Thermal power plants must undergo annual fly ash audits: CPCB

The Central Pollution Control Board informed the National Green Tribunal that thermal plants must conduct annual audits for fly ash usage to ensure 100% utilization.

Fly ash audits are mandatory yearly evaluations to verify the utilization and proper disposal of fly ash generated by thermal power plants.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Central Pollution Control Board** informed the **National Green Tribunal** that thermal power plants must undergo annual fly ash audits.
- The submission followed an NGT order on a petition filed by the **Tamil Nadu Fly Ash Brick and Blocks Manufacturers Association**.
- The audits aim to verify compliance with fly ash utilisation and disposal norms mandated by the **Union Environment Ministry**.
- The Union Environment Ministry issued the Ash Utilisation Notification in **2021** with subsequent amendments.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The National Green Tribunal was established in India under the **National Green Tribunal Act** of **2010**.

The **Central Pollution Control Board** (CPCB) is a statutory organisation established in **September 1974** under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.

Article 48A of the Constitution of India directs the State to protect and improve the environment and to safeguard the forests and wildlife of the country.

The **Environment (Protection) Act** of India was enacted in the year **1986** following the Bhopal gas tragedy.

India set a target under its international commitments to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by the year **2070**.

The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act was enacted by the Parliament of India in **1981**.

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Thermal power plants must undergo annual fly ash audits as submitted by CPCB before the NGT.

Syllabus Relevance: Important for questions regarding environmental governance, CPCB, NGT, and pollution control norms in India.

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