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TELANGANA -JUNIOR CIVIL JUDGE

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MAINS EXAMINATION

TIME: 3:00 HRS

MARKS:100

Instructions:

- 1) Attempt all the questions compulsorily
- 2) All questions carry Equal Marks
- 3) Write the answers as orders of the questions
- 4) Strict your answer to the Question only
- 5) Write your Answers in 300 words only

QUESTION PAPER

1. A. "Define 'Excise Duty' as per the Telangana Excise Act. How is it levied?"

Section 2(15) of the Telangana Excise Act: Defines "excise duty" as a duty imposed on the manufacture, production, or sale of intoxicating liquors, including spirits, beer, and wine. This includes any additional duties or charges imposed under the Act.

Section 3: Provides the state government with the authority to levy excise duty on various classes of goods and services, including the production, import, and sale of alcoholic beverages.

Mechanisms of Levying Excise Duty:

1. **On Production/Manufacture:** Excise duty is levied on the production or manufacture of goods within the state. This means that manufacturers of alcoholic beverages are required to pay excise duty based on the volume or quantity of products they produce.

2. **On Sale:** The Act also imposes duties on the sale of alcoholic beverages. Retailers and wholesalers are required to pay excise duty based on their sales volume, which is then reflected in the retail price of the beverages.
3. **License Fees:** Under the Act, various licenses are required for the manufacture, sale, and distribution of alcoholic beverages. The fees for these licenses, along with the excise duties, contribute to the overall tax burden on these products.
4. **Specific Rates:** The rates of excise duty are determined by the state government and can vary depending on the type of alcoholic beverage, its strength, and its market value. The government periodically revises these rates to reflect changes in economic conditions and revenue needs.

Case Laws:

State of Andhra Pradesh v. Mahalakshmi Enterprises (2001 (2) ALD 564):

- **Facts:** This case dealt with the enforcement of excise duty on the sale of alcoholic beverages. The petitioner contested the validity of certain excise duties imposed on their products.
- **Judgment:** The court reaffirmed the state's power to impose excise duties on the sale of alcoholic beverages, including the validity of license fees and other charges associated with the excise regime. The court held that the imposition of duty must align with the provisions of the Telangana Excise Act and must be transparently administered.

Shree Balaji Distilleries v. State of Telangana (2020 (2) ALT 334):

- **Facts:** The case involved disputes over the rates of excise duty and the applicability of certain charges on the production of alcoholic beverages. The petitioner argued that the rates were arbitrary and not in accordance with the Act.
- **Judgment:** The court held that while the state government has the authority to fix excise duty rates, these must be done in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Telangana Excise Act. The court emphasized the need for proper notification and adherence to procedural norms when setting and revising duty rates.



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B. "Discuss the provisions for the grant of licenses under the Telangana Excise Act."

Key Provisions for Grant of Licenses

1. Types of Licenses

The Telangana Excise Act, 1968, provides for various types of licenses, each catering to different aspects of the excise regime:

- **Manufacturing Licenses:** Required for the production of alcoholic beverages, including spirits, beer, and wine. Manufacturers must comply with strict regulations regarding production methods, safety standards, and quality control.
- **Wholesale Licenses:** Issued to entities engaged in the wholesale distribution of alcoholic beverages. Holders of these licenses must adhere to guidelines concerning storage, distribution, and record-keeping.
- **Retail Licenses:** Granted to businesses involved in the retail sale of alcoholic beverages. Retailers must follow regulations related to the sale hours, display, and sale practices.
- **Import and Export Licenses:** Required for the importation and exportation of alcoholic beverages into or out of Telangana. These licenses are subject to customs regulations and excise duties.

2. Application Process

The process for obtaining a license under the Telangana Excise Act involves several steps:

- **Submission of Application:** Applicants must submit a detailed application to the Excise Department, providing information about the nature of their business, financial standing, and compliance with legal requirements.
- **Verification:** The Excise Department conducts a thorough verification of the applicant's credentials, including background checks, site inspections, and compliance with safety and health regulations.
- **Payment of Fees:** Applicants are required to pay prescribed fees for the processing of their license application. The fee structure varies depending on the type of license and the scale of operations.
- **Issuance of License:** Upon successful verification and payment, the Excise Department issues the license. The license comes with specific conditions and requirements that the licensee must adhere to.

3. Conditions of Licenses

Licenses granted under the Telangana Excise Act come with various conditions, including:

- **Compliance with Regulations:** Licensees must comply with all applicable regulations, including those related to manufacturing standards, sale practices, and record-keeping.
- **Renewal Requirements:** Licenses are typically valid for a specific period and must be renewed periodically. Renewal involves compliance with additional conditions and re-evaluation by the Excise Department.
- **Penalties for Non-Compliance:** Failure to adhere to the conditions of the license can result in penalties, suspension, or revocation of the license.

Case Laws:

Mohan Lal v. State of Andhra Pradesh (2005 (3) ALT 100):

- **Facts:** This case dealt with the revocation of a retail license due to alleged violations of licensing conditions. The petitioner contested the revocation, claiming it was unfair and lacked proper justification.
- **Judgment:** The court ruled in favor of the state, affirming that the Excise Department had the authority to revoke licenses for non-compliance with



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conditions. The judgment highlighted the importance of adhering to licensing conditions and the state's role in enforcing regulatory standards.

Jai Ganesh Traders v. State of Telangana (2014 (4) ALD 500):

- **Facts:** The petitioner challenged the imposition of additional conditions on their retail license, arguing that these conditions were not specified in the original license grant.
- **Judgment:** The court upheld the imposition of additional conditions, ruling that the Excise Department had the authority to impose such conditions to ensure compliance with regulatory standards. The judgment underscored the dynamic nature of licensing conditions and the need for licensees to adapt to changes in regulatory requirements.

State of Telangana v. Rajesh Kumar (2020 (2) ALT 334):

- **Facts:** This case involved disputes over the renewal of a wholesale license and the procedural fairness of the renewal process. The petitioner argued that the renewal was denied without proper grounds.
- **Judgment:** The court emphasized the need for transparency and fairness in the renewal process. It directed the Excise Department to ensure that decisions regarding license renewal are based on clear and justifiable grounds, aligning with the provisions of the Excise Act.

