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VIEWPOINT

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PIL significance from Editor's point of view

THE REGULARLY DISCUSSED and consistently extending idea of this often-heard term PIL- Public Interest Litigation has astounded legitimate personalities for a considerable length of time. Different illuminating presences have attempted to case the idea into an exact definition. In any case, every single such effort has not much succeeded.

By allowing any individual who has adequate concern for an issue to record a petition, the idea of PIL as created by the Supreme Court of India has added breath and life to the Constitution and changed it into a living report for people of India.

PIL has given breathe to that section of society, which is not only underprivileged, deprived of resources as well as not much aware of their rights. The reasonable effort has been put to create a judiciary system, where despite the differences in the class, economy, caste or belongings one can directly communicate with the court for their issues. PIL brings amazing positive differences through its following discussed features:

By constructing a new system of human rights

In this procedure, the privilege to a quick trial, free lawful guide, poise, means and occupation, instruction, lodging, medicinal care, clean condition, appropriate against torment, inappropriate behavior, isolation, subjugation and bondage, abuse, etc., develop as human rights. These new redefined rights give lawful assets to actuate the courts for their authorization through PIL.

By formulating new systems of reality finding

In the vast majority of the cases, the court has designated its own particular socio-legitimate commissions of a request or has deputed its own particular authority for examination. In some cases, it has taken the assistance of National Human Rights Commission or Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or specialists to ask into human rights infringement. This might be called the investigative case.

By designing new sorts of reliefs

For instance, the court can grant interval remuneration to the casualties of administrative lawlessness. This stands in sharp complexity to the Anglo-Saxon model of settlement where interim relief is constrained up to pending ultimate conclusion. The endowment of compensation in PIL matters does not block the bothered individual from bringing a common suit for harms. In PIL cases the court can form any alleviation to the people who are victims.

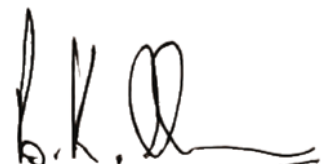
By democratization of access to equity

Any public native or social group can approach the court for the benefit of the abused classes. Courts consideration can be drawn even by composing a letter or sending a message. This has been called epistolary judiciary power.

By judicial checking of state establishments

The examples to look out in this regard are imprisons, ladies' defensive homes, adolescent homes, mental refugees, and so forth. Through legal invigilation, the court looks for the steady change in their administration and organization. This has been portrayed as sneaking locale in which the court assumes control over the organization of these foundations for securing human rights.

Remembering the power and significance of PIL in making the Constitution a living veracity for each native and furthermore the endeavors diverted through the medium of PIL law in giving equity to the denied, the procedure is emphatically succeeding, after the rationale of its temperament. In a nation characterized by various "Erratic Ethnicity" and religious assorted variety, working by means of the example through a thorough administration, a lamented, poor, denied resident finds it difficult to look for equity in view of monetary handicap or absence of "Know-How". The main choice left before the denied besides a supernatural occurrence is a PIL appeal.





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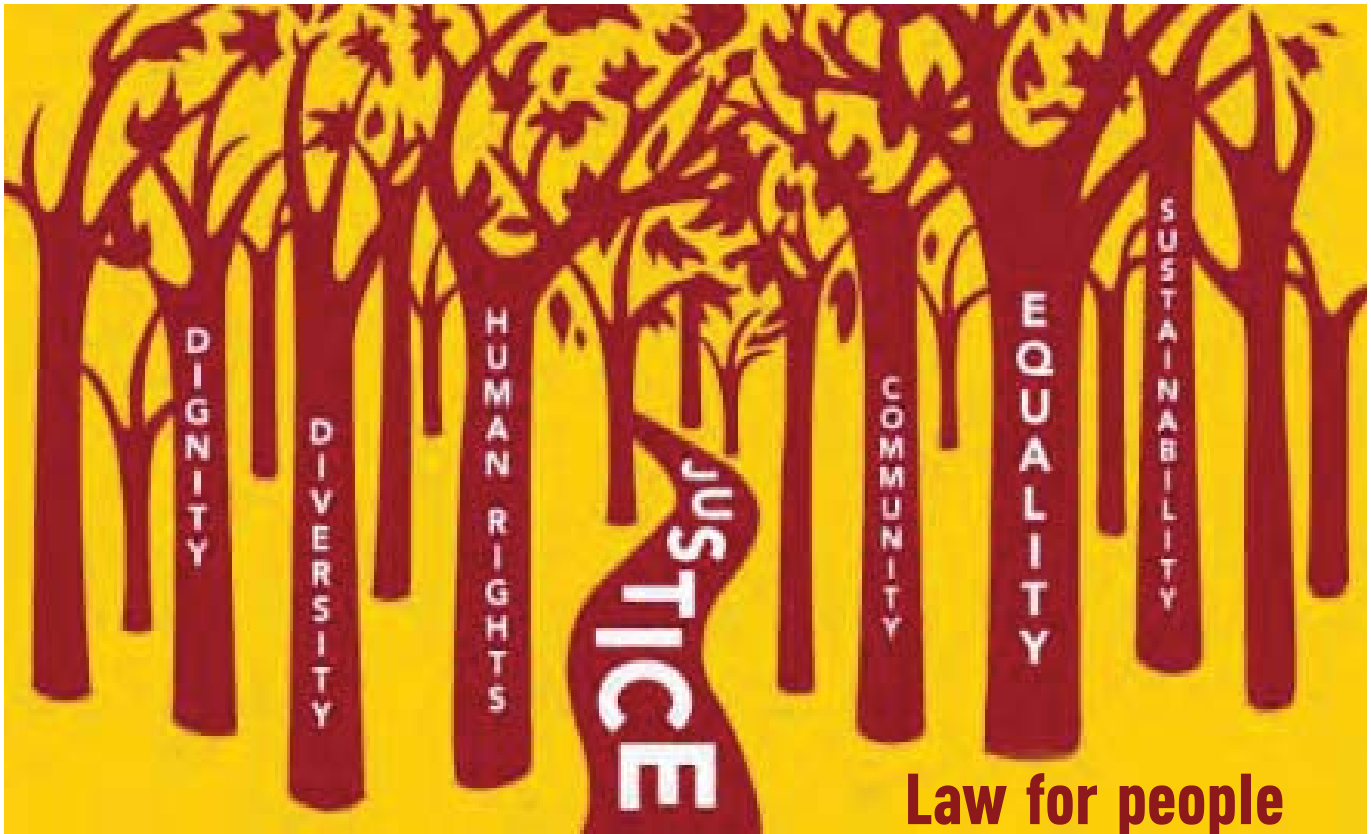
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In Public Interest Litigation (PIL) vigilant citizens of the country can find an inexpensive legal remedy because there is only a nominal fixed court fee involved in this.

ROUNDUP



Public Interest Litigation: Outline

Justice without force is impotent;
force without justice is tyranny - Pascal in Pensees.

ACCORDING TO INDIAN law, PIL stands for a litigation introduced for the protection of the public interest. The litigation is introduced in the judiciary system, not by the distressed party, rather by the jurisdiction of the court, that the victimized person due to the violation of his or her right must approach the court personally. Public interest litigation empowers public which is given by courts through judicial activism. Although, the person filing the petition must

satisfy the court with the proof that the petition which has been filed for a public interest and not as a frivolous litigation by a busy body.

These cases may come to evidence when the victim does not have the needed resources to instigate litigation or his freedom to move the court which has been encroached or suppressed upon. The court can itself apprehend the matter and precede suomoto or cases can instigate on the petition of any public-spirited individual. ▶

DATA BRIEFING

As on
Sept. 30, 2016,
a total of

60,938
cases, including
50,205 civil and
10,733 criminal,
are pending
with the
Supreme Court.

PIL History - The First Ever Case in India

IN DECEMBER 1979, KapilaHingorani had registered a petition to with respect to the principles enshrined kept in the Bihar imprison, whose suits were pending in the court. The best thing about this petition of was that it was not registered by any single prisoner rather it was registered by different prisoners of the Bihar Jail. The case got registered in the Supreme Court before the bench headed by Justice KrishnamMalhotra. This petition to was registered by the name of the prisoner, HussainaraKhatoon, henceforth the petition of came to be known as HussainaraKhatoon Versus State of Bihar. For this situation, the Supreme Court maintained that the prisoners ought to get the advantage of the free legitimate guide and quick hearing. In light of this case 40,000 prisoners, whose suits were pending in the court, were released from the prison. There after many cases like this have enrolled in the preeminent court. It was on account of SP Gupta versus Union of India that the Supreme Court of India characterized the term public Interest Litigation in the Indian Context.

The idea of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) is in consonance with the principles coded in Article 39A of the Constitution of India to protect and convey provoke social Justice with the assistance of law. Prior to the 1980s, just the oppressed party could approach the courts for Justice. After the emergency period, the high court connected with the public, contriving methods for a means for any person of the public (or an NGO) to approach the court looking for a legal remedy in situations where the public interest is in question. Justice P. N. Bhagwati and Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer were among the chief judges to concede PILs in court. Documenting a PIL is not as cumbersome as a typical legal case; there have been cases when letters and messages routed to the court have been taken up as PILs and heard.

The Court engaged a letter from two teachers at the College of Delhi looking for the implementation of the constitutional right of prisoners at a protective home in Agra who was living in brutal and degrading conditions. In *Miss VeenaSethi v. the State of Bihar*, 1982 (2) SCC 583: 1982 SCC (Cri) 511: AIR 1983 SC 339, the court treated a letter routed to a judge of the court by the Free Legal Aid Committee in Hazaribagh, Bihar as a writ petition. In *Citizens for Democracy through its President v. State of Assam and Others*, 1995 KHC 486 : 1995 (2) KLT SN 74 : 1995 (3) SCC 743 : 1995 SCC (Cri) 600 : AIR 1996 SC 2193, the court engaged a letter from ShriKuldipNayar (a journalist, in his ability as President of Citizens for Democracy) to a judge of the court affirming human-rights infringement of Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act (TADA) prisoners; it was dealt with as a petition of under Article 32 of the Constitution of India. ▶



THE ROOT AND advancement of Public Interest Litigation in India originated from the acknowledgment of a constitutional obligation by the Judiciary towards the numerous sections of the society - poor people and the marginalized section of the society. This purview has been made and cut out by the legal creativity and craftsmanship. In *M. C. Mehta and Another v. Union of India and Others* AIR 1987 SC 1086, this Court noticed and found that Article 32 does not just give control to this Court to issue direction, petition, writ for the authorization of fundamental rights. Rather, it additionally lays a constitutional obligation on this Court to secure the crucial privileges of the public. The court stated that, in acknowledgment of this constitutional obligation, "it has all incidental and auxiliary forces including the ability to manufacture new remedies and form new methodologies intended to implement the fundamental rights". The Court understood that on account of extreme poverty, countless citizens of society can't approach the court. The fundamental rights have no importance for them and so as to safeguard and secure the fundamental rights of the marginalized section of society by judicial innovation, the courts by legal advancement and inventiveness began giving necessary directions and passing orders in the interest of the public.

The enlargement of public interest litigation has been to an eminent and huge improvement in the historical backdrop of the Indian jurisprudence. The decisions of the Supreme Court in the 1970's slackened the strict locus standi prerequisites to allow registering of petitions for the benefit of marginalized and denied sections of the society by public spirited individuals, foundations, and additional bodies. The higher courts practiced wide powers given to them under Articles 32 and 226 of the Constitution. The kind of remedies looked for from the courts in public interest litigation goes past award of remedies for the influenced people and groups. In reasonable cases, the courts have likewise given guidelines and directions. The courts have observed the usage of legislation and even figured guidelines in absence of legislation. If the cases of the 80s are dissected, most of the PIL petition prosecution cases which were entertained by the courts are relating to authorization of fundamental rights of marginalized and denied sections of the society. This can be named as the first phase of public interest litigation in India.

The Indian Supreme Court widened the trendy rule of standing and the meaning of person aggrieved".

In this judgment, it was wanted to manage the starting point and improvement of public interest litigation. It was considered that it is proper to comprehensively divide public interest litigation into three phases.

Origin & Development

Phase I: It manages cases of this Court where directions and orders were passed essentially to secure fundamental rights under Article 21 of the marginalized groups and sections of the society who on account of extreme poverty, lack of education and ignorance can't approach this court or the High Courts.

Phase II: It manages the cases identifying with protection, ecology preservation, environment, forests, marine life, wild life, mountains, streams, historical monuments & architecture and so forth and so on.

Phase-III: It manages with the directions ordered by the Courts in maintaining the transparency, probity, and integrity in governance.

Krishna Iyer J. was the legend who initially sown the seeds of the idea public interest litigation in 1976 in *Mumbai Kamagar Sabha vs. Abdul Thai* (AIR 1976 SC 1455; 1976 (3) SCC 832) and was kicked off in *Akhil I3/taratiyaSos/ail Karnuu: HariSangh (Raihvaiyvs, Union of India*, wherein an unregistered association of workers was allowed to institute a writ petition under Art.32 of the Constitution for the redressal of common complaints. Krishna Iyer J. articulated the reasons for liberalization of the rule of Locus Standi in *Fertilizer Corporation Kamgar vs. Union of India* (AIR 1981 SC 149; 1981 (2) SCR 52) and the idea of 'Public Interest Litigation' was bloomed in *S.F. Gupta and others vs. Union of India*, (AIR 1982 SC 149).

