

Anti-terrorism law do not necessarily deter terror crimes but do lend themselves to gross misuse. Discuss the above statement in the light of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act [UAPA]

Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act's objective is to make provisions to deal with activities directed against Integrity and Sovereignty of India. On the contrary it is used as a tool to silence the voice of the people against the government.

The Act also provides no bail to the persons who are detained under this act. This Act thus places a high level of power in state agencies who can misuse the provisions of the Act.

REASONS FOR MISUSE OF UAPA

→ The act has vaguely defined the unlawful activities like disaffection against India

→ Membership of unlawful organization is defined broadly. Such as possessing

books of banned organization and met members of any banned organization.

IMPACT ON INDIVIDUALS:

The total number of cases pending in the Indian Courts is high and this decreases the probability of Speedy trial for the persons who were detained under this act.

In this regard, the act should be reformed by removing the activities which has already covered under other acts and defining unlawful acts and membership. The government should also ensure that Speedy trial is given for UAPA cases.