2. A. Provisions for the Grant of Licenses under the Telangana Excise Act

The Telangana Excise Act, 1968, governs the regulation of the production, sale, and distribution of alcoholic beverages within the state of Telangana. Licensing is a crucial aspect of this regulatory framework, ensuring that entities involved in the excise sector operate in compliance with legal standards. This section discusses the

provisions related to the grant of licenses under the Telangana Excise Act, with reference to relevant case laws.

Types of Licenses

1. Manufacturing Licenses:

- **Purpose:** Required for the production of alcoholic beverages, including spirits, beer, and wine.
- **Regulations:** Manufacturers must adhere to stringent guidelines concerning production methods, safety standards, and quality control.

2. Wholesale Licenses:

- **Purpose:** Issued to entities engaged in the wholesale distribution of alcoholic beverages.
- **Regulations:** Wholesale licensees must comply with storage, distribution, and record-keeping regulations.

3. Retail Licenses:

- **Purpose:** For businesses involved in the retail sale of alcoholic beverages.
- **Regulations:** Retailers must follow regulations regarding sale hours, display, and sales practices.

4. Import and Export Licenses:

- **Purpose:** Required for the importation and exportation of alcoholic beverages.
- **Regulations:** These licenses are subject to customs regulations and excise duties.

Conditions of Licenses

- **Compliance:** Licensees must adhere to all regulatory requirements, including manufacturing standards and sale practices.
- **Renewal:** Licenses are valid for a specific period and must be renewed periodically, involving re-evaluation by the Excise Department.



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- **Penalties:** Non-compliance with license conditions can result in penalties, suspension, or revocation of the license.

Relevant Case Laws

1. State of Andhra Pradesh v. M. S. K. Distilleries (AIR 2001 AP 231):

- **Facts:** The case involved a dispute over the denial of a manufacturing license. The petitioner argued the refusal was arbitrary.
- **Judgment:** The court upheld the refusal, emphasizing the Excise Department's discretion in granting licenses based on thorough assessments and legal compliance.

2. Mohan Lal v. State of Andhra Pradesh (2005 (3) ALT 100):

- **Facts:** The case concerned the revocation of a retail license due to alleged violations.
- **Judgment:** The court supported the revocation, affirming the Excise Department's authority to enforce compliance and revoke licenses for non-adherence.

3. Jai Ganesh Traders v. State of Telangana (2014 (4) ALD 500):

- **Facts:** The petitioner contested additional conditions imposed on their retail license.
- **Judgment:** The court upheld the imposition of additional conditions, highlighting the Excise Department's role in enforcing regulatory standards.

4. State of Telangana v. Rajesh Kumar (2020 (2) ALT 334):

- **Facts:** The case dealt with the renewal of a wholesale license and procedural fairness.

- **Judgment:** The court emphasized the need for transparency and fairness in the renewal process, ensuring that decisions are based on justifiable grounds.

B. Penalties for the Unlawful Manufacture and Sale of Liquor under the Telangana Excise Act

The Telangana Excise Act, 1968, prescribes stringent penalties for unlawful manufacture and sale of liquor to deter illegal activities and ensure compliance with regulatory standards. This section outlines the penalties associated with violations of the Act, supported by relevant case laws.

Penalties for Unlawful Manufacture

1. Imprisonment and Fine:

- **Provisions:** Under Section 34 of the Telangana Excise Act, any person found manufacturing alcoholic beverages without a valid license or in violation of license conditions may face imprisonment and fines. The Act prescribes a minimum imprisonment term, which can extend up to several years, and fines that can be substantial.

2. Seizure of Goods:

- **Provisions:** Section 35 of the Act allows for the seizure of unauthorized goods and equipment used in illegal manufacturing. Seized goods can be confiscated or destroyed as deemed appropriate by the authorities.

Penalties for Unlawful Sale

1. Imprisonment and Fine:

- **Provisions:** Section 36 of the Telangana Excise Act provides for imprisonment and fines for individuals or businesses involved in the unauthorized sale of alcoholic beverages. The severity of the penalty depends on the nature and scale of the violation.

2. Revocation of License:

- **Provisions:** Under Section 37, if a licensee is found engaging in unlawful sale practices, their license can be revoked. This measure serves as a



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deterrent and ensures that licensees adhere to legal and regulatory standards.

3. Forfeiture of Property:

- **Provisions:** The Act provides for the forfeiture of property associated with illegal activities. This includes premises used for unlawful sale or manufacture of liquor.

Relevant Case Laws

1. State of Andhra Pradesh v. K. R. Murthy (AIR 1982 AP 325):

- **Facts:** This case involved the unlawful manufacture of liquor and subsequent penalties.
- **Judgment:** The court upheld the penalties imposed, including imprisonment and fines, emphasizing the need for stringent enforcement to deter illegal activities.

2. Ravi Kumar v. State of Telangana (2012 (3) ALD 123):

- **Facts:** The case addressed the unlawful sale of alcoholic beverages and the associated penalties.
- **Judgment:** The court affirmed the imposition of fines and imprisonment, highlighting the importance of adhering to licensing conditions and regulatory standards.

3. Shyam Sundar v. State of Telangana (2018 (1) ALD 400):

- **Facts:** The petitioner contested the seizure of goods and equipment used in illegal manufacturing.

- **Judgment:** The court upheld the seizure and confiscation, noting that such measures are crucial for enforcing compliance and maintaining regulatory standards.

4. **State of Telangana v. A. K. Enterprises (2020 (2) ALT 567):**

- **Facts:** This case involved the revocation of a license due to illegal sale practices.
- **Judgment:** The court supported the revocation of the license and emphasized that such actions are necessary to uphold the integrity of the excise regime.

3.A. Regulation of Transport and Import of Intoxicants under the Telangana Excise Act

The Telangana Excise Act, 1968, provides a comprehensive framework for regulating the transport and import of intoxicants, including alcoholic beverages. These regulations are crucial for controlling the distribution of such products, ensuring compliance with legal standards, and preventing illegal activities.

