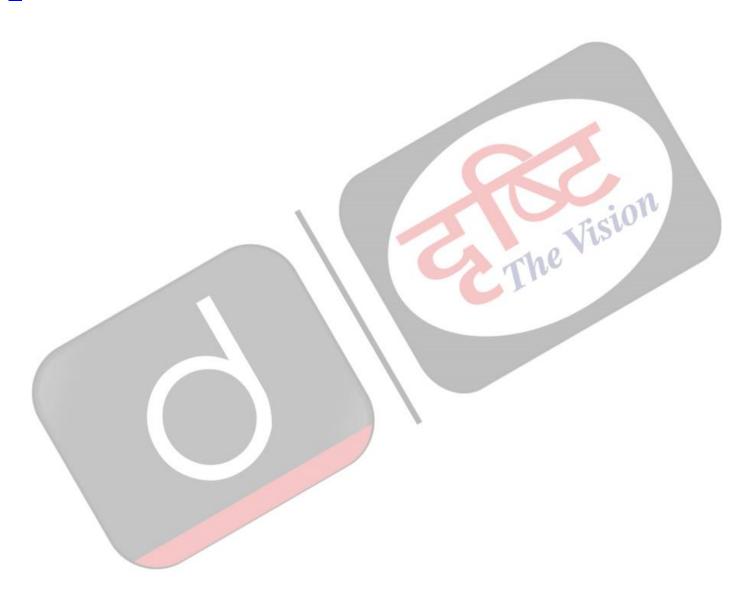


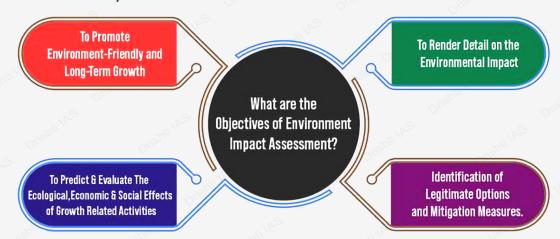
## **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

EIA is a study conducted in the early stages of development project planning to predict and address potential environmental impacts



- Statutory Status: Environmental (Protection)
  Act, 1986 (Made EIA mandatory)
- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC)
- Project Categorisation: EIA Notification of 2006 categorised the developmental projects in:
- Category A Project: Needed prior Environmental Clearance (EC) from MoEF&CC
- Category B Project: Needed prior EC from State/UT Govt.
  - Category B1 projects (Mandatorily requires EIA)
  - Category B2 projects (Do not require EIA)

There are 39 categories of projects that require an EC process and are subject to EIA

## EIA Process as per EIA Notification, 2006

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Step	Objective	Carried Out By	
■ Screening	■ Need of EIA	■ State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) (Category B)	
■ Scoping	■ Identifies important issues for EIA	Standard Term of Reference (ToR) prepared by MoEF&CC with EAC/SEAC for Category B Projects	
■ Public Consultation	<ul> <li>Addresses concerns of affected people</li> </ul>	■ State Pollution Control Board (SPCB)/ UT Pollution Control Board (UTPCB)	
■ Project Appraisal	Scrutiny of Final EIA Report/ Environmental Management Plan (EMP)	■ EAC for category A Projects and SEAC for category B1 Projects	
■ Decision Making	■ Granting EC	■ Category A: MoEf&CC ■ Category B: State EIA Authority (SEIAA)	
■ Monitoring (Post EC)	Compliance of general and specific conditions	■ SPCB / UTPCB and Regional Offices	

## **Government Initiatives For EC**

- PARIVESH (Proactive and Responsive facilitation by Interactive, Virtuous, and Environmental Single Window Hub): Single Window System for EC
  - Developed by MoEF&CC and National Information Centre (NIC)
- Environmental Information System (ENVIS): Collect, Collate, Storing, Retrieving and Disseminating Information Related to the Environment Sector
- Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2020: Published by MoEF&CC to replace existing EIA Notification, 2006



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