



Case Filed Against Poison Remark on Yamuna Water | Haryana | 30 Jan 2025

Why in News?

The Haryana government filed a case against the **political party leader** in **Sonipat Chief Judicial Magistrate Court** under the [Disaster Management Act, 2005](#) over his claim that **Yamuna** water from Haryana contained "poison."

Key Points

- **Complaint Filed Under:**
 - **Section 54, Disaster Management Act, 2005:** Punishment for creating false alarms about disasters (up to **1-year imprisonment or fine**).
 - **Sections 353 & 356 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023:** Public mischief and defamation.
- **Election Commission's Involvement:** The [Election Commission](#) sought evidence regarding the claim, asking for a factual and legal basis.

Disaster Management Act, 2005

- **About:**
 - The **Disaster Management Act, 2005** was passed by the government of India in **2005** for the 'efficient [management of disasters](#) and other matters connected to it. However, it came into force in **January 2006**.
- **Objective:**
 - To **manage disasters**, including preparation of **mitigation strategies, capacity-building**.
 - Definition of a "**disaster**" in **Section 2 (d)** of the **Disaster Management Act, 2005** states that a disaster means a "**catastrophe, mishap, calamity or grave occurrence** in any area, arising from natural or man made causes.
- **Major Features of the Act:**
 - **Nodal Agency:** The Act designates the **Ministry of Home Affairs** as the **nodal ministry** for steering the overall national disaster management.
 - **Institutional Structure:** It puts into place a **systematic structure of institutions** at the **national, state** and **district levels**.
 - **National Level Important Entities:**
 - **The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA):** It is tasked with laying down disaster management policies and ensuring timely and effective response mechanisms.
 - **The National Executive Committee (NEC):** It is constituted under **Section 8** of the Act to assist the [National Disaster Management Authority](#) in the performance of its functions.
 - The NEC is responsible for the preparation of the **National Disaster Management Plan** for the whole country and to ensure that it is reviewed and updated annually.
 - **The National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM):** It is an institute for training and capacity development programs for managing natural calamities.
 - **National Disaster Response Force (NDRF):** It refers to trained professional

units that are called upon for specialized response to disasters

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