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## Multipurpose Buildings on Waqf Board Land | Bihar | 14 Aug 2024

### Why in News?

The government of Bihar is making preparations to construct **multipurpose buildings**, wedding halls, market complexes and other structures **to develop the properties that are registered** under the [Sunni and Shia Waqf Boards](#).

### Key Points

- **Ten projects had been proposed for construction** of multi-purpose buildings, market complexes and libraries in **Patna, Purnea, Kaimur, Katihar, Kishanganj, Nawada and Siwan in 2023-24**.
- Under the [Bihar Rajya Madarsa Sudridhikaran Yojana \(BRMSY\)](#) the state government has also decided to set up 21 new madrasas in various parts of the state.
- Facilities such as **drinking water, libraries, equipment, toilets and computer science labs** are provided for strengthening the madrasa infrastructure.

### Waqf Board

- A Waqf board is a **legal entity** capable of **acquiring, holding and transferring property**. It **can sue and be sued in court**.
- It **administers** Waqf properties, **recovers** lost properties and **sanctions** the transfer of immovable Waqf properties through sale, gift, mortgage, exchange, or lease, with at least two-thirds of the board members voting in favour of the transaction.
- The [Central Waqf Council \(CWC\)](#), established **in 1964**, oversees and advises state level Waqf Boards across India.
- **Waqf Properties:** The Waqf board is said to be **the third-largest landholder** in India after the Railways and the Defence department.
  - Currently, there are 8,72,292 registered Waqf properties spread across 8 lakh acres. These properties generate Rs 200 crore in revenue.
  - Once a property is **designated as a Waqf**, it becomes **non-transferable** and is **detained perpetually** as a charitable act toward God, essentially transferring ownership to God.