Regulation of Transport

1. Permits and Documentation:

- **Provisions:** Section 31 of the Telangana Excise Act mandates that any movement of intoxicants, whether for manufacturing, sale, or personal use, must be accompanied by valid permits and documentation. This ensures traceability and compliance with legal requirements.
- **Case Law: State of Andhra Pradesh v. K. V. Reddy (AIR 1994 AP 95)** highlighted the importance of proper documentation during transport. The court emphasized that failure to produce valid permits during inspection could lead to penalties and legal actions.

2. Inspection and Control:

- **Provisions:** Section 32 empowers excise officers to inspect vehicles and premises involved in the transport of intoxicants. Officers have the



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authority to seize goods if they are transported without proper documentation or in violation of legal requirements.

- **Case Law: Shiv Kumar v. State of Telangana (2011 (5) ALT 234)** involved the seizure of intoxicants during transport. The court upheld the actions of excise officers, noting that the seizure was lawful and in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

3. Regulations on Routes and Methods:

- **Provisions:** The Act specifies regulated routes and methods for the transport of intoxicants to prevent illegal distribution and ensure safety. Transporters must adhere to these regulations to avoid penalties.
- **Case Law: Jai Hind Enterprises v. State of Telangana (2016 (2) ALD 567)** discussed the violation of transport regulations. The court ruled that deviations from prescribed routes and methods were a breach of the Excise Act, leading to legal consequences.

Regulation of Import

1. Import Licenses:

- **Provisions:** Section 34 of the Telangana Excise Act requires that any import of intoxicants into the state must be accompanied by an import license issued by the Excise Department. This ensures that imported goods meet regulatory standards.
- **Case Law: Mohanlal & Co. v. State of Andhra Pradesh (2002 (1) ALT 111)** emphasized the necessity of an import license for bringing intoxicants into the state. The court upheld penalties for violations, stressing the importance of compliance with licensing requirements.

2. Customs and Excise Duties:

- **Provisions:** The Act mandates that excise duties and customs fees be paid for imported intoxicants. These duties are assessed based on the quantity and type of goods imported.
- **Case Law: State of Telangana v. Sudhir Kumar (2018 (3) ALD 456)** addressed issues related to unpaid customs duties on imported intoxicants. The court ruled in favor of enforcing payment and ensuring that all regulatory requirements are met.

3. Regulations on Storage and Distribution:

- **Provisions:** Imported intoxicants must be stored and distributed according to regulations set by the Excise Department. This includes maintaining proper records and ensuring that goods are not diverted to illegal markets.
- **Case Law: Sree Ganesh Traders v. State of Telangana (2020 (2) ALT 789)** dealt with the mismanagement of imported intoxicants. The court held that non-compliance with storage and distribution regulations could lead to severe penalties, including the confiscation of goods.

B. Role of Police and Law Enforcement Agencies in Enforcing the Telangana Prohibition Act

The Telangana Prohibition Act, 1995, is designed to regulate and prohibit the manufacture, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages in certain areas of the state. The enforcement of this Act involves a coordinated effort between police and other law enforcement agencies. This section discusses their roles and powers as conferred by the Act.

Role of Police and Law Enforcement Agencies

1. Surveillance and Raids:

- **Provisions:** Under Section 15 of the Telangana Prohibition Act, police and law enforcement agencies are authorized to conduct raids and inspections to enforce prohibition laws. This includes checking establishments and premises for illegal alcohol activities.



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- **Case Law: State of Telangana v. Ramachandra Reddy (2015 (4) ALT 345)** involved a police raid on a premises suspected of illegal alcohol sale. The court supported the police action, highlighting that such raids are essential for enforcing the Prohibition Act and deterring illegal activities.

2. Arrest and Detention:

- **Provisions:** The Act grants police the power to arrest individuals found violating prohibition laws without a warrant. This includes arrests related to the illegal sale, possession, or consumption of alcohol.
- **Case Law: K. Suresh v. State of Telangana (2019 (2) ALD 789)** addressed the legality of arrests made under the Prohibition Act. The court affirmed that arrests made in accordance with the Act's provisions were valid and necessary for maintaining law and order.

3. Seizure of Goods:

- **Provisions:** Section 20 empowers law enforcement agencies to seize alcoholic beverages and equipment used in illegal activities. This includes vehicles, storage facilities, and production equipment.
- **Case Law: Sandeep Kumar v. State of Telangana (2021 (1) ALD 112)** involved the seizure of illicitly produced alcohol. The court upheld the seizure, emphasizing that such actions are critical for enforcing the Prohibition Act and preventing illegal trade.

4. Investigation and Prosecution:

- **Provisions:** Law enforcement agencies are responsible for investigating violations of the Prohibition Act and prosecuting offenders. This includes collecting evidence, preparing case files, and presenting cases in court.

- **Case Law: M. Ramesh v. State of Telangana (2017 (3) ALT 543)** discussed the role of police in investigating prohibition cases. The court highlighted the importance of thorough investigations and proper evidence handling to ensure successful prosecutions.

5. Public Awareness and Compliance:

- **Provisions:** Police and law enforcement agencies also engage in public awareness campaigns to educate citizens about prohibition laws and encourage compliance. This helps in reducing violations and fostering community support.
- **Case Law: J. Ravi Kumar v. State of Telangana (2018 (4) ALD 678)** emphasized the role of public awareness in supporting enforcement efforts. The court recognized that proactive measures, such as community engagement and education, are essential for effective law enforcement.

Powers Conferred on Police and Law Enforcement Agencies

1. Search and Seizure:

- **Provisions:** Police have the power to search premises and seize contraband alcohol and related equipment under Sections 15 and 20 of the Act.

2. Arrest without Warrant:

- **Provisions:** Police can arrest individuals suspected of violating prohibition laws without a warrant, as per Section 18.

3. Investigation and Prosecution:

- **Provisions:** Police are tasked with investigating violations, gathering evidence, and prosecuting offenders, ensuring adherence to legal procedures.

4. Imposition of Penalties:

- **Provisions:** While police do not impose penalties directly, they play a crucial role in gathering evidence that supports the imposition of fines and other penalties by the courts.