Public Interest Litigation and Judicial Activism: Public interest litigation or social interest litigation has great importance and catches the attraction of all concerned. The customary rule of "Locus Standi" that a person, whose right is contravened alone can register a petition, has been significantly relaxed by the Supreme Court in its recent decisions. Now, the court allows PIL at the node of public spirited citizens for the imposition of constitutional o- legal rights. Now,

any public motivated citizen can approach the court for the public cause (in the interests of the public or public welfare) by registering a petition:

1. In Supreme Court under Art.32 of the Constitution;
2. In High Court under Art.226 of the Constitution; and
3. In the Court of Magistrate under Sec.133, Cr. P.C.

Justice Krishna layer fertilizer Corporation Kamgar Union vs. The Union of India, (1981) enumerated the following reasons for liberalization of the rule of Locus Standi:-

1. Exercise of State power to eliminate corruption which may result in dissimilar interventions with individuals' rights.
2. Social justice needs moderate judicial review administrative action.
3. Restrictive rules of standing are the antithesis to a healthy system of administrative action.
4. "Activism is necessary for participative public justice".

As such, a public spirited citizen must be provided a chance to move the court in the interests of the public.

To make sure that FRs did not remain vacant declarations, the inventors made numerous provisions in the Constitution to create an independent judiciary. Provisions associated with FRs, DPs and independent judiciary conjointly provided a strong constitutional foundation to the genesis of PIL in India.

The founding fathers envisioned "the judiciary as a bastion of rights and justice". An independent judiciary supported by the power of judicial review was the constitutional device selected to achieve this goal. The power to amend the FRs was conferred on both the Supreme Court and the High Courts- the courts that have handled all the PIL cases. ▀



Frivolous PILs - Eye-Opening Concern for Indian Judiciary

FRIVOLOUS PIL IS a subject of fraudulence and its filing has become a general way for gaining publicity or monetary advantage. Since a stupendous increase in these cases has opened the eye of the judiciary. Here are some examples which were filed for frivolous PILs-

PIL is a rule of law stated by the courts of record. Nonetheless the individual (or entity) filing the appeal must prove as per the satisfaction of the court that the petition is petitioned for the interest of public and not as a silly suit for monetary advantage. The 38th Chief Justice of India, S. H. Kapadia, has expressed that substantial "fines" would be enforced on litigants registering frivolous PILs. His statement was broadly welcomed, because of the instance of frivolous PILs for financial intrigue had increased; a bench of the high court has also stated concern over the abuse of PILs. The bench has issued a list of rules it wanted all courts in the nation to observe while engaging PILs.

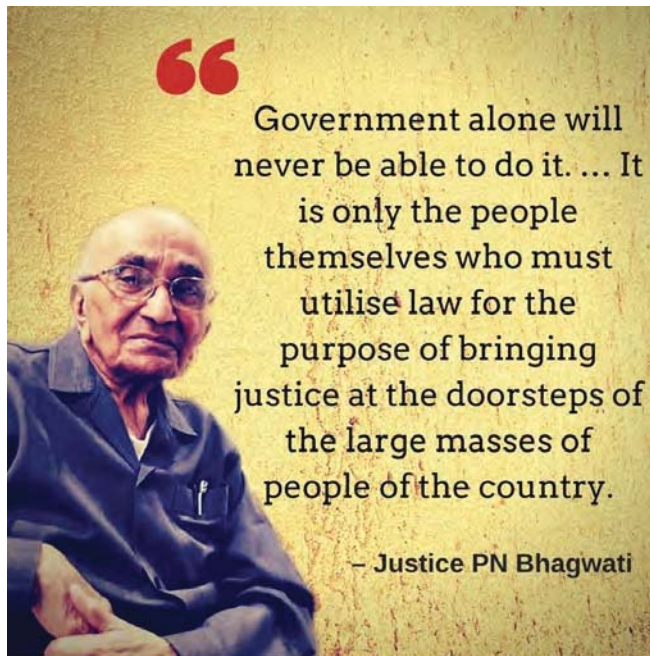
In a September 2008 speech, Former Prime Minister of India, Manmohan Singh communicated worry over the abuse of PILs: "Many would contend that like in so many things in public life, in PILs too we may have gone too far. Maybe a correction was required and we have had some balanced restored lately". In what might be a device against frivolous PILs, the Union Ministry of Law and Justice is setting up a law managing PILs. Helping the service was previous Chief Justice of India late P. N. Bhagwati who spearheaded PIL. Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer was likewise part of it till his demise on 4 December 2014.

The judgment stated: "This court needs to influence it to clear that an action at law is not a game of chess. A defendant who approaches the court must tell the truth with

clean hands. He can't lie and take conflicting positions". Since the Amar Singh appeal was unclear, not in conformance with the standards of methodology and contained irregularities, the court did not investigate his essential grievance (encroachment of privacy). One positive result of the case was the court's demand that the administration "outline certain statutory rules to avert interference of telephonic discussion on unapproved demands". For this situation, Reliance Communications acted upon a forged request from police.

In *Kalyaneshwari versus Union of India*, the court referred to the abuse of public interest litigation in business rivalries. A writ petition of was registered in the Gujarat High Court looking for the closing of asbestos units, expressing that the material was unsafe to people. The high court rejected the appeal, stating that it was registered at the behest of rival industrial groups who were looking to promote their products as asbestos substitutes. A similar appeal was registered to the Supreme Court. The petition was expelled, and the offended party has levied a fine of Rs. 100,000. The judgment read: "The petition of misses bona fide and actually at the behest of a rival industrial group,

which was intrigued in banning of mining and manufacturing of asbestos. An unequivocal endeavor was made by it to secure a restriction on these exercises with a definitive expectation of increasing the demand of cast and ductile iron products as they are a part of the reasonable substitute for asbestos. Therefore it was prosecution started with the ulterior intention of causing industrial imbalance and financial loss the business of asbestos through the procedure of court". The court stated that it was its obligation in such conditions to rebuff the candidates under the Contempt of Courts Act; it must "guarantee that such deceitful





The parameters within which PILs can be entertained have been laid down. The credentials, the motive and the objective of the petitioner have to be apparently and patently aboveboard. Otherwise the petition is liable to be dismissed at the threshold

and undesirable public interest litigation be not court of law in order to waste valuable time of the courts and also protect the confidence of people in judicial delivery system".

"At this point it should be plain and clear that this Court does not support an approach that would empower petitions registered for accomplishing oblique motives processes on the basis of wild and heedless charges made by people, i.e., busybodies", a bench of Judges B. Sudershan Reddy and S. S. Nijjar found in their judgment. The bench toppled an April 2010 Andhra Pradesh High Court decision, which put aside the services of a retired Indian Police Administration (IPS) officer utilized by the TirumalaVenkateswara Sanctuary. The high court's decision concerned a public interest litigation of recorded by S. MangatiGopal Reddy, who claimed in court that the previous IPS officer was associated with the loss of

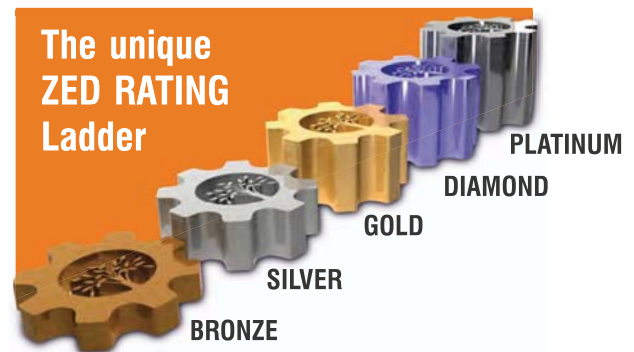
"300 gold dollars" from the sanctuary and ought not to proceed in office. The Supreme Court found that the high court ruled against the accused with little data about Reddy himself.

"The parameters inside which PILs can be entertained have been set down. The qualifications, the motive and the aim of the petitioner must be obviously and plainly straightforward. Generally, the petition is a subject to be expelled at the threshold", the judgment stated. With respect to why it is doubtful about countless, the bench represented the Supreme Court when it said that the "judiciary has to be extremely cautious to see that behind the delightful shroud of public interest a deceitful private malice, personal stake, as well as publicity-seeking for, is not sneaking. This Court (Supreme Court of India) must not enable its procedure to be manhandled for oblique considerations by masked phantoms who monitor at times from behind". ▶



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- ⚙️ Certification on the systems and processes of MSMEs
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- ⚙️ Quality Council of India (QCI) to function as the NMIU (National Monitoring and Implementing Unit) of the scheme



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ARE YOU UNHAPPY about numerous things happening in society going on around you?

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Above all, would you say you are sitting tight for another person to go along and put things right? Fortunately, you needn't, in numerous such cases.

For socially cognizant citizens who might want to fix the system through a court of law, Public Interest Litigation (PIL) is a capable tool. Public Interest Litigation cases won or lost in the High Court or the Supreme Court of India

frequently make news nowadays. Regardless of whether a PIL case wins or loses, it absolutely has an effect on the lives of individuals who are associated with the issue in one way or the other.

This FAQ will enable you to get on the way to change using PILs.

What is Public Interest Litigation (PIL)?

PIL as utilization of prosecution, or legal action, which tries to propel the reason for a minority or disadvantaged groups or people, or which raises issues of wide public concern. It is a method for utilizing the law deliberately to impact social change. In basic terms, a PIL is an appeal to that individual or a non-government organization or citizen-groups who can file in the court looking for justice in an issue that has a bigger

public interest. It goes for giving average citizens an entrance to the judiciary to acquire lawful change for a more noteworthy reason. PIL is not explained in any statute. It is the result of judicial activism to take cognizance of a reason for the occurrence of any individual regardless of the possibility that it doesn't influence him by and by, however, influences the public at large.

Who can file PIL?

Any Indian citizen or native of the country can file a PIL, the only condition being that it ought not to be filed with a private interest, but rather in greater public interest. Now and again, even the Courts can take the perception of an issue if it is one of most extreme public importance, and appoint an advocate to deal with the case.

How does one decide on filing a PIL?

An advocate who has been recording PILs in Chennai High Court says it is great to give a reasonable opportunity for the other party to react to the issue that the individual or the group has raised, before documenting the PIL. For instance, if you have taken up an issue that requests government action or policy change, at that point initially raise that issue with the authorities, convey it as far as anyone is concerned and ask them how they are going to illuminate it. Send them a representation in any case. Give them some time – a month or two to answer. If they neglect to react or if you are still miserable with their reaction, at that point it's an ideal opportunity to document a request.

Where can PILs be filed?

PILs can be filed either in the High Court or in the Supreme Court.

What is the procedure for filing a PIL?

One needs to do extensive research before filing a PIL. If there should arise an occurrence of filing a PIL concerning a few people, it is essential and the best course for the candidate to counsel all affected interest groups. When you choose to file a PIL, gather all pertinent data and archives to back your case. You can contend face to face or name an advocate to battle the case. Regardless, it is fitting to counsel a promoter before documenting a PIL. If you mean to contend face to face, be better arranged to clarify the issue and persuade the court in the little time that you are given.

When you are prepared with the PIL duplicate and expect to document it in the High Court, submit two duplicates of the petition to the court. Likewise, a duplicate of the appeal must be served to every respondent ahead of time. Furthermore, this verification of serving the duplicate to the respondents must be fastened in the appeal. On the off chance that you are recording PIL in the Supreme Court, at that point, five duplicates of the appeal will need to be filed before the court. Respondent is presented with the duplicate just when the notice is issued from the court.



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What is the cost incurred to file a PIL?

A PIL itself is one of the cheapest cases compared with other court cases. One needs to pay a court charge of Rs 50 for every respondent and attach it with the appeal. Be that as it may, the cost of fighting the case relies upon the petitioner the applicant contends to the case.

What are the matters that can't be filed under PIL?

The Supreme Court has issued a set of guidelines for PIL as per which the following issues won't be permitted as PILs:

- Landlord-tenant matters
- Service matters
- Matters relating to gratuity and pension
- Complaints against Central and State government departments and Local Bodies aside from those identifying with things 1 to 10 specified in the list

of guidelines.

- Admission to medical and other educational organizations
- Petitions for early hearing of cases pending in High Court or subordinate courts

How much time does it take for the end of the case?

That relies upon the case. In the event that the issue is of most extreme significance relating to lives of people, human rights infringement and so on, the court would take up the case promptly, direct the hearing and discard the issue. Be that as it may, when all is said and done, because of piling up of PILs in courts, the hearing and conclusion of the case is tedious. Regularly it takes years. In any case, in the middle of the hearings, the court may issue bearings to the specialists to play out specific activities as and when required.

It's simply after the last hearing of both parties that a judgment is given. ▀



PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION is a lawsuit filing for the protection of public interest. In Indian law, Article 32 of the Indian constitution contains a provision which straightforwardly connects people with the legal system. A PIL might be presented in an official courtroom by the court itself (*suomoto*), instead of the bothered party or another outsider. For the activity of the court's purview, it is a bit much for the casualty of the infringement of his or her rights to actually approach the court. In a PIL, the privilege to document suit is given to an individual from the public through legal activism. The individual from the public, in general, might be a non-administrative association (NGO), an organization or a person. The Supreme Court of India, dismissing the feedback of legal activism, has expressed that the judicial system has ventured in to provide guidance in light of the fact that because of official inaction, the laws instituted by Parliament and the state lawmaking bodies for the poor since autonomy have not been appropriately executed.

