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Q10

Case study. A big corporate house is engaged in manufacturing industrial chemicals on a large scale. It proposes to set up an additional unit. Many states rejected its proposal due to its detrimental effect on the environment. But one state government acceded to the request and permitted the unit close to a city, brushing aside all opposition. The unit was set up 10 years ago and was in full swing till recently. The pollution caused by the industrial effluents was affecting the land, water, and crops in the area. It was also causing serious health problems to human beings and animals. This gave rise to a series of agitations demanding the closure of the plant. In a recent agitation, thousands of people took part, creating a law and order problem necessitating stern police action. Following the public outcry, the State government ordered the closure of the factory. The closure of the factory resulted in the unemployment of not only those workers who were engaged in the factory but also those who were working in the ancillary units. It also very badly affected those industries which depended on the chemicals manufactured by it. As a senior officer entrusted with the responsibility of handling these issues, how are you going to address it? (250 words).

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Polluter-pays principle

The idea, used in Indian environmental jurisprudence, that the operator who profits from a dirty process funds the cleanup, not only the neighbour.

Article 21 and environment

The Supreme Court has read life with dignity to include protection from severe environmental harm.

National Green Tribunal

A specialised forum for environmental disputes and restoration orders that this file should not bypass.

Industrial closure and labour law

Closure does not dissolve wages, provident fund and statutory compensation already due to workmen.

Environmental clearance

Siting a hazardous chemical unit near a city after other States refuse is a governance failure at the permission stage, not only at the protest stage.

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