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Waqf Board

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Why in news?

The center has proposed a bill that seeks to make women Waqf board members.

About :

The Waqf Board is a significant institution in India that manages waqf properties, which are assets dedicated for charitable or religious purposes under Islamic law.

Definition

Waqf: A waqf is an endowment made by a Muslim for religious, educational, or charitable purposes. It involves dedicating property or assets to these causes.

Purpose of Waqf Board: To manage and oversee the administration of waqf properties and ensure their proper utilization for the intended purposes.

Legal Framework

Waqf Act, 1995: The primary legislation governing the management and administration of waqf properties in India.

Amendments: The Act has been amended several times to improve its efficacy. The most recent amendment is the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2013.

Waqf Rules: Rules under the Act provide details about the functioning and management of waqf properties.

Structure

Central Waqf Council: Central Waqf Council is a statutory body under the administrative control of the **Ministry of Minority Affairs** set up in 1964 as per the provision given in **the Waqf Act, 1954**.

It is an **advisory body to the Central Government** on matters concerning the working of the Waqf Boards and the due administration of Auqaf.

Auqaf (also spelled awkaf,) is an Arabic word meaning assets.

The Council consists of **Chairperson**, who is the **Union Minister In charge of Waqf**, such other **members**, not exceeding 20 in number, as may be **appointed by the Government of India**.

Each **state has a Waqf Board** headed by a **chairperson**,

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One or two nominees from the state government,

Muslim legislators and parliamentarians,

Muslim members of the state Bar Council, recognised scholars of

Islamic theology and mutawalis.

Functions and Responsibilities

Administration: Oversee the administration and management of waqf properties.

Revenue Collection: Ensure proper collection of revenues from waqf properties and use the funds for charitable purposes.

Dispute Resolution: Address disputes related to the management and utilization of waqf properties.

Development: Implement development schemes for the betterment of waqf properties and their intended purposes.

Audits: Conduct regular audits to ensure transparency and proper management of funds.

Recent Developments

Digitalization: Efforts are being made to digitalize the records and management systems of waqf properties for greater transparency and efficiency.

Reforms: Ongoing reforms to address issues of mismanagement and improve the functioning of Waqf Boards.