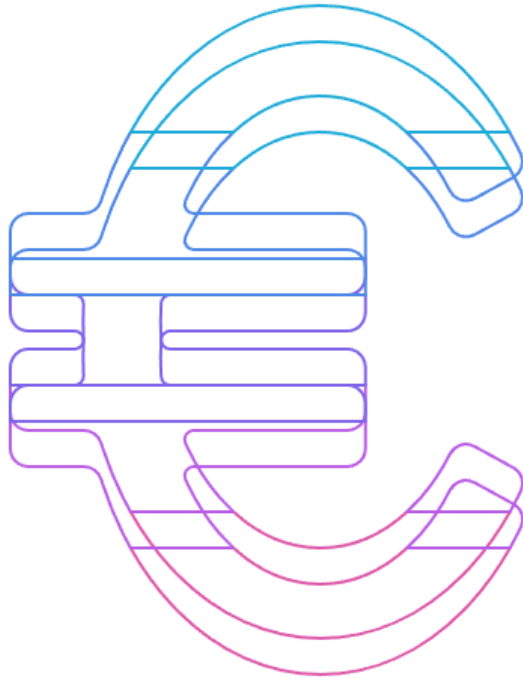
Why in News?

The [Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change \(MoEFCC\)](#) has notified the **Environment Audit Rules, 2025** under the [Environment \(Protection\) Act, 1986](#), to establish a comprehensive framework for **environmental accountability** across India.

What are the Key Features of the Environment Audit Rules, 2025?

- **Certification and Registration of Environmental Auditors: Environment Auditors (EAs) are to be Certified and Registered by the MoEFCC-notified Environment Audit Designated Agency (EADA). EADA is responsible for:**
 - Certification, registration, and oversight of auditors.
 - Monitoring performance and providing training.
 - Taking disciplinary action when required.
- **Registered Environment Auditors (REAs): Audits will be conducted by Registered Environment Auditors (REAs).**
 - REAs will be assigned projects randomly to ensure impartiality.
 - REAs will undertake activities including sampling, analysis, compensation calculation, and audits under various environmental and forest-related legislations.
- **Two-Tiered System of Compliance:**
 - **Tier-1:** Government regulators ([CPCB](#), [SPCBs](#), MoEFCC regional offices) will review compliance.
 - **Tier-2:** Audits will be conducted by REAs for third-party verification.
- **Oversight and Monitoring: A Steering Committee, led by an Additional Secretary from MoEFCC, will oversee the implementation of these rules.**

Key Regulatory Stakeholders under the Environment Audit Rules, 2025



Certified Environment Auditor

Individuals qualified through RPL or NCE



Registered Environment Auditor

Certified individuals registered to perform audits



Environment Audit Designated Agency

Responsible for certification, registration, oversight, and training



MoEFCC

Oversees implementation of the Rules and issues guidelines



CPCB/SPCB/Regional Offices

Continue inspection and verification, assisting MoEFCC



UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Questions (PYQs)

Prelims

Q1. Which of the following can be threats to the biodiversity of a geographical area? (2012)

1. Global warming
2. Fragmentation of habitat
3. Invasion of alien species
4. Promotion of vegetarianism

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (a)

Q2. Biodiversity forms the basis for human existence in the following ways: (2011)

1. Soil formation
2. Prevention of soil erosion
3. Recycling of waste
4. Pollination of crops

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (d)

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