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Q18

Performance of welfare schemes that are implemented for vulnerable sections is not so effective due to absence of their awareness and active involvement at all stages of policy process - Discuss.(15).

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2019 · GS II · 15 marks · Welfare Schemes for Vulnerable Sections

Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.

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Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005

Demand-based wage guarantee with statutory social audit and gram sabha role - involvement built into the law.

National Food Security Act, 2013

Legal food entitlements, transparency and grievance redress; performance still tracks local awareness.

PESA Act, 1996

Requires gram sabha involvement in Scheduled Areas; skipping it weakens tribal welfare schemes.

Right to Information Act, 2005

Information tool that makes scheme lists and budgets usable by beneficiaries and social auditors.

Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016

Rights-based disability law that expects persons with disabilities and their organisations in implementation, not only as clients.

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