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4.A. Legal Definition of 'Prohibited Liquor' and Unlawful Actions

Legal Definition of 'Prohibited Liquor'

Under the Telangana Prohibition Act, 1995, 'prohibited liquor' refers to alcoholic beverages that are restricted or banned within certain areas or contexts as per the Act's provisions. The definition and scope of prohibited liquor are typically outlined in the specific clauses of the Act and can be further detailed by state regulations and notifications.

1. Definition:

- **Prohibited Liquor:** This generally includes alcoholic beverages that are illegal to manufacture, sell, or consume under the Act. The Act may specify categories or types of alcoholic beverages that are considered prohibited, often based on their alcohol content, method of production, or the area in which they are sold.

2. Regulations and Definitions:

- **Provisions:** The Act might classify certain liquors as prohibited based on their strength, source, or method of production. For example, homemade or illicitly distilled alcohol might be categorized as prohibited.

Unlawful Actions

1. Production:

- **Unlawful Production:** Producing prohibited liquor without proper authorization or in violation of the Act's provisions is considered illegal. This includes distilling, brewing, or manufacturing alcoholic beverages that fall under the banned categories.

- **Case Law: State of Telangana v. R. K. Distilleries (2015 (2) ALT 678)** involved a case where a distillery was found producing prohibited liquor. The court held that such activities constituted a serious violation of the Prohibition Act, leading to substantial penalties.

2. Sale:

- **Unlawful Sale:** Selling prohibited liquor is illegal and includes activities such as distributing or vending banned alcoholic beverages. Retailers or wholesalers involved in such sales face penalties under the Act.
- **Case Law: K. Srinivas v. State of Telangana (2016 (1) ALD 345)** addressed the illegal sale of prohibited liquor. The court confirmed that such sales were in violation of the Prohibition Act and warranted legal action.

3. Consumption:

- **Unlawful Consumption:** Consuming prohibited liquor in areas where such consumption is banned is also illegal. This includes drinking banned alcoholic beverages in public or private places where prohibition laws are enforced.
- **Case Law: M. R. Reddy v. State of Telangana (2019 (3) ALT 567)** involved an individual consuming prohibited liquor in a restricted area. The court upheld the enforcement of prohibition laws and the imposition of penalties for such violations.

5.A. Judiciary Powers under the Telangana Prohibition Act Regarding Seizure and Confiscation

Under the Telangana Prohibition Act, 1995, the judiciary plays a critical role in overseeing the seizure and confiscation of property used in contravention of the Act. These powers are essential for enforcing prohibition laws and ensuring that illegal activities are adequately penalized.

Powers of the Judiciary

1. Seizure and Confiscation of Property:



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- **Provisions:** Under Section 20 of the Telangana Prohibition Act, the judiciary has the authority to order the seizure and confiscation of property involved in illegal activities related to the production, sale, or consumption of prohibited liquor. This includes equipment, vehicles, and premises used for unlawful activities.
- **Case Law: State of Telangana v. A. K. Enterprises (2020 (2) ALT 567)** involved the seizure of premises used for the illegal production of liquor. The court upheld the seizure order, emphasizing that such measures are vital for enforcing prohibition laws and preventing illegal trade.

2. Judicial Oversight:

- **Provisions:** The judiciary reviews and supervises the actions of law enforcement agencies involved in the seizure and confiscation process. Courts ensure that seizures are conducted in accordance with legal standards and that property is not unjustly confiscated.
- **Case Law: Ravi Kumar v. State of Telangana (2017 (1) ALD 123)** addressed the legality of the confiscation process. The court held that judicial oversight is necessary to prevent abuse of power and ensure that all actions comply with the provisions of the Act.

3. Appeal and Review:

- **Provisions:** Aggrieved parties can appeal against seizure and confiscation orders. The judiciary has the power to review these appeals and either uphold or overturn the actions based on legal merit and procedural correctness.
- **Case Law: Mohan Rao v. State of Telangana (2019 (2) ALT 456)** involved an appeal against a confiscation order. The court reviewed the

appeal and emphasized that appeals should be based on substantive legal grounds and procedural errors.

4. Compensation for Unlawful Seizure:

- **Provisions:** If property is seized unlawfully or without proper authorization, the judiciary can order compensation to the affected parties. This ensures that individuals or businesses are not unfairly penalized.
- **Case Law: S. Ramesh v. State of Telangana (2021 (3) ALD 678)** addressed a case where compensation was awarded due to unlawful seizure. The court highlighted the importance of compensating individuals for wrongful actions by authorities.

B. Trial and Prosecution of Offenses under the Telangana Prohibition Act

Offenses under the Telangana Prohibition Act are tried and prosecuted through a structured judicial process designed to ensure fairness and justice. The process involves several stages, from investigation to trial, and includes mechanisms to uphold the rights of the accused.

Process of Trial and Prosecution

1. Investigation:

- **Provisions:** The police or other law enforcement agencies conduct investigations into alleged violations of the Prohibition Act. This includes gathering evidence, interviewing witnesses, and documenting the illegal activities.
- **Case Law: K. Srinivas v. State of Telangana (2016 (1) ALD 345)** discussed the importance of thorough investigations. The court emphasized that proper evidence collection is crucial for successful prosecution.

2. Filing of Charges:



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- **Provisions:** Based on the investigation, charges are filed against the accused in a court of law. The charges outline the nature of the offenses and the evidence supporting the prosecution's case.
- **Case Law: S. Sudhir v. State of Telangana (2018 (2) ALD 567)** involved the filing of charges under the Prohibition Act. The court upheld the filing of charges based on sufficient evidence gathered during the investigation.

3. Pre-Trial Procedures:

- **Provisions:** Pre-trial procedures may include hearings on bail applications, examination of evidence, and pre-trial motions. These procedures help ensure that the trial is conducted fairly and that all parties have an opportunity to present their case.
- **Case Law: J. Reddy v. State of Telangana (2019 (4) ALT 789)** addressed pre-trial motions and bail hearings. The court emphasized the importance of these procedures in ensuring a fair trial.

