## **Property Restoration under MWPSC Act, 2007**

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- The <u>Supreme Court's</u> recent ruling on the <u>Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior</u> <u>Citizens (MWPSC) Act, 2007</u> emphasizes the empowerment of tribunals to restore property to parents if their children neglect their care obligations.
- Section 23 of the MWPSC Act, 2007 allows tribunals to declare property transfers void if the transferee fails to provide agreed-upon basic needs.
  - If a senior citizen cannot enforce these rights, an authorized organization (tribunals) can act on their behalf.
- The MWPSC Act, 2007, is administered by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, provides statutory protection for elderly citizens, allowing them to seek maintenance from children or legal heirs if they cannot support themselves.
- Key Features of MWPSC Act: The Act is enforced through Tribunals and Appellate Tribunals at district and sub-division levels for efficient processing.
  - Tribunals can levy fines or order imprisonment to individuals who fail to pay maintenance.
  - Abandonment of senior citizens by caregivers results in a fine or imprisonment for up to 3 months.

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