

Other Environmental Acts and Ordinances

The National Environment Tribunal Act, 1995

The Government of India enacted the National Environment Tribunal Act in 1995, to provide for strict liability for damages arising out of any accident occurring while handling any hazardous substances and to establish the National Environment Tribunal for effective and expeditious disposal of cases arising from such accidents. The objective of the tribunal is to ensure relief and compensation for damage to persons, property, and the environment.

The National Environment Appellate Authority Ordinance, 1997

An ordinance for setting up a national body known as the National Environment Appellate Authority was issued in 1997. The Appellate Authority is headed by a retired judge of the Supreme Court and is charged with hearing appeals against decisions granting or rejecting environmental clearance to industries. The appellate authority will be quasi-judicial, and its members will consist of prominent environmentalists. The appellate authority is set up with an aim to ensure that the scope of remedial action regarding decisions is retained.

ISO 14000 (Environmental Management Systems)

The establishment of ISO 14000 environmental management system is a de-facto requirement for being able to do business in Europe and other regions of the world. In this regard, India has adopted ISO Standards 14001, 14004, 14010, 14011 and 14012 issued by the International Standards Organisation (ISO).