PIL should not be used for the inappropriate cause similar to it is without a doubt not a pill for every sort of illness. Each matter of public concern can't be the premise of PIL. For example, an increment in the cost of onions or modification of railroad charges or the issue of trains not running on time does not shape the reason for PIL.

PIL- The History

Open Interest Litigation famously known as PIL can be comprehensively characterized as a suit in light of a legitimate concern for that undefined element: people in general all in all. Preceding 1980s, just the concerned party could actually go to court for justice and look for a solution for his grievance and whatever another individual who was not by and by influenced couldn't knock the judicial doorstep as an intermediary for the casualty or the distressed party. As it were, just the influenced parties had the locus standi (standing required in law) to document a case and proceed with the suit and the non-influenced people had no locus standi to do as such. What's more, accordingly, there was not really any connection between the rights ensured by the Constitution of the Indian Union and the laws made by the governing body from one perspective and by far most of the uneducated citizens on the other.

In any case, all these situations progressively changed when the post emergency Supreme Court handled the issue of access to equity by individuals through radical changes and adjustments made in the necessities of locus standi and of party oppressed. The amazing endeavors of Justice P N Bhagwati and Justice V R Krishna Iyer were instrumental of this juristic upset of the eighties to change over the apex court of India into a Supreme Court for all Indians. Furthermore, therefore any national of India or any consumer group or social activity group can approach the supreme court of the nation looking for legitimate cures in all situations where the interests of overall population or an area of open are in question. Further, public interest issues could be recorded as the case without venture of substantial court expenses as required in private common prosecution.

Who Can File Public Interest Litigation

A case can be recorded by the affected party i.e. the casualty, or any such individual who has an interest identified with the issue. In any case, there is no such prerequisite for documenting a Public Interest Litigation. Any individual can document a Public Interest Litigation.

This is one of the essential focal points of a PIL, the individual documenting a PIL requires not to demonstrate that he has an enthusiasm for

that specific case. In lawful terms, the individual who is recording such request does not have to show a 'locus standi' for the situation or the way that one has endured or is probably going to endure legitimate damage. In this manner, a man can approach the court in the interest of others despite the fact that he is not the person who is distressed in any sense.

- An appeal to file must not be necessarily presented by the individual who has interest in the issue and can also be brought under the steady gaze of the court by any citizen
- The individual who is documenting the petition requires to not have individual information of the case points of interest, and he can offer support by his effort by alluding with references like those of daily paper articles
- Both legal standards and alleviation can be utilized as a part of the preparatory phase of the prosecution, and
- The extent of suit can be extended, as compared to what was expressed in the first appeal if during the case proceedings offer greater injustice

Strategy to file a PIL

A PIL is recorded in an indistinguishable fashion from the way a writ appeal is filed. Procedures, in PIL, begin and carry on in a similar way, as different cases.

Any of these courts can be approached to file the appeal for a legitimate concern for public or for public welfare:

- Supreme Court under Art.32 of the Constitution of India;
- High Court under Art.226 of the Constitution of India; and
- The Court of Magistrate under Sec.133 of Cr. P.C.

While recording a PIL under the purview of High Court, two (2) duplicates of the appeal must be filed, be that as it may, if a man needs to file a PIL under the locale of Supreme Court, he needs to record five (5) arrangements of petitions. The courts must, in any case, guarantee that the candidate is acting in accordance with some basic honesty, and not for his private benefit or political or other circuitous contemplations.

The present position with respect to recording PILs by

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CASE STUDY

Vishaka v. Territory of Rajasthan

As a major aspect of an administrative battle against child marriage, Bhanwari Devi endeavored to stop the marriage of a one-year-old young in provincial Rajasthan. Individuals from the neighborhood group struck back first by hassling Bhanwari Devi with dangers and forcing a social and economic blacklist on her family. Later, on September 22, 1992, five men raped Bhanwari Devi.

Bhanwari Devi confronted various obstructions when she endeavored to look for justice. Baffled by the criminal justice framework's failure to give cures and re-establish the respect of the casualty, NainaKapur, an attorney who had gone to Bhanwari Devi's criminal trial, chose to start a PIL activity in the Supreme Court to challenge lewd behavior in the work environment. The Vishaka writ appeal was recorded in 1992 in the names of five NGOs against the State of Rajasthan, its Women and Child Welfare Department, its Department of Social Welfare, and the Union of India.

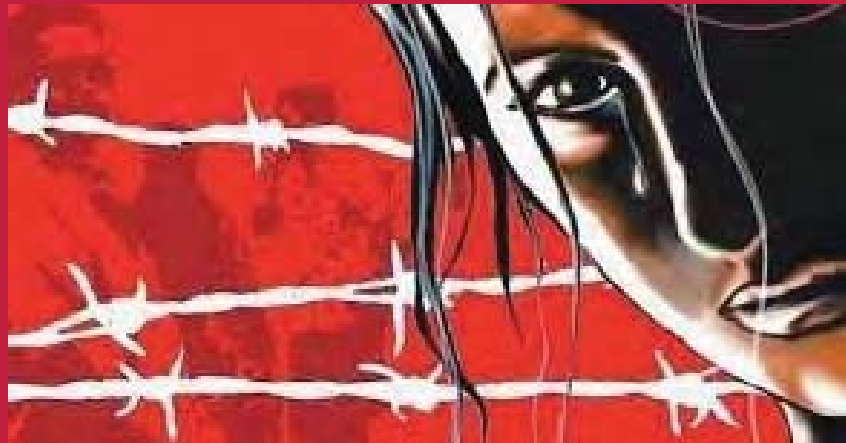
The Vishaka judgment perceived inappropriate behavior as an unmistakable violation of the fundamental rights of equality, life, non-discrimination, and freedom, and also the privilege to complete any occupation. The rules, coordinated toward bosses, incorporated a meaning of lewd behavior, to do steps list for harassment prevention, and a portrayal of grievance procedures to be entirely seen in all working environments for the protection and implementation of gender equality rights.

It advanced more noteworthy authorization of women rights and more extensive use of universal law at the High Court level. The case has consequently been portrayed as path breaking, a standout amongst the most capable inheritances of PIL, and a trailblazer that created a noteworthy revolution.

Javed v. Territory of Haryana

The Javed litigants asked the legality of a coercive population control provision, which administered the race of the panchayat. The Haryana Provision excluded "a man from having more than two living kids" from holding specific offices in panchayats. The target of this two-kid standard was to promote family planning, under the supposition that other individuals would also follow the same if it is taken up by the elected leaders.

The applicants and appellants in the Javed case were people who had been excluded from either remaining for election or proceeding in the office space of a panchayat since they had more than two kids. Maintaining the Haryana Provision as "healthy and in people interest", the Court's principal stress was on "the issue of population as a national and worldwide issue" to the detriment at the cost of



defending human rights. The Javed choice did not assess basically the effect of the challenged arrangement on family planning. The Court depicted this as very much defined, "established on intelligible differentia", and in light of a clear idea to advance family planning.

Hussainara Khaton v. Province of Bihar

Many have viewed this case as the principal PIL in India also. For this situation, the consideration of the Court focused on the extraordinary circumstance of undertrials in Bihar who had been in detainment pending trial for periods far in an overabundance of the most extreme sentence for their offenses. The Court not just continued to make the privilege to a quick trial the issue of the case, however, passed the request on a general arrival of nearly 40,000 under-trials who had experienced confinement past such greatest period.

The judgment conveyed on January 12, 1988, lashed out at city specialists for enabling untreated sewage from Kanpur's tanneries to advance into the Ganges. The court passed three points of interest judgments and various Orders against contaminating businesses, numbering more than 50,000 in the Ganga bowl, every now and then. For this situation, aside from businesses, more than 250 towns and urban areas likewise needed to set up sewage treatment plants.

600 tanneries worked in a profoundly congested local location of Kolkata. The decision moved them out of the city and relocated them to an arranged complex in West Bengal. The Court shut down a few ventures, enabling them to revive simply in the wake of setting up emanating treatment plants and controlled contamination. Thus, a people got away from air and water contamination in the Ganga basin, covering eight states in India.



- You may have to issue a legal notice to the concerned parties/authorities before filing a PIL. Filing a suit against the government would require issuing a notice to the concerned officer department at least two months prior to filing.
7. A PIL may be filed like a written petition or like any other case in the court.
 8. The judge may appoint a commissioner, to inspect allegations, in the middle of the case.
 9. After filing of replies, by opposite party, and a rejoinder by the petitioner, final hearing takes place, and the judge gives his final decision.
 10. A PIL can be filed only by a registered organization and not by an individual. Hence, if you want to file a PIL make sure you become a member of a registered organization first.

Documentation required:

For recording any PIL it is fitting to convey the accompanying archives for evidence -

1. Photos with oath of the picture taker
2. Bills
3. Duplicates of the request

Office/Organization: High Court, Supreme Court

Contact individual: Addressed to the court inside the respective jurisdiction

Location: Respective court inside whose authority the concerned matter falls

PIL is one of the imperative strides taken by the legal system, as it causes the person to request the intercession of law even in situations where the applicant doesn't have any individual enthusiasm for the petition of the case, yet it is for the advantage of different people or a group or class of people, who themselves can't approach the court, so that one has documented such an appeal. It additionally helps in keeping up the balance between all the branches, as articulated by the Constitution, and guides them to work appropriately as and when required.

PIL-A Boon

1. In Public Interest Litigation (PIL) cautious citizens of the nation can locate a cheap legitimate course in as there is just nominal court expense required with this.
2. Further, through the alleged PIL, the disputants can concentrate on public issues, particularly in the fields of human rights, consumer welfare, and condition.

Abuse of PIL

The improvement of PIL has likewise revealed its loopholes and disadvantages. Thus, the court itself has been constrained to set out specific rules to administer the administration and transfer of PILs. What's more, the misuse of PIL is likewise expanding along with its broadened and multifaceted utilization.

A large number of the PIL activists in the nation have discovered the PIL as a convenient route of provocation since silly cases could be recorded without speculation of overwhelming court expenses as required in private common case and arrangements could then be consulted with the casualties of stay orders got in the alleged PILs.

Frivolous PIL's

PIL is a process of law announced by the courts of record. The individual recording the request must have to demonstrate as per the general inclination of the court that the appeal is being petitioned for the general population interest and not as a paltry case for financial pickup. The 38th Chief Justice of India, S. H. Kapadia, has expressed that considerable "fines" would be forced on prosecutors documenting trivial PILs. His announcement was generally invited, in light of the fact that the example of pointless PILs for financial intrigue has expanded; a bench of the high court has likewise communicated worry over the abuse of PILs. The bench has issued an arrangement of rules, where it needed all courts in the nation to watch while engaging PILs.

In a September 2008 discourse, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh communicated worry over the abuse of PILs: "Many would argue that like in so many things in public life, in PILs too we may have gone too far. Perhaps a corrective was required and we have had some balance restored in recent times". The Union Ministry of Law and Justice is currently setting up a law directing PILs. Helping the service was previous Chief Justice of India late P. N. Bhagwati who spearheaded PIL. Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer was likewise part of it until his demise on 4 December 2014.

The judgment stated: This court wants to make it clear that an action at law is not a game of chess. A litigant who approaches the court must come with clean hands. He cannot prevaricate and take inconsistent positions" Since the Amar Singh request of was dubious, not in conformance with the principles of the method and contained irregularities, the court did not investigate his essential grievance. One positive result of the case was the court's demand that the administration "frame certain statutory guidelines to prevent interception of a telephone conversation on unauthorized requests".

PIL impact

As per a disputable report by social researcher Hans Dembowski, PIL has been fruitful in making official experts responsible to NGOs. While Dembowski additionally discovered some impact at the grassroots level, PIL cases managing major ecological grievances in the Kolkata urban agglomeration did not handle hidden issues, (for example, lacking town arranging). Dembowski's book Taking the State to Supreme Court - Public Interest Litigation and the Public Sphere in Metropolitan India was initially distributed by Oxford University Press in 2001. The distributor, be that as it may, suspended conveyance on account of hatred of court procedures started by the Calcutta High Court. ▀

The Dark Side



An outdated perspective of legal rights holds that most social and financial issues don't include genuine right since they require positive action, not simply limitation, and have no single, identifiable duty holder.

Positive commitments, additionally, entail significant expenditures that are the domain of alternate branches of government. Courts, hence, should avoid the social, economic, and environmental concern at the core of PIL. More contemporary views hold that "for their satisfaction, all rights require limitation, security, and help from the element from whom rights are guaranteed, and that a sensibly successful and well-funded state is a sine qua non for all rights."