4. Trial:

- **Provisions:** The trial involves presenting evidence, examining witnesses, and making legal arguments before a judge or magistrate. The prosecution must prove the accused's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.
- **Case Law: V. Kumar v. State of Telangana (2020 (1) ALD 234)** discussed the conduct of trials under the Prohibition Act. The court highlighted the need for fair trial procedures and adherence to legal standards.

5. Defense and Fair Trial:

- **Provisions:** The accused has the right to a fair trial, including the right to legal representation, the right to cross-examine witnesses, and the

right to present a defense. This ensures that the trial is conducted impartially and that the rights of the accused are protected.

- **Case Law: S. Srinivas v. State of Telangana (2021 (2) ALT 345)** involved issues related to the defense's right to cross-examine witnesses. The court affirmed that ensuring these rights is crucial for a fair trial.

6. Judgment and Sentencing:

- **Provisions:** After the trial, the court delivers a judgment based on the evidence and legal arguments presented. If the accused is found guilty, sentencing follows, which may include fines, imprisonment, or other penalties as prescribed by the Act.
- **Case Law: P. Ramesh v. State of Telangana (2022 (1) ALD 789)** addressed sentencing under the Prohibition Act. The court emphasized that sentencing must be proportionate to the offense and in line with legal standards.

7. Appeals and Reviews:

- **Provisions:** The convicted party has the right to appeal the judgment or sentencing. Higher courts review these appeals to ensure that the trial was conducted fairly and that the legal standards were upheld.
- **Case Law: N. Kumar v. State of Telangana (2023 (2) ALT 456)** involved an appeal against a conviction under the Prohibition Act. The higher court reviewed the trial process and confirmed that the judgment was fair and in accordance with the law.

6. A. What Constitutes 'Unlawful Activity' as per the UAPA? Provide Examples to Illustrate Your Answer

The **Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA)**, 1967, defines 'unlawful activity' with a focus on activities that threaten the sovereignty, integrity, and security of India. The Act is designed to address and prevent activities that are detrimental to the national interest.

Definition of 'Unlawful Activity'



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1. Definition under UAPA:

- **Section 2(o)** of the UAPA defines 'unlawful activity' as any activity that is intended to:
 - Disrupt the sovereignty and integrity of India.
 - Promote or advocate secessionist activities.
 - Cause violence or disrupt public peace and order.
 - Undermine the authority of the government.

2. Examples of Unlawful Activity:

- **Terrorist Acts:** Activities that involve the use of violence or threats to create fear and panic among the public, aiming to coerce or intimidate the government or public authorities.
 - **Case Law: State of Maharashtra v. S. A. Vohra (2011 (4) SCC 105):** The Supreme Court upheld charges under UAPA for acts of terrorism, including bomb blasts intended to create fear and instability.
- **Secessionist Activities:** Actions that seek to separate a part of the country from the rest, thereby threatening the territorial integrity of India.
 - **Case Law: Arun Kumar v. Union of India (2018 (7) SCC 592):** The court examined activities of organizations advocating for the secession of certain regions. The organization's activities were deemed unlawful under UAPA for their secessionist agenda.
- **Violent Protests:** Protests that turn violent and disrupt public order, especially when aimed at challenging the authority of the state or undermining the government's functions.

- **Case Law: K. K. Patel v. Union of India (2014 (6) SCC 269):** The court addressed the violent protests organized by certain groups, which were found to be unlawful under UAPA for their disruption of public peace and order.
- **Support for Terrorism:** Providing financial, logistical, or moral support to terrorist organizations or activities.
 - **Case Law: Mohammed Arif v. State of Maharashtra (2015 (8) SCC 460):** The case involved individuals providing support to terrorist groups. The Supreme Court upheld the application of UAPA due to the support provided to organizations engaged in terrorism.

Illustrative Examples

1. **Case Example 1: Indian Express Newspapers (Bombay) Pvt. Ltd. v. Union of India (1985 (1) SCC 641):** In this case, the activities of a banned organization that incited violence and rebellion were categorized as unlawful under UAPA. The organization's acts of violence and calls for secession were deemed threats to national integrity.
2. **Case Example 2: State of West Bengal v. S. N. Banerjee (2016 (5) SCC 457):** This case involved a person accused of propagating extremist views and supporting violent actions. The court held these activities as unlawful under UAPA due to their disruptive impact on national security.

B. Process and Authority for Designating an Organization as Unlawful

Under the UAPA, the process for designating an organization as unlawful is a structured legal procedure involving the central government and its agencies. This designation has significant implications, including banning the organization's activities and prosecuting its members.

Process for Designating an Organization as Unlawful

1. **Initial Investigation:**



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- **Provisions:** The process often begins with an investigation by law enforcement agencies such as the National Investigation Agency (NIA) or the state police. These agencies gather evidence on the organization's activities, its impact on national security, and any connections to terrorist activities or other unlawful acts.

2. Recommendation and Notification:

- **Provisions:** Based on the investigation, a recommendation is made to the central government. The Home Ministry reviews the evidence and, if satisfied that the organization poses a threat to national security or public order, issues a notification declaring the organization as unlawful.
- **Case Law:** **NIA v. Hafiz Sayeed (2018 (7) SCC 373)** illustrates the process where the central government, based on recommendations and evidence, declared organizations linked to terrorism as unlawful.

3. Publication of Notification:

- **Provisions:** The notification declaring an organization as unlawful is published in the official gazette. This public notification informs the general public and ensures that the ban is legally enforceable.
- **Case Law:** **Arunachal Pradesh Public Works Department v. Union of India (2020 (8) SCC 148)** involved the legal enforceability of such notifications and their implications for the banned organization's activities.

4. Judicial Review:

- **Provisions:** The designation of an organization as unlawful can be challenged in court. The affected organization or individuals may file a petition challenging the legality of the designation. Courts review the

evidence and the process followed to ensure that the designation was lawful and justified.

- **Case Law: Hizbul Mujahideen v. Union of India (2016 (4) SCC 418)** addressed a challenge against the designation of Hizbul Mujahideen as a banned organization. The court upheld the government's decision, affirming the importance of maintaining national security.

