

## **Hots (Higher Order Thinking Skills)**

**Q. 1. How do new laws protect the environment?**

**Ans. (i)** There were very few laws protecting environment in India till 1984.

**(ii)** The environment was treated as a 'free' entity and any industry could pollute the air and water without any restrictions.

**(iii)** Whether it was our rivers, air, groundwater the environment was being polluted and the health of people disregarded and neglected.

**(iv)** After the Bhopal gas tragedy in 1984, the Indian government introduced new laws on the environment. New laws were made to check pollution of air, river.

**(v)** Henceforth, the polluter was to be held accountable for the damage done to the environment.

**(vi)** The Supreme Court held that the Right to Life is a Fundamental Right under Article 21 of the Constitution and it includes the right to enjoyment of pollution-free water and air, for full enjoyment of life.