The majority of the criticism of PIL in the Indian Courts that have not taken this to old-fashioned form maybe moved toward becoming in a nation where the size of requirements is so vast it is difficult to state that social and economic needs are less summoning than common and political ones. They have rather contended that the social and financial area ought to be to a great extent

the prerogative of alternate branches of government, which are better prepared to break down, plan, and execute complex approaches, and that quite a bit of PIL is wrong legal "activism" or "adventurism." For example, in an assessment of the exercises of the Supreme Court in the Delhi Vehicular Pollution and Municipal Solid Waste case, Rajamani reprimands that "policy, ecological and social, must rise up out of a socio political process

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Referring to cases in which courts formulated explicit guidelines, for example, cases identified with vehicular pollution, the management of the Central Bureau of Investigation, selection by foreign nationals, custodial torment, and sexual harassment, Desai and Muralidhar take note of that "while now and again, the Court has communicated its hesitance to step into the legislative field, in others it has set down guidelines and expressly planned strategy" In their 2003 article, Rosencranz and Jackson welcome the ecological and health effect of the Supreme Court's 2001 choice requiring the Delhi government to change over its business vehicles to an armada running on compressed natural gas (CNG), yet then argue for initiative with respect to the regulatory and legislative authorities: "A part of the barricades to CNG implementation could have been avoided, or if nothing else limited, had had the conversion been initially ordered through the normal legislative process."

Thiruvengadam reports a spate of

similarly motivated criticism of PIL as an attack into lawmaking from sitting and previous judges on India's Supreme and High Courts, including remarks from Justice Hidayatullah in 1984, E Srikrishna in 2005, and, maybe most unnecessarily, Justice Kaju in 2008, who said PIL "has formed into an uncontrollable Frankenstein."

An inspiration for some of this criticism is a doubt that the courts have utilized their post-Emergency popularity, to which PIL has essentially contributed, to grow their own particular powers and shield themselves from examination and responsibility. To a few, it seems like the courts might be investing power in unimportant and inadequate PIL cases to the detriment of the real administration of justice, and do as such on the grounds that PIL polishes their popularity. Reported evidences of frivolous PIL incorporate supplications to rename India "Hindustan," rename the Arabian Sea "Sindhu Sagar," and substitute the national anthem for one offered by the candidate (and halfway sung before the Chief Justice). In the meantime, the frameworks of common and criminal justice endure huge deferrals and subjective pre-trial detentions.

These problems are resounded broadly enough that there is presently obvious a reasonable reaction against this apparent usurpation of powers by the courts, incorporating a bill tabled in the Rajya Sabha in 1996 to manage PIL, a 2007 proclamation by Prime Minister cautioning against judicial overreaching, recent calls from the bench to set parameters for PIL (Times of India, December 12, 2007), and endeavors to set up the National Judicial Council, a body to investigate complaints against judges. Some of these grumblings include corruption: there have been assertions that exactly 20% of Judges are corrupt. Related complaints incorporate the utilization of the law of privileges and disdain with respect to courts to shield themselves from criticism,

imperviousness to endeavors to require sitting judges to uncover their financial assets, and the uncomfortably close relation between a few individuals from the legal and the Bar. Roy goes so far as to state that judicial accountability is low to the point that "we live in a kind of judicial dictatorship."

The Dark Side

It appears that the abuse of PIL in India, which began in the 1990s, has come to such a phase where it has begun undermining the different reason for which PIL was presented. As it were, the dark side is gradually moving to eclipse the brighter side of PIL venture.

Ulterior reason: open in PIL stands substituted by private or attention

One noteworthy method of reasoning why the courts supported PIL was its convenience in serving the public interest. It is dubious, in any case, if PIL is as yet wedded to that objective. As we have seen above, any issue is introduced to the courts in the pretense of public interest as a result of the allurements that the PIL jurisprudence offers (e.g. modest, brisk reaction, and high effect). Obviously, it is not generally simple to separate "public" interest from "private" interest, yet it is questionable that courts have not thoroughly authorized the prerequisite of PILs being done for espousing some public interest. Desai and Muralidhar affirm the recognition that:

PIL is being abused by individuals fomenting for private grievances in the grab of public interest and looking for publicity as opposed to upholding public causes.

It is important that courts don't permit "public" in PIL to be substituted by "private" or "publicity" by accomplishing more vigilant gate-keeping.

Inefficient use of limited judicial resources

If appropriately dealt with, the PIL can

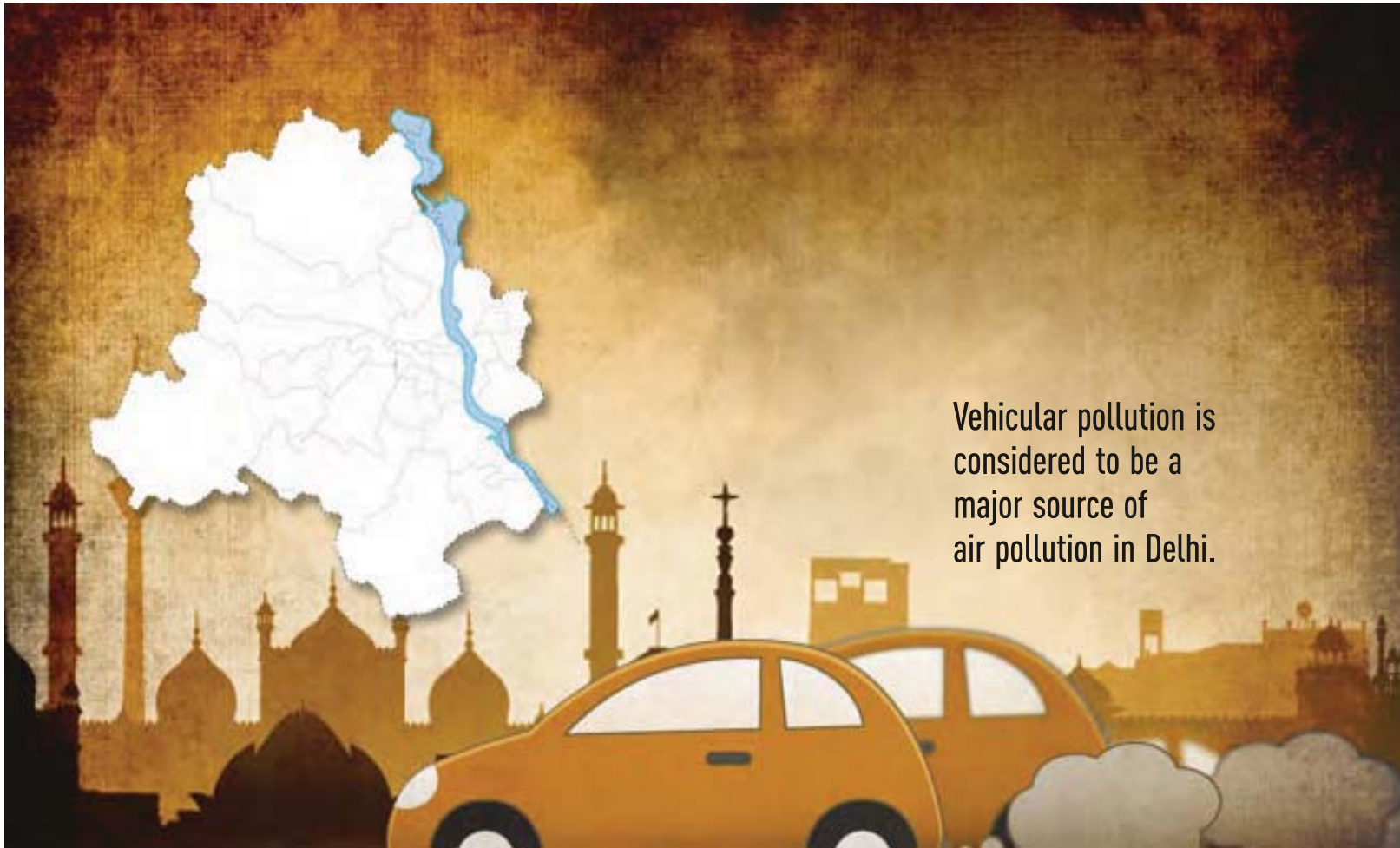
possibly add to a productive disposal of individuals' grievances. Be that as it may, considering that the quantity of per capita judges in India is much lower than numerous different nations and given that the Indian Supreme Court and additionally High Court are confronting an enormous excess of cases, it is baffling why the courts have not done what's needed to stop non-authentic PIL cases. Actually, by permitting frivolous PIL plaintiffs to squander the time and energy of the courts, the judiciary may be violating the right to fast trial of the individuals who are sitting tight for the vindication of their private interests through regular ill-disposed litigation.

A related problem is that the courts are taking unduly long time in finally disposing of even PIL cases. This might render "many leading judgments merely of [an] academic value". The fact that courts need years to settle cases might also suggest that probably courts were not the most appropriate forum to deal with the issues in hand as PIL.

Judicial populism

Judges are human beings, but it would be unfortunate if they admit PIL cases on account of raising an issue that is (or might become) popular in the society. Conversely, the desire to become people's judges in a democracy should not hinder admitting PIL cases which involve an important public interest but are potentially unpopular. The fear of judicial populism is not merely academic is clear from the following observation of Dwivedi J. in Kesavnanda Bharathi v Union of India:

The court is not chosen by the people and is not responsible to them in the sense in which the House of People is. However, it will win for itself a permanent place in the hearts of the people and augment its moral authority if it can shift the focus of judicial review from the numerical concept of minority protection to the humanitarian concept of the protection of the weaker section of the people.



Vehicular pollution is considered to be a major source of air pollution in Delhi.

Green Litigation (1998): PIL by environmentalist M C Mehta was behind the court's order on CNG vehicles in Delhi

Disturbing the constitutional balance of power

Although the Indian Constitution does not follow any strict separation of power, it still embodies the doctrine of checks and balances, which even the judiciary should respect. However, the judiciary on several occasions did not exercise self-restraint and moved on to legislate, settle policy questions, take over governance, or monitor executive agencies. Jain cautions against such tendency:

PIL is a weapon which must be used with great care and circumspection; the courts need to keep in view that under

the guise of redressing a public grievance PIL does not encroach upon the sphere reserved by the Constitution to the executive and the legislature.

Moreover, there has been a lack of consistency as well in that in some cases, the Supreme Court did not hesitate to intrude on policy questions but in other cases it hid behind the shield of policy questions. Just to illustrate, the judiciary intervened to tackle sexual harassment as well as custodial torture and to regulate the adoption of children by foreigners, but it did not intervene to introduce a uniform civil code, to combat ragging in

educational institutions, to adjust the height of the Narmada dam and to provide a humane face to liberalisation-disinvestment policies. No clear or sound theoretical basis for such selective intervention is discernable from judicial decisions.

It is also suspect if the judiciary has been (or would be) able to enhance the accountability of the other two wings of the government through PIL. In fact, the reverse might be true: the judicial usurpation of executive and legislative functions might make these institutions more unaccountable, for they know that judiciary is always there to step in should they fail to act. ▀

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Understanding PIL for better implementation



A PUBLIC INTEREST Litigation (PIL) can be documented in any High Court or straightforwardly in the Supreme Court. It is redundant that the applicant has endured some damage of his own or has had an individual complaint to litigate. PIL is a right given to the socially cognizant participant or an NGO to uphold public reason by looking for a legal course of public damage. Such damage may emerge from a break of public obligation or because of an infringement of some arrangement of the Constitution. Public interest litigation is the tool by which interest of common people in a legal system of authoritative activity is guaranteed. It has the impact of making legal process more democratic and reliable.

Why Everyone Needs to Understand PIL?

So the questions arises that what is needed to strengthen democracy and how bestis PIL to be understood by the public in every possible way? It enables people to understand their rights, issues to be carried for PIL, the results thereafter and all other large and minute details.

As per the rules of the Supreme Court:

- There is individual damage or damage to an impeded area of the population for whom access to lawful equity framework is troublesome,
- The individual bringing the action has adequate enthusiasm to keep up an activity of open damage,

- The damage more likely than not emerged in view of rupture of open obligation or infringement of the Constitution or of the law, it must look for a requirement of such open obligation and recognition of the law or legitimate provisions.
- This is a capable shield and has given massive social advantages, uplifting the voice of deprived citizens.

What brought popularity to PIL in India?

The format of the Indian Constitution has a big role in bringing popularity to this. Not at all like Britain, India has a composed constitution which through Part III (Fundamental Rights) and Part IV (Directive Principles of State Policy)

gives a system of managing relations between the state and its nationals and between natives between.

- India has probably the most dynamic social enactment to be discovered anyplace on the planet whether it be identifying with fortified work, least wages, ecological security, and so forth. This has made it less demanding for the courts to pull up the official when it is not playing out its obligations in guaranteeing the privileges of the poor according to the rule that everyone must follow.
- The liberal elucidation of locus standi where any individual can apply to the court in the interest of the individuals who are monetarily or physically unfit to precede it has made a difference. Judges themselves have at times started suomoto activity in light of daily paper articles or letters they have got.
- Although social and monetary rights given in the Indian Constitution under Part IV are not lawfully enforceable, courts have inventively perused these into central rights in this manner making them judicially enforceable.
- Sensitive judges have continually enhanced in favor of poor people. For example, in the BandhuaMuktiMorcha case in 1983, the Supreme Court put the weight of evidence on the respondent expressing it would treat each instance of constrained work as an instance of fortified work unless demonstrated generally by the business.
- In PIL situations where the candidate is not in a position to give all the vital proof, either on the grounds that it is voluminous or in light of the fact that the gatherings are frail socially or monetarily, courts have selected commissions to gather data on certainties and present it before the judiciary.

But, before filing a PIL, one should take care of following points:

- 1. Make an educated choice to document a case.**



2. Consult all influenced well informed people who could come together for the suit filing.

3. Be watchful in documenting a case on the grounds that

- Litigation can be costly.
- Litigation can take away basic leadership ability/quality from groups.
- Litigation can be tedious.
- Litigation contribution can occupy the consideration of the group far from the main problems.
- An unfavorable choice can influence the quality of the development.

