



# Now in Jharkhand, Buying and Selling of CNT Land Can be Done on the Basis of District and Police Station Area of 1950

## Why in News?

In the meeting of the Tribal Advisory Council (TAC) chaired by Chief Minister Hemant Soren on November 16, 2023, under the CNT Act, the districts and police stations that existed within the state on January 26, 1950, will be considered as districts and police stations. Under Section 46, approval was given for the purchase and sale of land.

## Key Points

- It may be noted that in 1950, there were only 7 districts in the Jharkhand region of undivided Bihar. Santhal Pargana, Hazaribagh, Ranchi, Palamu, Manbhum, Dhanbad and Singhbhum. If the government moves forward on the TAC proposal, then after the division of these districts, people of the districts will also be able to purchase land in different districts as per the provisions of the CNT Act.
- Presently 24 districts have been formed by dividing these districts. In such a situation, the scope of buying and selling of land between SC and OBC categories under CNT will increase.
- What can happen next in the case of CNT Act-
  - The TAC can prepare a unanimous proposal after taking opinion from legal experts and send it to the state government.
  - The TAC will not refer the matter to the Governor, as the Governor is separated from the TAC.
  - Under the Fifth Schedule, the custodian of the TAC is the Governor, but the state government has prepared new rules.
  - If the government makes any amendment in the CNT Act, it will have to be passed by the Assembly. It can be given concrete shape only after it is passed by the Assembly.

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