

The Uttar Pradesh Compensation for Damage to Public and Private Property Act, 2020

Why in News

• On February 11, 2022, the Supreme Court directed the Uttar Pradesh government to withdraw the recovery notices issued against those involved in the anti-CAA protests.

Key Points

- The Supreme Court observed that the action taken by the Uttar Pradesh government in December 2019 was contrary to the rules laid down by the court, as the Uttar Pradesh government itself acted as a 'complainant, adjudicator and prosecutor' in the proceedings for attachment of the properties of the accused. has done. Therefore it cannot be maintained.
- This action has been taken under the 'Uttar Pradesh Compensation for Damage to Public and Private Property Act, 2020'.
- Under this Act, a provision has been made for the constitution of a Tribunal by the Governor of Uttar Pradesh for the claim of recovery of damages to public and private property. It will be headed by a retired district judge appointed by the state government and may include an officer of the rank of Additional Commissioner.
- The Act allows for the constitution of multiple tribunals for the same event. This will ensure that the proceedings are concluded within three months, and the Tribunal is empowered to appoint an assessor, who is technically qualified, to assess the loss in a panel appointed by the State Government.

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