4. If you have taken the choice

- Collect all the applicable data
- Be fastidious in social event detailing for use for the situation. If you intend to utilize photos, hold the negatives and take a statement from the picture taker. Hold bills.
- Write to the significant experts and be clear about your requests.
- Maintain records in a sorted out manner.
- Consult a legal advisor on the decision of gathering.
- Engage an able legal counselor. In case, you are taking care of the issue yourself ensure you get great legitimate counsel on the drafting.

- A PIL can be documented just by an enlisted association. If in the situation of you being unregistered, please document the PIL for the sake of an office conveyor/part in his/her own ability.
- You may need to issue a legitimate notice to the concerned gatherings/specialists before documenting a PIL. Recording a suit against the legislature would require issuing a notice to the respective officer department prior to two months before documenting.

Acknowledgement of PIL

The law does not imply that the assurance of the law must be accessible just to a lucky few or that the law should be permitted to be undermined by personal stakes. And that for securing and maintaining the present state of affairs under the pretense of a requirement of their personal and political rights. The poor too have civil and political rights and a law is implied for them likewise, however today it exists just on paper and is not true.

In this way the court was ready to recognize that it had an order to propel the privileges of the impeded and poor, however, this may be at the command of people or gatherings who themselves guaranteed no deprivation.

The origin of PIL precisely is tough

to mark but mostly cited that the defining moment was in 1978 when the Supreme Court took discernment of letters composed from jail by Charles Sobraj and Sunil Batra. The Supreme Court depicted a case that was not recorded or heard until 1980 as the main PIL, while S K Agrawala, in a composition of the legitimate qualities of PIL, expressed that it was Justice Bhagwati who gave the idea of PIL. The primary PIL that obviously satisfies the criteria later settled by the Supreme Court was a habeas corpus appeal to document by a backer on the premise of news reports in the Indian Express in mid 1979. Other comparable petitions were conceded, for instance when a letter composed by Sunil Batra, a detainee in Tihar imprisoned, grumbling for the benefit of another detainee was sent to a judge of the Supreme Court.

By the mid 1980's some High Courts had additionally started to concede petitions recorded under Article 226 of the Constitution, utilizing loose procedures. For the first run through since the origin of the Constitution, agent procedures, where the applicant is not the bothered individual or people, were permitted by the court. PIL rose as a class of petitions particular from habeas corpus. Petitions were documented as delegate activities by solicitors who might not particularly profit by the suit. At the same time, the standards deciding the path in which petitions were to be documented were relaxed. Those without the assets to document appropriate petitions were permitted, even supported, to compose letters or wires to the courts.

Judges of the Supreme Court and different High Courts started petitions suomoto, news sections were acknowledged as proof. There was an expansion in the quantity of class activity and issues, for example, delays in the documenting of petitions and res judicata were chosen in connection to PIL. Endeavors were made to give satisfactory legitimate portrayal, to encourage the arrangement of proof, and to designate commissions to

enquire into the certainties of cases. Inventive bearings were issued and the courts started to screen the execution of their own headings. PIL was proclaimed as an appeasing type of suit, and an open door for the Government to inspect the social and monetary qualifications due to the poor.

New cures were contrived as the courts granted pay, regarding PIL as a class of case isolate from that which as of now existed. Prior to the origin of PIL, standing had fortified the thought that the essential obligation of a court was to offer alleviation to people looking for cure or change for private wrongs. In 1981 the SC held that standing must be casual to meet the finishes of justice. Within the initial couple of years of PIL, standing was given to an immense range of applicants including writers, scholastics, legal counselors, subjects, and vast groups of individuals. The Court was mindful so as to recommend that lone real open intrigue disputants be permitted to approach the Court, and not intrusive gatecrashers or eavesdroppers, and not those bringing issues of no public significance get imported to the courts.

Despite the fact that the Constitution of India ensures level with rights to all nationals, independent of race, sexual orientation, religion, and different contemplations, and the "order standards of state strategy" as expressed in the Constitution commit the Government to give to all residents a base way of life, the guarantee has not been satisfied. The more prominent larger part of the Indian individuals has no affirmation of two meals at the end of a day, the wellbeing of business, protected and clean lodging, or such level of training as would make it feasible for them to comprehend their sacred rights and commitments. Indian daily papers possess large amounts of stories of the misuse - via landowners, plant proprietors, representatives, and the express' own functionaries, for example, police and income authorities - of ladies, villagers, kids, poor people, and the workers.

India's higher courts and, specifically,

the Supreme Court have regularly been delicate to the dismal social substances, and have ever so often offered help to the abused; the poor don't have the ability to speak for themselves or to exploit dynamic enactment. In 1982, the Supreme Court surrendered that abnormal measures were justified to empower individuals the full acknowledgment of not only their common and political rights, but rather the pleasure in financial, social, and social rights, and in its extensive choice on account of PUDR [People's Union for Democratic Rights] versus the Union of India, it perceived that an outsider could straightforwardly appeal, regardless of whether through a letter or different means, the Court for its interference in an issue where another party major rights were being damaged.

Public Interest Litigation is presently a set up legitimate component in the Supreme Court and the greater part of India's eighteen High Courts. Its importance has stretched out all through the nation. Petitions and court orders have tended to issues of significance for individuals from all strata of society, from each group and in every locale. It has expanded access to equity and has brought new issues onto the legal front. Unavoidably recommended rights have been illuminated and their ambit extended. For the specialist, PIL has given a method by which the operation of the legitimate framework can be investigated, and its impact on access to equity assessed, in this way encouraging the assessment of the suitability of PIL as a system to determine unfairness. It gives understanding to an essential issue of the human rights lobbyist, regardless of whether to advocate change or transformation.

The motive of PIL is widely achieved, but on the other hand also abused usages are in practice. It is very much needed to take control of that from the court as well as being responsible citizens of the nation, people should take this responsibility on their own that it should not be taken up for unreasonable issues or personal ones for benefitting themselves. ■

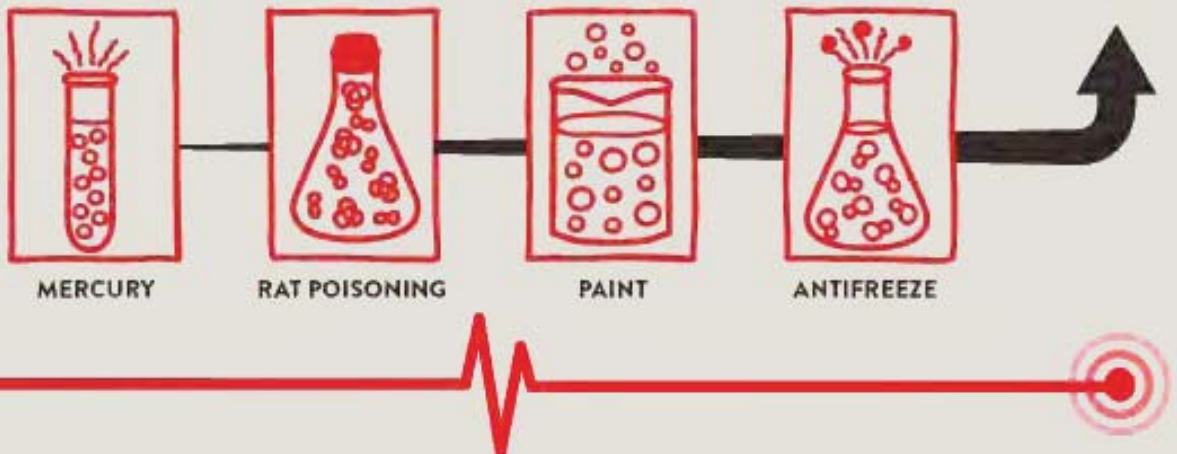
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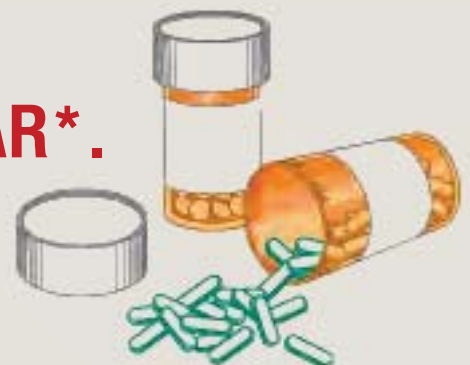
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PIL or Public Interest Litigation has an interesting and long history, since the first case up until now; it has served the judicial system of India in an honest way. Whether, Late P.N. Bhagwati, introducer of PIL or any current justice, the system of the petition has made them realize that a reform could be done through filing a case of the petition. As such, any victim or group of victims can now ask for justice from the Supreme Court of India. There have been many petitions filed till now in the High and Supreme Court of India and which have been discussed here to show the role of the judiciary, a division of governance. **Let's have a look at all such instances and try to understand each and every point.**

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL), implies a legal course started in a court of law for the implementation of public interest or general interest for which the public or class of the community/group have financial intrigue or some interest by which their legal rights or liabilities are influenced."

Public Interest Litigation expresses the reason for alienating the suffering of all those who have borne the get treated with insensitive treatment by fellow human being. Transparency in public life and justified judicial action is the correct response to check expanding menace of infringement of legal rights. The customary rule was that the right to move the Supreme Court is just accessible to those whose fundamental rights are encroached.

In India judicial activism was made achievable by PIL (Public Interest Litigation). It has in a way democratized the judicial procedure. Besides, the PIL has added to the ascent of a type of a judicial scrutiny of every governmental institution ranging from the environment, hospitals, prisons, condition, safety, security, privacy, and welfare etc.

Its credit goes to Justice P. N. Bhagwati who has made possible the trend of hearing on PILs even on a post card. Justice Bhagwati clearly expressed, "The Supreme Court has taken an expert dynamic approach throughout the last two years. Especially, having regards to the peculiar socio-economic conditions existing in the country. Hence, judicial activism is developed in every aspect of life, including social, political, economic, educational, religious, and so forth. Without a doubt, it has fortified the confidence of masses in the judiciary of the nation.

Until the 1980s, just those individuals who had been actually affected by the law could knock on the doors of the court. They needed to show the locus standi (or the standing required by law) that they have adequately been damaged by the law or the activity that they are trying in the official court of law, then only the case will be accepted and taken forward.

Be that as it may, in 1979, PN Bhagwati created history by accepting the petition of a practicing lawyer at Supreme Court of India, Pushpa Kapila Hingorani, to speak to 18 under trial prisoners (involving 6 ladies), who were being kept in inhumane conditions, in some cases for even longer than their normal sentence, while they awaited their trials. He went ahead to decide for the prisoners; eventually releasing 40,000 under trial prisoners across India.

This turned into the first Public Interest Litigation case ever. Justice Bhagwati extended the dimension of locus standi, which permitted any individual, institution or NGO (including the court itself *suomoto*) who could be allowed by the court if they could show the prosecution that the case was in the larger interest of this indefinable element called 'public'. Indeed, even today, you can file a petition without depending on the legal jargon — a simple letter addressed to the court can be taken as a PIL. Therefore, in *Bandhua Mukthi Morcha versus Union of India and Others* (1983), Justice Bhagwati acknowledged a post-card as a PIL.

A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) can be registered in any High Court or specifically in the Supreme Court. PIL is a right offered to the socially aware members or a public spirited NGO to uphold a public cause by looking for legal redressal of public injury.

Such damage may emerge from breach of public duty or because of an infringement of some provision of the Constitution. Public interest litigation is the tool by which public participation in the legal review of administrative action is guaranteed. It has the impact of making judicial procedure little more democratic.

No appeal including individual/personal issue should be engaged as a PIL matter aside from as indicated hereinafter. In United States of America, it is called as Social Interest Litigation.

Peoples Union for Democratic Rights vs Union of India (A.I.R.. 1982) The court now permits Public Interest Litigation at the course of "Public spirited citizens " for the implementation of constitutional & legal rights of any individual or group of people who on account of their socially or monetarily impeded position can't approach court for help.

Public interest litigation is a part of the procedure to participate in justice and by remaining in civil litigation that pattern must have a liberal reception at the judiciary's door steps.

Assemblage of rules to be noted for engaging letters/petitions received:

Letter-petitions falling under the accompanying classifications alone will usually be engaged as Public Interest Litigation:-

- (1) Bonded Labor issues.
- (2) Neglected Children/Youngsters.
- (3) Non- payment of minimal wages to workers and abuse of casual workers and grievances of infringement of labor Laws (with the exception in individual cases).
- (4) Petitions from prisoners griping of harassment and looking for release after finishing 14 years in prison, death in prison, transfer, release on personal security, fast trial as a fundamental right.
- (5) Petitions against police for declining to register a case, badgering by police and death in police custody.
- (6) Petitions against outrages on women, specifically, badgering of the bride, bride burning, rape, murder, kidnapping etc.
- (7) Petitions griping of badgering or torture of villagers by co-villagers or by police from people belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes and economically backward classes.
- (8) Petitions relating to environmental pollution, the unsettling influence of ecological balance, drugs, maintenance of heritage, food adulteration, and culture, antiques, forest and wild life and different issues of public significance.
- (9) Petitions from riot -victims.
- (10) Family Pension.



