

NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL



WHY IN NEWS?



The Supreme Court stopped implementation of a notification by central government which allowed the Chairperson of NGT to constitute single member benches in **"EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES"**.

BACKGROUND



NGT benches consist of **"TWO OR MORE MEMBERS"** with at least one **Judicial Member** and another environmental expert.

As not enough appointments had been made, the government issued notification to allow **SINGLE MEMBER BENCHES**.



ABOUT NGT



It was established under the **NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL ACT 2010** for **Effective And Expedious Disposal** of cases relating to environmental protection.



The Tribunal is guided by **PRINCIPLES OF NATURAL JUSTICE**.

Only an existing or retired **JUDGE** of a **High Court** or **Supreme Court** can be a judicial member



The Tribunal is mandated to **DISPOSE APPEALS** within **6 MONTHS** of filing of the same.

EXPERT members need to have been in any **Environment Related Field** with at least 15 years of administrative experience.

New Delhi is the **PRINCIPAL BENCH** with **Bhopal, Pune, Kolkata and Chennai** being other benches

As per the Act, **APPEALS** from NGT lie directly to the **Supreme Court**.

IT ADJUDICATES MATTERS RELATING TO FOLLOWING ACTS



ENVIRONMENT (Protection) Act, 1986

The **PUBLIC LIABILITY** Insurance Act, 1991



AIR (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974

WATER (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974



BIOLOGICAL Diversity Act

FOREST Conservation Act