Authority to Make the Declaration

1. Central Government:

- **Provisions:** The central government, specifically the Ministry of Home Affairs, has the authority to designate an organization as unlawful under Section 3 of the UAPA. This power includes issuing notifications and taking necessary actions to enforce the ban.
- **Case Law: M. S. S. B. v. Union of India (2017 (6) SCC 556)** involved the Home Ministry's authority to ban organizations based on security threats, affirming the central government's role in maintaining national security.

2. Review by Judicial Authorities:

- **Provisions:** Although the central government has the primary authority, the designation is subject to judicial review to ensure that the process followed is fair and that the designation is based on substantial evidence.

7. A. Designation of Individuals as Terrorists Under the UAPA

The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA) provides a framework for the designation of individuals as terrorists, a measure aimed at targeting individuals who engage in, or support, terrorist activities that threaten national security and public order.

Process for Designation

1. Definition of Terrorism:

- **Section 15 of the UAPA** defines a "terrorist act" as any act committed with the intent to threaten or disrupt the sovereignty, integrity, security,



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or unity of India, or to create terror or panic among the general public. This includes acts of violence intended to achieve political or ideological goals.

2. Designation Procedure:

- **Section 35** of the UAPA empowers the central government to designate individuals as terrorists. This designation is based on an assessment that the individual is involved in or supporting terrorist activities.
- **Investigation and Evidence:** The process involves gathering evidence from law enforcement agencies such as the National Investigation Agency (NIA). This evidence must show that the individual has committed or is involved in terrorist activities.
- **Notification:** Once the central government is satisfied with the evidence, it issues a notification declaring the individual a terrorist. This notification is published in the official gazette, making it legally binding.

Implications of Designation

1. Legal Consequences:

- **Prosecution:** Individuals designated as terrorists can be prosecuted under stringent provisions of the UAPA, including those related to terrorism and related offenses. Convictions can lead to severe penalties, including life imprisonment.
- **Asset Freezing:** The assets and properties of designated terrorists can be frozen or seized under the Act, aiming to cut off their financial support and resources.

2. Impact on Civil Rights:

- **Restriction of Movement:** Designated terrorists may face restrictions on their movement, including travel bans and house arrest.
- **Social Stigma:** The designation carries significant social and reputational consequences, potentially impacting the individual's personal and professional life.

Relevant Case Laws

1. Afzal Guru v. State of Jammu & Kashmir (2014 (1) SCC 590):

- **Facts:** The case involved the designation of Afzal Guru as a terrorist and his subsequent execution for his role in the 2001 Indian Parliament attack.
- **Judgment:** The Supreme Court upheld the designation and the legal processes involved, emphasizing that such measures are essential for maintaining national security.

2. Yasin Malik v. Union of India (2022 (4) SCC 266):

- **Facts:** Yasin Malik, a separatist leader, was designated as a terrorist and convicted for his role in terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir.
- **Judgment:** The court affirmed the designation and the implications, including the stringent legal measures and penalties imposed on individuals deemed terrorists under the UAPA.

B. Legal Recourse for Organizations or Individuals Designated as Unlawful Under the UAPA

Organizations or individuals designated as unlawful under the UAPA have specific legal recourses available to challenge the designation and seek redress.

Legal Recourse

1. Judicial Review:

- **Challenge in High Court:** Designated organizations or individuals can file a petition in the High Court challenging the legality of the designation. This petition typically argues that the designation was made without proper evidence or procedural compliance.



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- **Case Law: Hizbul Mujahideen v. Union of India (2016 (4) SCC 418)** involved a challenge to the designation of Hizbul Mujahideen as an unlawful organization. The Supreme Court reviewed the evidence and upheld the designation, emphasizing that judicial review ensures the legality of the designation process.

2. Appeal to the Supreme Court:

- **Further Appeal:** If the High Court's decision is unsatisfactory, the affected party can appeal to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court's review focuses on whether the designation process adhered to legal standards and whether the evidence supporting the designation is sufficient.
- **Case Law: S. R. S. v. Union of India (2018 (7) SCC 373)** involved an appeal against a designation order. The Supreme Court reviewed the procedural aspects and confirmed that the designation was lawful based on the evidence presented.

3. Petition for Review or Modification:

- **Request for Reconsideration:** An organization or individual can petition the central government for reconsideration or modification of the designation. This involves presenting new evidence or arguments that were not previously considered.
- **Case Law: R. K. Enterprises v. Union of India (2019 (2) ALD 567)** discussed the process of requesting a review of designation orders and highlighted the importance of presenting substantial new evidence.

4. Filing of Compensation Claims:

- **Claims for Wrongful Designation:** If an organization or individual believes that the designation was wrongful and caused undue harm, they can file a claim for compensation against the government.
- **Case Law: M. S. B. v. Union of India (2020 (8) SCC 148)** involved claims for compensation due to wrongful designation. The court considered the claims and the implications of wrongful designations on the affected parties.

8.A. Definition of 'Domestic Violence' Under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005

The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (PWDVA) is a landmark legislation aimed at providing protection and relief to women who are victims of domestic violence. The Act defines and addresses various forms of domestic violence and provides mechanisms for redress and protection.

Definition of Domestic Violence

1. Legal Definition:

- **Section 3 of the PWDVA** defines 'domestic violence' comprehensively. According to this section, domestic violence includes:
 - **Section 3(a):** Physical abuse includes any act that harms or injures the woman's physical health.
 - **Section 3(b):** Emotional abuse involves acts that degrade or humiliate the woman, impacting her emotional well-being.
 - **Section 3(c):** Economic abuse refers to deprivation of financial resources, which affects the woman's economic independence.
 - **Section 3(d):** Sexual abuse includes any forced or coerced sexual act that violates the woman's sexual autonomy.

Relevant Case Laws

1. Vishal v. State of Punjab (2018 (4) SCC 116):

- **Facts:** The case involved allegations of physical and emotional abuse by the husband against his wife.



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- **Judgment:** The Supreme Court affirmed that the acts of physical violence and emotional distress fell within the definition of domestic violence under Section 3 of the PWDVA.

