



UPSC CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQS 07-11-2023

1. Consider the following statements, with reference to the Advocate-on-Record System:

1. Advocate-on-Record (AoR) are a pool of Delhi-based lawyers and they can only file cases before the Supreme Court.
2. The AOR system is being governed by the Supreme Court Rules, 2013.
3. Advocate-on-Record (AoR) can appear only before the Supreme Court and are barred from appearing before the other courts.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (A) Only one
- (B) Only two
- (C) All three
- (D) None

Answer: (B)

Explanation: Recently the Supreme Court recently stopped an Advocate-on-Record (AoR) for filing a frivolous case and dismissed the public interest litigation. Advocate-on-Record (AoRs) are a pool of elite Delhi-based lawyers whose legal practice is mostly before the Supreme Court. They can appear before other courts too. Only an AoR can file cases before the Supreme Court.

An AoR might engage other lawyers including senior counsels to argue before the Court but the AOR is essentially the link between the litigant and the highest court of the country. The Supreme Court Rules, 2013 prescribe eligibility criteria for an AoR. An advocate has to clear an examination set by the Court itself, the advocate has to meet specific criteria to be eligible to appear for the exam. According to Section 30 of the Advocates Act, any lawyer enrolled with



the Bar Council is entitled to practice law before any Court or tribunal in the country.

Article 145 of the Constitution states that the Supreme Court is empowered to make rules and regulate its own procedure for hearing cases. The AoR system is broadly based on the British practice of barristers and solicitors. Hence, statement 3 is not correct.

2. Consider the following statements, with reference to Project 15B:

1. The project aims to build state-of-the-art stealth guided missile destroyers that are designed by the Warship Design Bureau.
2. The Project 15B has 4 ships with an overall indigenous content of the project is 75%.
3. INS Kolkata is part of the project.

Which of the above statements is/are not correct?

- (A) Only one
- (B) Only two
- (C) All three
- (D) None

Answer: (A)

Explanation: The guided missile destroyer, INS Surat is scheduled to be unveiled by the Chief Minister of Gujarat in presence of the Chief of the Naval Staff, at a ceremony to be held in the city of Surat. Project 15B aims to build state-of-the-art stealth guided missile destroyers which are follow-on of the Kolkata class (Project 15A) destroyers. The project has 4 ships which are named after each city that includes:

1. INS Visakhapatnam
2. INS Mormugao
3. INS Surat



4. INS Imphal

It is designed by the Warship Design Bureau, the Indian Navy's in-house organization and built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd, Mumbai. P15B ships will be equipped to carry and operate two multi-role helicopters. The Project 15B ships are 163 meters long and 17 meters wide, displace 7400 tonnes when fully loaded and have a maximum speed of 30 knots. The overall indigenous content of the project is approx. 75%. INS Kolkata is not a part of project 15 and is a part of project 15A. The Project 15A was launched in 1986 and was redesigned by the Directorate of Naval Design including the modern stealth attributes. The Kolkata class or Project 15A, of guided missile destroyers is a successor to the Delhi class. Hence, statement 3 is not correct.

3. With reference to Electoral Bonds, consider the following statements:

1. There is no limit to the number of electoral bonds that an individual or organization may purchase.
2. Registered political parties that received at least 1% of the vote in the most recent Lok Sabha or State Assembly elections can request a verified account from the Election Commission of India (ECI).
3. Because the donor's name and other details are not recorded on the instrument, electoral bonds are referred to as anonymous.

Which of the above statements is/are not correct?

- (A) Only one
- (B) Only two
- (C) All three
- (D) None

Answer: (C)

Explanation: Electoral bonds are interest-free bearer bonds or money instruments that firms and individuals in India can purchase from authorized State Bank of India (SBI) branches. A person or company may purchase an unlimited number of electoral bonds. Political parties that received at least 1%



of the votes cast in the most recent Lok Sabha or State Assembly elections and are registered under the RPA are eligible for a verified account from the Election Commission of India (ECI). Because the donor's name and other details are not recorded on the instrument, electoral bonds are referred to as anonymous. Hence, all statements are correct.

4. Consider the following statements regarding the 'World Food India 2023':

1. . The Prime Minister opened the first edition of 'World Food India 2023' in New Delhi.
2. The main goal of the event is to promote India as the "food basket of the world" and to declare 2023 the International Year of Millets.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (A) 1 only
- (B) 2 only
- (C) Both 1 and 2
- (D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (B)

Explanation: The second edition of 'World Food India 2023' was inaugurated by the Prime Minister in New Delhi. The primary objective of the event is to present India as the 'food basket of the world' and celebrate 2023 as the International Year of Millets. The event aims to promote India as a global hub for the food processing industry and showcase the country's diverse food culture and heritage. It also underscores the importance of technology and sustainability in the food sector. Hence, statement 1 is not correct.

5. Which of the following countries developed the Bulava Ballistic Missile, which was recently in the news?

- (A) Israel
- (B) USA



(C) Japan

(D) Russia

Answer: (D)

Explanation: It is a new Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) launched from a Russian submarine. The development of this missile began in 1998. The Bulava missile's first powered flight test took place in September 2005. It was intended for use on Russia's Borei-class ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs). It was supposed to be the backbone of Moscow's nuclear triad, with a range of about 8,000 kilometers (around 5,000 miles). It is a solid-fuel missile with three stages. It can carry numerous warheads. Each warhead will hit a separate target. It has a capacity of six Multiple Independent Reentry Vehicles (MIRVs). These MIRVs are capable of maneuvering and re-targeting in flight in order to outmaneuver hostile air defenses. Hence, option (d) is correct.