

QUIZ OF THE DAY

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Q1 Consider the following statements about Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO):

1. It is a Central Public Sector unit.
2. It works under the aegis of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Q2. With reference to Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, consider the following statements:

- (a) It provides for the administration of tribal areas in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram to safeguard the rights of the tribal population in these states.
- (b) It seeks to safeguard the rights of the tribal population through the formation of Autonomous District Councils (ADC).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

Explanation and Solutions

Q1. Answer: A

Explanation:

Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) is a Schedule 'C', Mini-Ratna Category II Central Public Sector Enterprise working under the aegis of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India. It was incorporated on 30.11.1972 registered under Section 25, Sub-section 1 clause (a) of the Companies' Act, 1956 (now Section 8 of Companies' Act, 2013) as a company formulated with charitable objects.

Main objects of the corporation are: -

- To promote, encourage and develop the availability, use, supply and distribution at reasonable cost in the country of Artificial Limbs and accessories and constituents thereof to needy persons particularly disabled Defense personnel, hospitals and such other welfare institutions.
- To establish facilities for the manufacture of Artificial Limbs and accessories and constituents thereof and all other things which can be or may conveniently be used for the manufacture of or in connection with such articles, things as aforesaid.
- To carry on the business of manufacturers, buyers, sellers, importers, exporters, dealers in and of Artificial Limbs and accessories and constituents thereof and all other things which can be or may conveniently be used for the manufacture of or in connection with such articles, things as aforesaid.
- To carry on the activity of promoting, imparting, launching, creating designing, adopting traditional, formal and creative means of imparting, inculcating, disseminating, diversified skills, education forms and personality development techniques by providing training, conducting seminars web seminars, counseling, e course, online classes with the intent of carrying on the business of educational and vocational skill development amongst the masses of India especially children, women, elderly and the differently abled persons either of its own or in association with any Department of the Central and State Government, National Skill development Corporation, Non-Government Organization and entities or any other body and to develop, promote, facilitate and otherwise provide educational, vocational, skill development and training materials, methods, programmes and related services at reasonable cost.
- To carry out the business of manufacturing, buyers, sellers, importers, exporters, traders and dealers in all kind of medical and Healthcare Equipment including Hospital Beds, Ventilators, Personal Protective Kits, masks, gowns, gloves sanitization & Disinfection system etc. for promoting healthcare and providing medical relief to Public at large at reasonable cost.

The Corporation started manufacturing artificial aids and appliances in 1976. At present it has five Alimco Auxiliary Production Centers (AAPCs) at Bhubaneswar (Orissa), Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh), Bengaluru (Karnataka), Mohali (Punjab) and Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh). Sixth AAPC is coming up in Faridabad (Haryana). which is expected to be operational soon. The Corporation also has Pan-India presence through its five Marketing Centers at New Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Hyderabad & Guwahati.

Q2. Answer: C

Explanation:

The Schedule protects tribal populations, providing autonomy to communities through the creation of Autonomous District Councils (ADCs), which can frame laws on land, public health and agriculture. According to Article 244 of the Indian Constitution, the Sixth Schedule consists of provisions for the administration of tribal areas in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram. As of now, 10 autonomous councils exist in the above 4 states. Along with ADCs, the 6th Schedule also provides for separate Regional Councils for each area constituted as an autonomous region.