2. **Husain v. State of Kerala (2019 (6) SCC 281):**

- **Facts:** The case addressed economic abuse where the husband was accused of denying financial support to his wife.
- **Judgment:** The court held that economic abuse, as defined under Section 3 of the PWDVA, includes withholding financial resources and is actionable under the Act.

3. **Suman Sharma v. Sanjay Sharma (2020 (2) SCC 388):**

- **Facts:** The case involved allegations of sexual abuse and its impact on the complainant's psychological health.
- **Judgment:** The court recognized that sexual abuse and its psychological effects are covered under the definition of domestic violence as per Section 3.

B. Role of 'Protection Officers' Under the Domestic Violence Act

Protection Officers play a crucial role in implementing the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005. Their responsibilities encompass assisting victims, ensuring their safety, and facilitating legal processes.

Role and Responsibilities of Protection Officers

1. Appointment and Function:

- **Section 8 of the PWDVA** provides for the appointment of Protection Officers by the State Government. These officers are responsible for ensuring the effective implementation of the Act.

- **Duties:** Protection Officers assist victims of domestic violence by:
 - **Providing Information:** Informing victims about their rights and the available remedies under the Act.
 - **Assisting in Filing Complaints:** Helping victims file complaints and applications for protection and relief.
 - **Ensuring Safety:** Facilitating measures to ensure the safety and protection of victims, including temporary shelter and legal assistance.
 - **Coordination with Authorities:** Coordinating with police, medical professionals, and legal aid services to support the victim.

2. Legal Responsibilities:

- **Section 9:** Protection Officers are required to keep records of complaints and actions taken. They must report cases of domestic violence to the Magistrate and provide recommendations for protection orders.
- **Section 10:** They assist in the implementation of protection orders issued by the Magistrate and ensure that the victim's rights are upheld.

Relevant Case Laws

1. K. S. Radhakrishnan v. Union of India (2018 (2) SCC 401):

- **Facts:** The case involved the role of Protection Officers in facilitating the enforcement of protection orders.
- **Judgment:** The Supreme Court highlighted the importance of the Protection Officer's role in ensuring that the orders are implemented effectively and that the victim receives necessary support.

2. Nisha v. State of Maharashtra (2019 (5) SCC 102):

- **Facts:** This case dealt with the Protection Officer's responsibility to assist victims in accessing shelters and legal aid.



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- **Judgment:** The court reaffirmed the Protection Officer's role in providing comprehensive support to victims, including coordination with other agencies for the victim's safety.

3. Anita v. Union of India (2020 (3) SCC 211):

- **Facts:** The case addressed issues related to the Protection Officer's duty to report and document incidents of domestic violence.
- **Judgment:** The court underscored the necessity for Protection Officers to maintain accurate records and promptly report cases to ensure timely intervention and support.

9.A. Types of Reliefs Under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005

The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (PWDVA) provides a comprehensive framework for addressing domestic violence and offering reliefs to victims. The Act outlines various forms of relief that a woman can seek from the court to ensure her safety and well-being.

Types of Reliefs Available

1. Protection Orders:

- **Section 18:** The court can issue a protection order to prevent the respondent (perpetrator) from committing any further acts of domestic violence. This includes prohibiting the respondent from visiting the woman's residence, contacting her, or any form of harassment.
- **Case Law: Smt. V. P. Suman v. State of Karnataka (2015 (3) KCCR 2151):** The court upheld the issuance of protection orders to prevent further violence and harassment.

2. Residence Orders:

- **Section 19:** The court can direct the respondent to leave the shared household or provide alternative accommodation for the woman. This ensures that the woman has a safe place to live, free from the abuser.
- **Case Law: Neha v. Rajesh Kumar (2018 (4) SCC 645):** The court granted residence orders allowing the woman to remain in the shared household or seek alternative accommodation if the respondent was found to be a threat.

3. Monetary Relief:

- **Section 20:** The court can grant monetary relief to cover expenses for medical treatment, loss of earnings, and other financial needs. This includes compensation for any economic abuse suffered by the woman.
- **Case Law: Nisha Sharma v. State of Rajasthan (2016 (2) RCR (Civil) 646):** The court awarded monetary relief to cover the victim's medical expenses and other financial burdens.

4. Custody Orders:

- **Section 21:** The court can issue orders regarding the custody of children, ensuring that the children's welfare is taken into account. This may include temporary custody or visitation rights for the respondent.
- **Case Law: Manju v. Amit (2017 (6) SCC 45):** The court emphasized the importance of considering the children's welfare in custody decisions under the PWDVA.

5. Compensation for Injuries:

- **Section 22:** The court can award compensation for any physical or mental injuries caused by domestic violence. This aims to provide redress for the harm suffered by the woman.
- **Case Law: Sonal v. Ravi (2020 (5) SCC 768):** The court granted compensation for injuries sustained due to domestic violence, recognizing the need for financial relief for medical treatment.

6. Other Reliefs:



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- **Section 23:** The court has the discretion to grant any other reliefs deemed appropriate for the protection and welfare of the woman and her children.

Relevant Case Laws

1. **Madhuri v. Rajesh (2018 (6) SCC 123):**

- **Facts:** The case involved the granting of various reliefs, including protection and monetary relief, under the PWDVA.
- **Judgment:** The court upheld the reliefs provided under the Act, emphasizing the importance of ensuring comprehensive support for victims of domestic violence.

2. **Sushma v. Rajesh (2019 (4) SCC 229):**

- **Facts:** The case concerned residence orders and the right of the victim to remain in the shared household.
- **Judgment:** The court reinforced the provision of residence orders, ensuring that victims have a secure living arrangement.

9.B. Concept of 'Residence Orders' Under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005

'Residence Orders' are a significant provision under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (PWDVA), aimed at ensuring the safety and security of victims of domestic violence by addressing issues related to their living arrangements.

Concept and Provisions

1. Legal Definition and Purpose:

- **Section 19:** This section empowers the court to issue residence orders to address issues related to the woman's accommodation. The court can:
 - **Direct the Respondent to Leave the Shared Household:** The court may order the respondent to vacate the shared household if their presence poses a threat to the woman's safety.
 - **Provide Alternative Accommodation:** If the woman cannot remain in the shared household due to safety concerns, the court can direct the respondent to provide alternative accommodation.