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All letter-petitions got in the PIL Cell will initially be screened in the Cell and only such petitions as are covered by above-mentioned categories will be placed before a Judge to be assigned by Hon'ble Chief Justice of India for directions after which the case will be registered before the concerned bench.

Cases falling under the accompanying categories won't be engaged as Public Interest Litigation and these might return to the applicants or registered in the PIL Cell, by and large:

- (1) Landlord-Tenant issues.
- (2) Service matter and those relating to Pension and Gratuity.
- (3) Objections against Central/ State Government Departments and Local Authorities except those relating to item Nos. (1) to (10) above.
- (4) Entrance to medical and other educational institution.
- (5) Petitions for the fast hearing of cases pending in High Courts and Subordinate Courts.

Public Interest Litigation is filling in as a critical instrument of social change. It is working for the welfare of each section of society. It's the weapon for everybody utilized just to get justice. The innovation of this judicial instrument demonstrated advantageous for creating a nation like India.

PIL has been utilized as a system to battle the outrages prevailing in society. It's an institutional activity towards the welfare of the deprived or penniless class of the society.

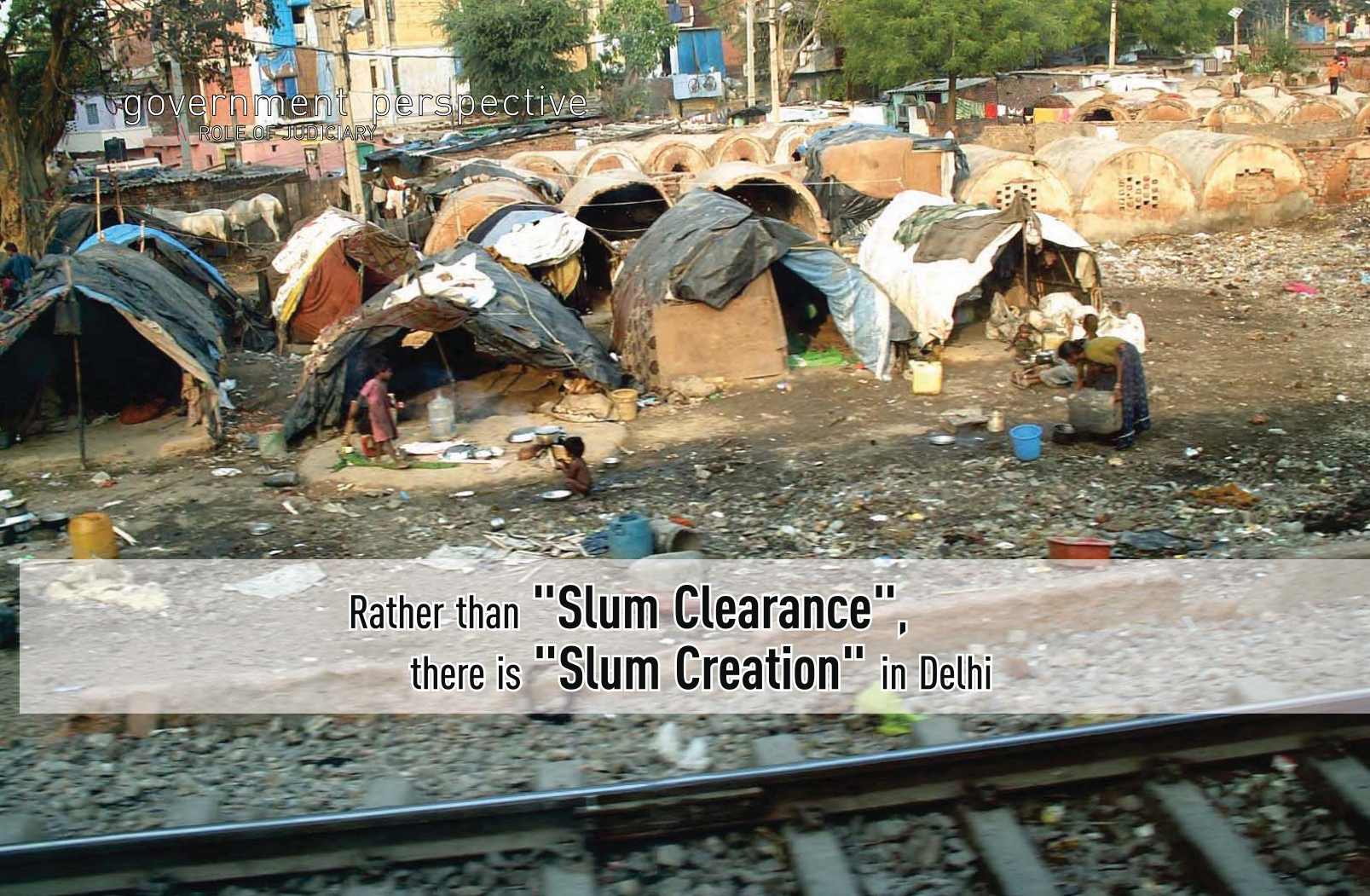
In the Judges Transfer Case - AIR 1982, SC 149: Court held Public Interest Litigation can be registered by any individual from public having adequate interest for public injury emerging from infringement of lawful rights to get judicial redress. This is completely vital for keeping up rule of law and quickening the balance between law and justice.

It is a settled law that when an individual approaches the court of justice in the activity of unprecedented jurisdiction, he should approach the court with clean hands as well as with clean personality, heart and with clear goals.

Shriram Food & Fertilizer case AIR (1986) 2 SCC 176 SC through Public Interest Litigation coordinated the Co. Manufacturing perilous and deadly chemical and gasses posturing risk to life and strength of laborers and to take all necessary safety steps before re-opening the plant.

DC Wadhwas State of Bihar AIR (1986), Supreme Court held that a petitioner, a teacher of political science who had done considerable research and profoundly intrigued by guaranteeing legal usage of the constitutional provisions, challenged the practice took after by the state of Bihar in proclaiming various laws without getting the approval of the legislature. The court held that the petitioner a member of the public has 'adequate interest' to keep up an appeal to under Article 32.

On account of **MC Mehta vs Union of India (1988) 1 SCC 471:** In a Public Interest Litigation brought against Ganga water



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pollution to keep any further contamination of Ganga water. Supreme Court held that petitioner in spite of the fact that not a riparian owner is qualified to move the court for the implementation of statutory provisions, as he is the individual inspired by ensuring the lives of the public who use Ganga water.

Parmanand Kataravs Union of India - AIR 1989, SC 2039: Supreme Court held in the Public Interest Litigation registered by a human right activist battling for general public interest that it is a foremost commitment of each individual from medicinal profession to give medical aid to each injured person as quickly as time permits without waiting for any procedural conventions.

Council for Environment Legal Action vs Union of India - (1996)5 SCC281: Public Interest Litigation registered by a registered voluntary organization in regards to financial debasement in the coastal area. Supreme Court issued proper orders and directions for upholding the laws to protect nature.

A report entitled "**Treat Prisoners Equally HC**" distributed in THE TRIBUNE, Aug 23 Punjab and Haryana High Court subdue the provisions of prison manual partitioning prisoners into A, B and C classes in the wake of holding that there can't be any order of convicts on the premise of their social status, education or habit of living. This is a noteworthy decision given by High Court by announcing 576-A section of the manual to be "Unconstitutional".

State vs Union of India - AIR 1996 Cal 181 at 218: Public Interest Litigation is a key arm of the legal aid movement which

planned to bring justice. Rule of Law does not imply that the Protection of the law must be accessible just to a blessed few or that the law ought to be permitted to be mishandled and abused by the personal interest.

In a current decision of Supreme Court on "**GROWTH OF SLUMS**" in Delhi through Public Interest Litigation started by lawyers, BL Wadhwa and Almitra Patel Court held that large area of public land by this population living in the slum area. Departments regardless of being giving a burrow on the slum clearance, it has been discovered that more slums are appearing.

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Shreya Singhal versus Union of India - The Milestone Sec. 66A Case: In suppress Area 66A, in ShreyaSinghal, the Supreme Court has not just given once a fresh lease of life to free discourse in India, however, has likewise played out its part as a protected court for Indians.

The Court has given the jurisprudence of free speech with an upgraded and uncommon clarity. Different provisions of IPC and Areas 66B and 67C of the IT Act are adequate to manage every one of these crimes and it is incorrect to state that Segment 66A has offered to ascend to new types of crimes. ▶

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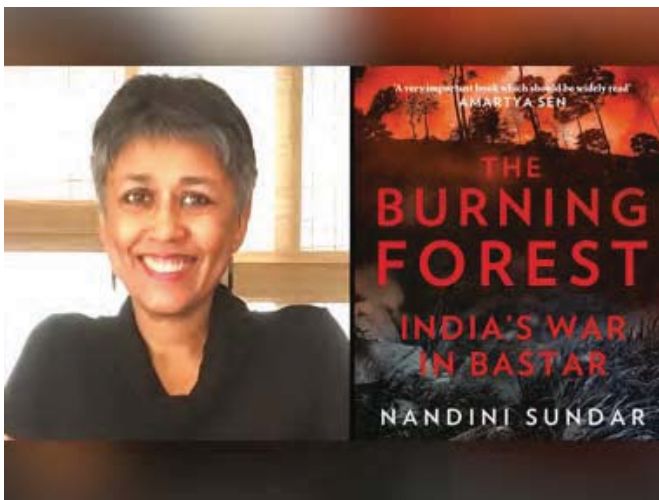
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INTERVIEW



Public Interest Litigation has been proved to be very helpful to the oppressed section of society. It enables an individual to directly come in contact with the judiciary system and the best part is the charges are very modest for this. Of course before filing a PIL, one need to know about this, which issue falls in this category, where one has to go for filing, what documents needed and so on. There are several aspects which common people are not much aware of. Here, with the help of excerpts from the interview of personalities being the expert of the PIL system, the topic nuisances are discussed. This gives another way to think for common people, who don't go in details in general and mostly unable to see the larger picture. With the readings about the topic gives not only detailed information but an insight to social and legal aspects, both.



Nandini Sundar
A Sociology Professor
at Delhi University

Nandini Sundar is a professor of sociology at the Delhi School of Economics. A book, the 'Burning Forest: India's war in Bastar' is written by her. An interview with Karan Thapar regarding this book has been taken to cite sections from the interview regarding the PIL.



Q Could you tell us about your PhD research and the themes it touched upon?

My PhD research was on the history of rebellions against colonial land and forest policy in Bastar. This was later published as a book, *Subalterns, and Sovereigns*, in 1997.

Q Did your research have anything to do with you filing the SalwaJudum PIL?

I would say: Yes, it did. For me, Bastar is a place to which I have been a regular visitor for the last 20 years. It's like home to me. I consider several people like my family there. Though I went to Gujarat in 2002 and witnessed it in a horrible condition, Bastar held a personal relevance for me. On the point of the work and research that went into filing the PIL, I would agree that my PhD research aided me a lot in terms of familiarity with the area, knowing the local people etc. However, I had to observe, understand and learn the area from a whole new dimension this time.

Q Can you tell us about the PIL? How did the idea come about? How was the PIL planned and how did you all come together? Also, which lawyers did you approach?

I went with the PUDR-PUCL team in November 2005 for the first fact-finding exercise. Then, we carried out the second fact finding exercise with the Independent Citizens' Initiative which involved BG Verghese, RamachandraGuha, EAS Sarma, Harivansh



and Farah Naqvi. The PIL was essentially the product of the second fact finding. In May 2006, RamachandraGuha and EAS Sarma agreed on the PIL. May 17 was the day of our first hearing. Mr. Andhyarujina argued and the court issued the notice but without giving any deadline. That was the first time that any State- body acknowledged the occurrences of violations. In March 2008 they asked the NHRC to inquire into it. The NHRC inquiry was conducted in the summer of 2008 and the resultant report was somehow an attempt to white-wash the happenings. They sent a team of 16 policemen. It was evident that NHRC was acting at the Home Ministry's behest, from the fact that they leaked the report.



However, the 2011 judgment delivered pretty much all that we wanted except the monitoring committee; the absence of which obstructed the implementation of the directions touched upon by the judgement.

Q The Judgment has brought to the fore one core Preamble value, which was lying dormant in our Constitutional discourse – the value of fraternity. While liberty and equality are oft-discussed themes and consistent aids in constitutional interpretation, the judgment has probably for the first time used fraternity as a value and linked it to fundamental rights and directive principles. Your thoughts?

The glory of the judgment can entirely be accrued to Justice Sudershan Reddy and Justice S.S. Nijjar (more so by Justice Reddy). In fact, he didn't use much of our petition, because it was mainly based on human rights violation, field-work, etc. but he focused on Constitutional aspects of equality, fraternity and the whole of the preamble. Also, he had done a lot of his own research on the causes of Naxalism and its background. Moreover, he comes from Andhra Pradesh and that's why he had a good sense of what the issue regarding the Maoist activities actually was. I would say that the judgment was an embodiment of his constitutional ideas. It is also reflected in



the 'Black Money' judgment which was pronounced at the same time.

Q Is there any other litigation you are part of? Are there any more PILs you are planning to file in the near future?

Yes, I am part of another case dealing with copyright law in the DU Photocopying Case as a part of SPEAK, an association of teachers and Scholars”

defending the right to photocopy but I am not actively involved in it and have not done any work for it.

