

# IASbaba's Daily Quiz

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**Q.1) Madhur Gupta Committee is concerned with**

- a) Education Policy
- b) Women Policy
- c) Child Policy
- d) None of the above

**Q.1) Solution (d)**

The Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Madhukar Gupta, has submitted its report to the Government to strengthen border protection and address vulnerabilities in fencing along the Indo-Pakistan border. The Committee has given its recommendations broadly on the issues of Threats and Border Protection, assessment of force level, deployment on the border, infrastructure and technology issues for protection of border and administrative issues. It has been decided to initiate action in light of the recommendations of the Committee in consultation with the stakeholders.

In News - <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=159196>

**Q.2) Consider the following statements about Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES)**

1. The scheme replaces a centrally sponsored scheme – Assistance to States for creating Infrastructure for the Development and growth of Exports (ASIDE)
2. The Central and State Agencies, including Export Promotion Councils, Commodities Boards, SEZ Authorities and Apex Trade Bodies recognised under the EXIM policy of Government of India; are eligible for financial support under this scheme.
3. The Central Government funding will be in the form of grant-in-aid, normally not more than the equity being put in by the implementing agency or 50% of the total equity in the project.

**Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

**Q.2) Solution (d)**

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The Centre's new scheme —Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES) — for financing State's infrastructure projects, will provide grant-in-aid up to half of the equity being put in by implementing agencies with a ceiling of ₹ 20 crore per project.

The scheme has been designed to meet the demand of States for infrastructure funding after the Centre stopped funding an earlier scheme called the Assistance to States for creating Infrastructure for Development and growth of Exports (ASIDE).

The scheme would provide assistance for setting up and upgradation of infrastructure projects with "overwhelming export linkages" like border haats, land customs stations, quality testing and certification labs, cold chains, trade promotion centres, dry ports, export warehousing and packaging, SEZs and ports/airports cargo terminuses.

Financial support from the Centre will match the equity being put in by the Central or State implementing agency (project proponent) in States. For North East and Himalyan States, up to 80 per cent financial support would be provided.

The grant-in-aid shall be subject to a ceiling of ₹ 20 crore normally for each project.

Central government agencies, State government agencies, Export Promotion Councils, Commodities Boards and apex trade bodies of India shall be eligible for financial support under the scheme will be known as implementing agencies.

The cost of land shall not be included in the project cost for the purpose of calculating the extent of contribution of the implementing agency under the scheme.

Proposals of the implementing agencies for funding will be considered by an empowered committee specially constituted for the scheme. It will be chaired by the Commerce Secretary and have the Director General of Foreign Trade and representatives from Niti Aayaog, the Ministry of Development of North East Regions and the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion as members.

In News - [http://www.business-standard.com/article/government-press-release/launch-of-trade-infrastructure-for-export-scheme-ties-117031500604\\_1.html](http://www.business-standard.com/article/government-press-release/launch-of-trade-infrastructure-for-export-scheme-ties-117031500604_1.html)

### **Q.3) Consider the following statements about United Nations Economic and Social Commission for West Asia (ESCWA)**

1. It is one of the five regional commissions created by the United Nations in order to fulfil the economic and social goals set out in the Charter by promoting cooperation and integration between countries in each region of the world

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2. The report titled 'Israeli Practices Toward the Palestinian People and the Question of Apartheid' was released by ESCWA
3. ESCWA report concludes that Israel has established an apartheid regime that systematically institutionalizes racial oppression and domination of the Palestinian people as a whole

## Select the correct statements

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

## Q.3) Solution (d)

The five regional commissions were created by the United Nations in order to fulfil the economic and social goals set out in the Charter by promoting cooperation and integration between countries in each region of the world. Those commissions are: the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE, established in 1947); the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP, 1947); the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC, 1948); the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA, 1958); and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA, 1973).

The Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA) was established on 9 August 1973 pursuant to Economic and Social Council's resolution 1818 (LV). Its purpose was to stimulate economic activity in member countries, strengthen cooperation between them promote development.

In recognition of the social component of its work, the Commission was renamed the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) under Economic and Social Council resolution 69/1985 of July 1985.

ESCWA was initially located in Beirut (1974-1982), moved to Baghdad (1982-1991) and Amman (1991-1997), and subsequently returned to Beirut, its permanent headquarters, where it has remained to this day.

## Objectives –

- To support economic and social development in member countries
- To promote interaction and cooperation between member countries
- To encourage the exchange of experience, best practice and lessons learned

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- To achieve regional integration and ensure interaction between Western Asia and other regions
- To raise global awareness of the circumstances and needs of member countries

Members - Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, the State of Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

In News - <http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/crimes-of-apartheid/article17468143.ece>

## Q.4) The Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee is constituted under the

- a) Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006
- b) Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999
- c) Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
- d) Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972

## Q.4) Solution (c)

The Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) is the apex body constituted in the Ministry of Environment and Forests under 'Rules for Manufacture, Use, Import, Export and Storage of Hazardous Microorganisms/Genetically Engineered Organisms or Cells 1989', under the Environment Protection Act, 1986. The Rules of 1989 also define five competent authorities i.e. the Institutional Biosafety Committees (IBSC), Review Committee of Genetic Manipulation (RCGM), Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC), State Biotechnology Coordination Committee (SBCC) and District Level Committee (DLC) for handling of various aspects of the rules..

In News - <http://www.livemint.com/Politics/pSOPS1gViBJizqpyprK3HP/GM-food-regulator-panel-to-draft-rules-on-import-of-dried-gr.html>

## Q.5) Consider the following statements about Kyrgyzstan

1. It is a land locked country in Central Asia
2. It is bordered by Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan only

## Select the correct statements

- a) Only 1

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- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

### Q.5) Solution (a)

It is a country in Central Asia. Landlocked and mountainous, Kyrgyzstan is bordered by Kazakhstan to the north, Uzbekistan to the west and southwest, Tajikistan to the southwest and China to the east. Its capital and largest city is Bishkek.

In News - [http://www.business-standard.com/article/government-press-release/cabinet-apprised-of-mous-for-cooperation-in-youth-and-sports-matters-117031501360\\_1.html](http://www.business-standard.com/article/government-press-release/cabinet-apprised-of-mous-for-cooperation-in-youth-and-sports-matters-117031501360_1.html)

