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Q6

(a) Whistle blower, who reports corruption and illegal activities, wrongdoing and misconduct to the concerned authorities, runs the risk of being exposed to grave danger, physical harm and victimization by the vested interests, accused persons and his team. What policy measures would you suggest to strengthen protection mechanism to safeguard the whistle blower? (b) In contemporary world, corporate sector's contribution in generating wealth and employment is increasing. In doing so, they are bringing in unprecedented onslaught on the climate, environmental sustainability and living conditions of human beings. In this background, do you Responsibility (CSR) is efficient and sufficient enough to fulfil the social roles and responsibilities needed in the corporate work mandated? Critically examine.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2022 · GS IV · 10 marks · Probity in Governance

Probity in Governance: Concept of public service; Philosophical basis of governance and probity; Information sharing and transparency in government, Right to Information, Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work culture, Quality of service delivery, Utilization of public funds, challenges of corruption.

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Whistle Blowers Protection Act, 2014

The Union statute to receive public-interest disclosures on corruption and to protect the identity of the complainant against victimisation; implementation has been widely criticised as incomplete.

Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013

Creates a Lokpal at the Union and requires Lokayuktas in States; a parallel door for allegations against public functionaries.

Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988

The principal criminal law on bribery and related offences by public servants, including after the 2018 amendments on commercial organisations.

Companies Act, 2013, Section 135

The CSR clause: specified companies must constitute a CSR committee and spend a prescribed portion of average net profits on Schedule VII activities.

Environment (Protection) Act, 1986

The umbrella environmental statute; a factory's duty to comply is not discharged by a CSR plantation while the stack still violates consent.

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