Views of AnujBhuwania, a lawyer and an anthropologist, in his book courting 'the People': The Rise of Public Interest Litigation in Post-Emergency India

In his book, the PIL has been described in detail and its excerpts are very interesting to read. While he explains how the Indian higher judiciary has gained a critical role in India's public dialogue in the most recent couple of decades? The Supreme Court and the state High Courts have developed as colossally effective legal foundations in the fallout of the Internal Emergency of 1975-77. The key means through which these legal forces have been assembled and instituted is the jurisdiction of Public Interest Litigation (PIL).

It demonstrates how PIL awards the courts immense adaptability in method, enabling them to move themselves into places of presumptuous specialist. It concentrates on the most



serious laboratory of PIL lately, the city of Delhi, and frontal areas the part that PIL has played in the radical reconfiguration of the city in the 21st century. While PIL cases are generally politically investigated exclusively as far as their belongings, regardless of whether gainful or terrible, this book finds the political difficulties that PIL postures in its exceptionally procedure: contending that it's in a general sense mutable nature originates from its mimicry of thoughts of famous equity.

Q How do you think PIL has come to the rescue of the public?

The city was being remade by means of PILs. Indeed, Delhi had already been transformed significantly because of PIL cases over the past decade. Every aspect of Delhi's transport – for example, auto rickshaws, cars, buses, cycle rickshaws – had been reconfigured because of PIL. Urban heritage was another arena of PIL's regular intervention: in November 2006, I was a witness to a well-connected lawyer specializing in heritage conservation cases threatening a local government official with the words "Main toh bas PIL thokdoongi (I will just slap a PIL on you)." Later, in December 2007, I heard an environmental scientist heading a new biodiversity park express the worry that the foreign species he had planted would be challenged by a PIL (This actually did happen, a year later.)

Q Do PIL is strengthening the judiciary system?

PIL procedure had enabled the court to monitor and

micromanage every aspect of the city's governance, making the whole city the direct object of its reformative attention. The all-encompassing nature of the court's control over the city through PIL was slowly brought home to me as I began to follow the leads thrown up by newspaper headlines. In 2006, for instance, I was struck by the headline 'Supreme Court chides Delhi government for power muddle'. The story turned out to involve a PIL about the lack of access to adequate electricity in the capital city that had been admitted in 1999 by the Supreme Court at the instance of a senior advocate.

The case came to be legally titled Power Crisis in National Capital Territory of Delhi vs Union of India. The senior advocate in question was made the amicus curiae, meaning 'friend of the court'. The court went on to supervise the privatisation of electricity in Delhi from 1999 onwards. By 2003, when privatisation was complete, the PIL came to focus on transmission and distribution losses attributed to power theft. By 2006, this particular PIL's remit had turned to inadequate power supply in Delhi and the court heard big power-generating companies talk about setting up 1,000 megawatt gas-based power plants. In May 2006, the judges in this case reportedly expressed the worry that if the power situation in the capital did not improve, "how will we organize the Commonwealth Games in the year 2010 here?" More than four years before the scheduled games, the PIL court's worry about the availability of electricity in Delhi was expressed through anxiety about the high-profile event. ▶

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PIL – Foundations laid Just after Independence

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION or PIL is used as litigation for protecting public interest. It is litigation presented in a court of law, not by the distressed party but rather by the court itself or by some other private party. It is not necessary, for the exercise of the court's jurisdiction, that the person who is the victim of the violation of his or her right should personally approach the court. Public interest litigation is the power given to the public by courts through judicial activism.

Subsequent to achieving independence from the Britishers on August 15, 1947, the citizens of India received a Constitution in November 1949 with the hope of setting up a "sovereign socialist secular democratic republic". Among others, the Constitution means to secure every one of its resident's equity (social, financial and political), liberty (of thought, expression, belief, faith, and worship) and equality (of status and of opportunity). These points were not just optimistic. The founders needed to build an India with no divisions of caste, creed, religion and sex, wherein everybody had equal rights and opportunities. They needed to form India into a flawless libertarian culture where all fundamental rights were secured, free from exploitation and oppression.

The primary tools utilized to accomplish such social change were the necessities on fundamental rights (FRs) and the directive principles of state policy (DPSPs), which Austin portrayed as the



"conscience of the Constitution". With a specific end goal to guarantee that FRs did not stay empty declarations, the founders made different provisions in the Constitution to build an autonomous judiciary.

The provisions associated with FRs, DPSPs and independent judiciary together gave a strong constitutional foundation for the rise of PIL in India. The founders visualized "the judiciary as a bastion of rights and justice". An independent judiciary equipped with the power of legal review was envisaged to be used as the constitutional device needed to accomplish this goal. The power to authorize the FRs was presented to both the Supreme Court and the High Courts; the courts that have engaged all the PIL cases. The judiciary can test not just the legitimacy of laws and excessive action but also the provisions of constitutional revisions. It has the last say on the elucidation of the Constitution and its orders, upheld with the power to rebuff for

contempt and can reach everybody throughout the length and breadth of the nation. Since its conception, the Supreme Court has conveyed judgments of extensive significance including adjudication of disputes as well as assurance of public policies and establishment of rule of law and constitutionalism.

Article 21 ended up being the most fruitful provision in the

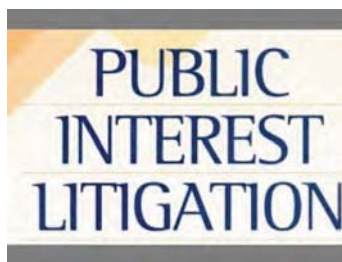
development of new Fundamental Rights. "Life" in this article has been deciphered to mean more than simple physical presence; it "includes right to live with human dignity and all that goes along with it". Consistently broadening the horizon of Article 21 is outlined by the way that the Court has perused into it, inter alia, the right to health, livelihood, unpolluted environment, clean drinking water, shelter, privacy, legal aid, and different privileges of under-trials, convicts and prisoners. It is imperative to take note of the fact that in a majority of cases the judiciary relied upon DPSP (Directive Principles of State Policy) for such augmentation. The judiciary has likewise summoned Article 21 to give directions to the government on issues influencing lives of the general public, or to negate state activities, or to give pay for infringement of Fundamental Rights. ▀

Power of PIL Revealed



POWER OF PUBLIC Interest Litigation is beyond expectations. PIL is a tool to bring a judicial reformation and thus act as a protection tool against all evils that post a threat to the society. In these years, we have seen how PIL has been used for the betterment of public and achieving a positive legal result for their legal purposes. Appeal of PIL is open for every sarcastic activity that could torture a group of people. Thus, the nature of Public Litigation Interest is revealed and now can be registered through several means, even on postcards. Power of PIL is a healthy article of the judiciary, but it should be used in favor of the minor or the petitioner. The legal intolerance can be removed with the PIL and bring a ray of hope in the society. Let, see several examples where Public Litigation Interest has shown its strength.

The Supreme Court decision on Tuesday that struck down Sec 66A of the IT Act regarding it unlawful is a gigantic triumph for advocates of free speech. Yet, this is not by any means the only situation where a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has changed the law in India.



The Beginning

Justice PN Bhagwati imbued new life into the PIL movement. In the case of *SP Gupta v. Union of India*, Bhagwati understood that the judiciary was serving more well-off sections of society. Poor people and social organizations in India couldn't manage the cost of a legal advisor.

So how could ordinary individuals, so expelled from the corridors of power, achieve the highest court in the country?

Bhagwati brought the Postcard upheaval. People could now send in their petitions on a postcard, and the court would act it. Through this activity, the PIL turned into a strong weapon for the majority. Any native of India or any consumer group or social action groups could now approach the Supreme Court looking for a legal remedy in situations where public interest was in question.

Here are some PILs that changed the course of life in our nation; empowering the common man.

The NOTA Decision

The judgment that offered voters the right not to pick any political service, depended on a PIL registered by an NGO, People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL). PUCL had asked that voters be given the right to negative voting.



Restriction on Sale of Acid



Supreme Court's turn to ban over-the-counter sale of acid at retail outlets was likewise the aftereffect of a PIL. The court ordered state governments to pay a compensation of Rs three lakh each to every acid attack casualty. The appeal was documented by acid attack victim Laxmi in 2013.

The Jailed Can't Fight Elections

Supreme Court's historical judgment that the jailed can't contest Parliamentary or Assembly elections was the aftereffect of a PIL. It was registered by advocate Lily Thomas and was contended by veteran constitutionalist FaliNariman. A two-member bench of the Supreme Court pronounced Section 8(4) of the People Act (RPA) illegal.

The Inadequate, but Powerful Impact of Section 377

The 2009 Delhi Court judgment upsetting section 377 and decriminalizing gay sex was a historical success on a PIL registered by Laxmi Narayan Tripathi aka Laxmi. Be that as it may, it was fixed by the Supreme Court in 2013.

Vishaka Rules



In September 1992, Bhawanri Devi, a village level worker with an NGO, was assaulted for trying to stop a child marriage in Bateria, Rajasthan. The five suspects in the case were vindicated by the trial court. Enraged by this Vishaka and different NGOs moved to Supreme Court against the State of Rajasthan and Union of India looking for measures to stop sexual harassment of ladies at a workplace. In September 1997, the Supreme Court in a historical judgment known as Vishakha Verdict set out the meaning of sexual harassment and the measures to ensure ladies in the workplace.

The urban fabric appeared to be torn by PIL cases mediating in practically all aspects of the administration. The courts gave the impression of ruling the city through the instrument of PIL. Newspaper headlines routinely cited explanations by the Delhi high court threatening to close down the municipal corporation of Delhi (MCD): 'Stop farmhouse weddings or we will close MCD: HC' or 'Catch monkeys or close down, HC tells MCD'. Slums labeled "infringements" were being annihilated everywhere throughout the city under court orders, the episodes revealed with savor by new periodicals like Neighborhood Flashland nearby sub-city supplements, for example, South Delhi Live that had started to come packaged with daily newspapers like the Hindustan Times. The city news turned into the site of both the demand and supply of the courts' decision. Any political interference against any of this – or even the intention of the interference – would be proclaimed 'populist'. In those days, if one followed the city news at all, PIL was inescapable. The legal correspondent for a daily newspaper who detailed from the Delhi high court later portrayed the period in this way: "It would have seven bylines in the initial six pages. The government used to work with disdain of court hanging over it." There were PILs pending, identified with such huge numbers of parts of the city's administration that newspapers would occasionally convey arbitrary arrangements of such cases – the case points in one such rundown included simian inconvenience, stray danger, urinals, no-stopping zone, tinted glasses, save the Yamuna, nursery confirmations, Blueline buses, activity fines, MCD destructions, plastic boycott, India Gate subways, free beds in hospitals, free seats in schools and illicit liquor – these were simply in the Delhi high court and this was in no way, shape or form a comprehensive rundown.

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control over the city through PIL was gradually conveyed home to me as it took after the leads thrown up by newspaper features. In 2006, for example, 'Supreme Court criticized Delhi government for power muddle'. The story ended up involving a PIL about the lack of access to satisfactory power in the capital city that had been conceded in 1999 by the Supreme Court at the example of a senior advocate.

The case came to be legally titled Power Emergency in National Capital Region of Delhi versus Union of India. The senior advocate being referred to was made the amicus curiae, signifying 'friend of the court'. The court went ahead to manage the privatization of power in Delhi from 1999 onwards. By 2003, when privatization was finished, the PIL came to concentrate on transmission and distribution losses credited to power theft. By 2006, this specific PIL's dispatch had swung to lacking force supply in Delhi and the court heard enormous power-producing organizations discuss setting up 1,000-megawatt gas-based power plants. In May 2006, the judges for this situation apparently expressed the worry that if the power supply in the capital did not enhance, "by what means will we organize the Commonwealth Games in the year 2010 here?" Over four years previously the booked diversions, the PIL court's stress over the accessibility of power in Delhi was communicated through nervousness about the prominent occasion. The court's fury for this situation all through this period was especially energized by power theft in unauthorized colonies – unapproved states and particularly slum clusters. While apparently, the court's worry was the city, all in all, it was these groups that had developed as the most obvious images of illicitness in its eyes. It was this prominence that it wished to eradicate.

The qualitatively changed the nature of the relationship between the court and the city's heterogeneous public in this period by talking about three revealing vignettes from three PIL procedures. The first was in March 2007 amid the hearing of a case in which a two-judge bench of the Supreme Court was supervising the definition of the municipal corporation of Delhi's draft scheme for grant of tehbazaar (distributing rights) to road vendors in Delhi. The case was SudhirMadan versus MCD. The MCD scheme had conceived a procedure that would require first distinguishing destinations in the city where selling could be done, at that point welcoming applications from intrigued qualified individuals and after that giving such rights. Amid the day-long hearing, an option was recommended to the MCD scheme by one of the sellers' organizations. They proposed rather that initial an evaluation be directed for the current street vendors in the city and in view of that ground-level mapping, vending rights be formalized at the officially existing sites. The judges were furious at such a proposal. If such a proposal was acknowledged, Justice B.P. Singh interrupted and told Delhi would be renamed 'Hawker Nagar' ('hawker city'). There would soon be vendors offering sustenance in the Supreme Court building.

