

Q) Judiciary should assess budgetary impact of new laws and require support staff to draw up budget needs. Explain.

↳ The enormous burden imposed upon the judiciary by increased inflow of cases caused by newly enacted laws.

↳ According to data provided by Ministry of Law and Justice regarding pendency of cases in court is alarming.

↳ The Judicial Impact Assessment (JIA) the only viable solution.

↳ JIA → Methodology for estimating Judicial workload resulting from new legislation and determining the additional costs involved in Judge time and support services.

↳ Salem Advocates Bar Association case for first time considered the need for JIA in our country.

↳ It suggests financial Memorandum attached to each Bill. i.e. Budgetary Requirement + Expenses of Additional case.

↳ JIA not much changed there is pressure of mounting arrears of case.

- ↳ Data on National Judicial Data Grid, the annual filing is in excess of annual disposal → so pendency is bound to increase
- ↳ Issue → The plan for the budgets of the district courts in India are made by Registry of high courts. These are manned by judicial officers who do not have much expertise in the matters of preparation of budget & accounts
- ↳ Need of the hour.
 - ↳ there is need for systematic planning for the budgetary requirement of the district courts in India.
 - ↳ Judicial Impact Assessment offices must be established in supreme court which focus on Planning & Budgeting
 - ↳ in District courts → Court managers must be assigned this responsibility. These offices must be staffed with an interdisciplinary team drawn from law, judiciary, economics, statistics etc.