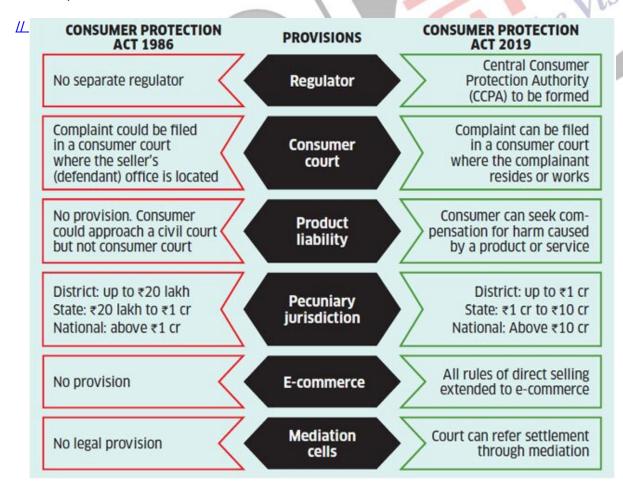


SC to Revisit 1995 Order of Consumer Court

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The recent <u>Supreme Court</u> ruling on <u>lawyers' liability</u> under the **Consumer Protection Act** has prompted a reconsideration of the **1995 decision** regarding <u>medical professionals</u>.

- The recent Supreme Court decision recently ruled that lawyers are not liable under the <u>Consumer Protection Act</u>, contradicts a 1995 verdict regarding medical professionals.
- In the 1995 case of *Indian Medical Association vs V P Shantha*, the Supreme Court ruled that medical professionals provide a "service" as defined in the Consumer Protection Act and can be sued in consumer court for providing faulty service.
- The 1995 ruling has now been **referred to a larger bench** for **reconsideration** in light of the recent judgement on lawyers.
- The <u>Consumer Protection Act of 2019</u>, replaced the earlier 1986 Act. It establishes the **Central** Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) to actively promote, safeguard, and enforce consumer protections.



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