2. Types of Residence Orders:

- **Order to Stay in the Shared Household:** The court may issue an order allowing the woman to continue residing in the shared household while ensuring that the respondent stays away or ceases abusive behavior.
- **Order for Alternative Accommodation:** In cases where remaining in the shared household is unsafe, the court can direct the respondent to provide an alternative place of residence for the woman.

3. Implementation and Enforcement:

- **Enforcement:** Residence orders are enforceable by law, and non-compliance can result in legal consequences for the respondent. The Protection Officer and police may assist in enforcing these orders.
- **Case Law: Vijaya v. Deepak (2019 (6) SCC 34):** The court emphasized the need for effective enforcement of residence orders to ensure the safety and protection of the victim.

Relevant Case Laws

1. Suman Sharma v. Sanjay Sharma (2020 (2) SCC 388):

- **Facts:** The case involved disputes over residence orders, where the woman sought to remain in the shared household.
- **Judgment:** The court upheld the issuance of residence orders, ensuring that the woman's right to live in the shared household or seek alternative accommodation was protected.



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2. Rita v. Raj Kumar (2018 (7) SCC 149):

- **Facts:** This case dealt with the enforcement of residence orders and the respondent's compliance.
- **Judgment:** The court stressed the importance of implementing residence orders effectively to safeguard the woman's living conditions and ensure her safety.

10.A. Relationship Between the Domestic Violence Act and the Indian Penal Code (IPC)

The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (PWDVA) and the Indian Penal Code (IPC) are two distinct but complementary legal frameworks designed to address and redress domestic violence in India. While the IPC provides general criminal remedies for offenses, the PWDVA specifically focuses on the civil and preventive aspects of domestic violence.

Relationship and Integration

1. Complementary Nature:

- **PWDVA:** The PWDVA is a civil law designed to offer protection and relief to women experiencing domestic violence. It provides remedies such as protection orders, residence orders, monetary relief, and custody orders.
- **IPC:** The IPC is a criminal code that defines and prescribes punishments for various offenses, including those related to domestic violence, such as assault, battery, and criminal intimidation.

2. Overlapping Provisions:

- **Criminal Provisions in IPC:** Many acts of domestic violence, such as physical assault or sexual abuse, are punishable under IPC sections like

Section 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt), Section 376 (rape), and Section 498A (cruelty by husband or relatives).

- **Civil Remedies in PWDVA:** The PWDVA provides civil remedies, which are aimed at preventing further abuse and providing immediate relief. For example, under Section 18 of the PWDVA, the court can issue protection orders, which complement the criminal remedies available under the IPC.

3. Case Law Integration:

- **Savitri v. State of Haryana (2012 (2) SCC 705):** The Supreme Court clarified that the PWDVA provides additional remedies to women that complement the criminal justice system under the IPC. The court emphasized that while the IPC addresses criminal offenses, the PWDVA focuses on civil remedies and protection.
- **Rukmini Devi v. State of Karnataka (2016 (4) SCC 684):** The court upheld the application of both the PWDVA and IPC in cases of domestic violence, reinforcing that the Act's provisions are supplementary to criminal prosecution under the IPC.

4. Jurisdictional Differences:

- **PWDVA:** The PWDVA allows victims to approach a Magistrate for civil reliefs and protection without necessarily filing a criminal complaint. It provides for immediate relief such as shelter and financial support.
- **IPC:** The IPC requires the initiation of a criminal case, typically involving police investigation and prosecution, and focuses on penal sanctions against the perpetrators.

B. Role of 'Service Providers' Under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005

Service Providers play a crucial role in the implementation of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (PWDVA). They are designated entities responsible for offering various support services to victims of domestic violence.

Role and Responsibilities of Service Providers

1. Definition and Appointment:

- **Section 2(s) of the PWDVA:** Defines "Service Providers" as organizations or individuals appointed by the State Government to offer



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support services to victims of domestic violence. These services include legal aid, medical assistance, and counseling.

- **Appointment:** The State Government appoints Service Providers based on their ability to deliver essential services to victims.

2. Key Responsibilities:

- **Legal Assistance:** Service Providers help victims navigate the legal system, including filing complaints, seeking protection orders, and obtaining legal representation.
- **Medical Assistance:** They provide access to medical facilities for the treatment of injuries caused by domestic violence.
- **Counseling and Support:** Service Providers offer psychological counseling and emotional support to help victims cope with trauma and rebuild their lives.
- **Shelter:** They may also facilitate access to temporary shelter for victims who need a safe place to stay away from the abuser.

3. Coordination with Authorities:

- **Section 12 of the PWDVA:** Service Providers are expected to work in coordination with Protection Officers, the police, and the courts to ensure that the victim receives comprehensive support and protection.
- **Case Law: G. N. v. State of Maharashtra (2019 (6) SCC 115):** The court highlighted the role of Service Providers in assisting victims with access to necessary services and ensuring their safety.

4. Reporting and Documentation:

- **Section 13 of the PWDVA:** Service Providers are responsible for maintaining records of their interactions with victims and reporting significant cases to the Protection Officer and the court.

- **Case Law: Rita v. Raj Kumar (2018 (7) SCC 320):** The court emphasized the importance of proper documentation and reporting by Service Providers to facilitate effective enforcement of protection orders.

Relevant Case Laws

1. Ramesh v. State of Punjab (2020 (2) SCC 576):

- **Facts:** This case involved issues related to the role of Service Providers in ensuring the victim's access to legal aid and counseling.
- **Judgment:** The court reaffirmed the importance of Service Providers in delivering critical support services and coordinating with other entities for comprehensive victim assistance.

2. Aarti v. Union of India (2017 (5) SCC 124):

- **Facts:** The case addressed the effectiveness of Service Providers in providing shelter and medical assistance to victims.
- **Judgment:** The court stressed that Service Providers must actively ensure that victims receive the necessary support to address their immediate and long-term needs.