The second vignette is from a hearing before a two-judge bench of the Delhi high court in 2009, where a PIL against begging in the city of Delhi was being heard. The directing

judge, Sanjay KishanKaul, was especially agitated about the increase of beggars in Delhi. He was particularly worried about having gone over hobos even while being chauffeured around the India Gate roundabouts, the core of the imperial capital. In the event that the circumstance stayed unaltered, he stated, the day was not far when there would be poor people in the high court building itself. The bench went ahead to active implementation of 18 'zero tolerance zones' for hobos in Delhi, including street convergences close New Delhi's court complexes and additionally all railway stations and bus terminals in the city.

The last vignette is from a hearing in a PIL about traffic jams in Delhi in 2006, which was described in a meeting by one of the legal counselors for this case. As a part of this PIL, the high court had requested the expulsion of Nangla Machi, which abutted an arterial road in central Delhi and was allegedly causing traffic jams. At the point when contentions were raised by a legal advisor for the ghetto tenants out of a



court hearing, Justice Vijender Jain brought up that right now, the ghetto concerned was less than two kilometers from the high court. If moves were not made instantly, he stated, the slum dwellers would soon attack the court premises itself and squat there.

A specter was torturing the court. The apparition of the uncontrollable masses of the city – street vendors, beggars and slum dwellers would be attacking its immaculate environment. These were correctly the unwashed masses that PIL had initially welcomed into the court. Be that as it may, now, PIL appeared to have embraced a way where it needed to eat up its own.

Political analysts Nivedita Menon and Aditya Nigam called the fantasy of 'Delhi-en-route- to-Paris' being played out in the city around 2006, the aftereffect of a 'judicial coup d'etat':

Pushed by a judiciary with no responsibility and a media that is profoundly ensnared in this new game, there has risen a technocratic elite which wants hypermodern urban areas purified of all the "chaos" and 'irrationality' that accompanies majority rules system and the public. ▀

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BEFORE GETTING TO the impact and the conclusive aspect of PIL, let's see once how well or badly is it getting executed in our society, as well as making it a handful tool to the commoners. Public interest litigation (PIL) plays a vital role for all the people irrespective of who they are and from where they come. If we talk about the civil justice system then surely it offers chances to obtain those objectives which one could hardly think of achieving through conventional Private litigation. PIL offers a connecting ladder between justice and deprived sections of society give a route to uplift diffused or aggregate rights and empower common society to spread mindfulness about human rights as well as enable them to partake in government leadership. PIL could likewise add to great governance by keeping the administration responsible.

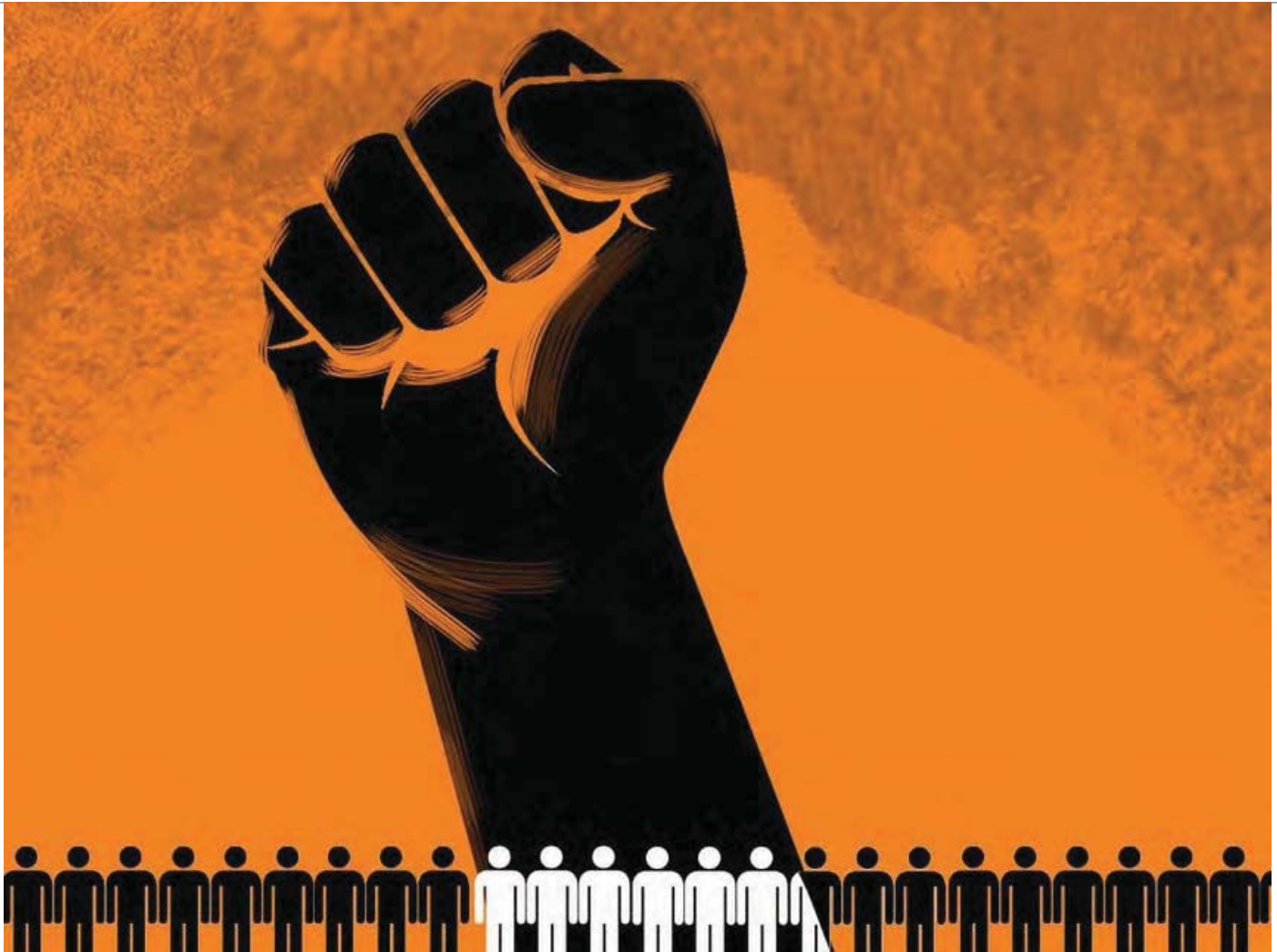
PIL strengthening common people

As the positive commitments of PIL in India are outstanding and all around reported, just a portion of the primary commitments is well known amongst people. The most critical commitment of PIL has been to bring courts nearer to the underprivileged areas of society, for example, detainees, down and out, kids or fortified workers, ladies, and scheduled tribes/ castes. By taking up the issues influencing these individuals, PIL genuinely turned into a way out to carry social revolution through legal means, something that the establishing founders had dreamed of to achieve through this.

A similarly imperative aspect of PIL is in extending the law of basic (human) rights in India. As noted sometime

recently, DPs are not under justice objective, but the courts have taken into account some of these standards into the FRS. And through this way, the court proceeded by making different financial rights as critical as in form of political and civil rights. This brought about the legitimate acknowledgment of rights as vital to instruction, well-being, business, contamination free condition, protection and expedient trial.

As we have seen some time recently, in the second stage, the PIL turned into an implementation to advance law practices, request reasonability and transparency, strangle corruption in an organization, and improve the general responsibility of the administrative offices. The fundamental support for these open requests and the legal mediation was to reinforce



constitutionalism—a consistent need of the society to hold government controls under check.

Through PIL, judiciary system likewise activated administrative changes and filled in administrative holes in diversified ranges. Just to outline, the Supreme Court in the Vishaka case set down detailed rules and guidelines on sexual harassment at the working place. To what level these rules have been fruitful in accomplishing the expected results and whether courts were legitimized in acting like a council are disputable focuses. Such rules, which were absolutely in accordance with the order of the Indian Constitution and in addition to the different universal conventions approved by the Indian government, encouraged in upgrading affectability to these issues.

The Indian system of the judiciary, with aid of PIL, has helped in smoothening off some disputable talks, policies, and questions on which the general public was parted. The examples we can take up such as the reservation of seats for SCs/STs, in work or for admission in organizations, the government arrangements of progression and privatization, and the challenged stature of the Narmada dam as cases of this sort of commitment. On a hypothetical level, PIL has helped the Indian legal system to increase open certainty and build up authenticity in the general public. The part of a free legal framework in a majority rules system is obviously imperative. Yet, given that judges are not chosen by the public nor are they responsible to common people or their elected

representatives. Along these baselines, it concludes for the justice system for people to be not just self-directed and independent, yet in addition to that in contact with realities of society.

One positive commitment of PIL in India, which has stretched out outside the Indian domain, merits an exceptional referring. The Indian PIL law has additionally added to the trans-legal impact—particularly in South Asia—in the courts in Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Nepal have referred to Indian PIL cases to build up their own PIL jurisprudence. In a couple of cases, even Hong Kong courts have referred to Indian PIL cases, specifically cases managing with ecological issues. Given that the common society that is following the improvement of PIL in China knows about the Indian PIL. It is

expected that Indian PIL cases may even be cited in the Chinese courts someday in future.

It must be noticed that this trans-legal impact is a case of a second level trans-legal impact, the principal level being Indian courts depending on the US legal choices to set up the PIL statute in the 1970s. Before-wards, what we saw is the first level trans-legal impact in that custom-based law courts of previous provinces, (for example, India and Hong Kong) refer to and depend intensely on the judgments of the US and UK courts. The second level trans-legal impact is an appreciated expansion as in it may help in encouraging learning discoursed (not one-path impact) among courts.

Transparent and Fair System needed in PIL

One may wonder as to whether the undesirable side of PIL is so noticeable, why has something not been done about this by the administration or the judiciary? An effort to control the abuse of the PIL was made, however not entirely with respect to the Government, in 1996 when a private member Bill was presented in the Rajya Sabha, the Upper House of the Indian Parliament. The Public Interest Litigation Bill had recommended that petitioner heading playful PIL cases ought to be "put in a Judiciary custody and pay the harms" for wasting the time of court and judges. However, the Bill, could not get the help of all political gathering. As the Bill did not pass, this effort to control the abuse of PIL had not succeeded.

The justice system is also very much aware of the issues related to PIL misuse and has reacted to the weaker side of PIL in two different ways. To start with, the Indian Supreme Court and in addition High Courts have started to send solid messages on a case-to-case basis at whatever point they saw that the procedure of PIL was being abused. At times, the courts have gone to the degree of forcing a fine on offended parties who manhandled the



Sheela Barse vs State of Maharashtra (February 15, 1983):

This was a historic judgment that dealt with the issue of custodial violence against women in prisons. This resulted in an order facilitating separate police lockups for women convicts in order to shield them from further trauma and brutality.

legal process. On a couple of events, the Supreme Court also communicated its disappointment on how the High Courts have conceded PIL cases.

The second, and a more precise, stride that the Supreme Court has taken was to assemble an arrangement of "Guidelines to be followed for Entertaining Letters/Petitions Received by it as PIL". The Guidelines, based on the full-court choice of December 1, 1988, have been changed on the requests/directives of the Chief Justice of India in 1993 and 2003. The Rules give that normally letter/petitions falling under one of the following 10 classes will be taken up as PIL:

- Concern of minimum wages;
- Complaining of harassment in jail, death in jail, speedy trial as a fundamental right, etc.;
- Petitions against police for not registering a case, harassment by police and death in police custody;
- Family pensions
- Harassment or torture of people coming from scheduled caste and scheduled tribes;
- Environmental pollution, disturbance of ecological balance, use of drugs, food adulteration cases, non-maintenance of heritage and culture, antiques, damage to forest and wildlife
- Union labor matters;
- Riot-victims; and
- Neglected or abandoned children;
- For atrocities on women, as harassment of the bride, bride-burning,

rape of women, murder, kidnapping, etc.

PIL has a significant part to play in the civil judiciary system, as by becoming easy access connectivity between the justice system and common people, some of who may not even be very much educated about their rights. Besides, it gives a road to implementing diffused rights for which possibly it is hard to recognize an abused individual or where distressed people have no way to get inside the courts with their issues.

PIL could likewise add to great administration by keeping the government responsible. To wrap things up, PIL empowers common society to play a dynamic part in spreading social mindfulness about human rights, in giving voice to the underestimated areas of society, and in permitting their investment in government basic leadership. Courts should not utilize PIL as a gadget to run the nation on an everyday premise or enter the real space of the official and governing body.

The best way, in this regard, for India is to strike an adjustment in taking up authentic PIL cases and debilitating playful ones. One approach to accomplish this goal could be to limit PIL essentially to those situations where access to equity is undermined by some sort of underprivileged condition. The other helpful objective could be to offer monetary disincentives to the individuals who are found to utilize PIL for ulterior purposes. ▀

Involvement of Supreme Court



IN INDIA, THE Supreme Court took the lead by enabling volunteers like social activists to ask for the interests of the poor in legal procedures by expanding the doctrine of the locus standi in filing the appeal to and making epistolary jurisdiction that empowered to treat a letter composed for a distraught individual as a petition and examine the merits of the grievances.

In India legal activism was made conceivable by PIL (Public Interest Litigation). It has in a way democratized the legal procedure. Besides, the PIL has added to the ascent of a type of a judicial scrutiny of every last governmental institution going from hospitals, manufacturing units covering issues of health, prisons, safety, security, environment, and welfare and so forth.

Its credit goes to the justice P. N. Bhagwati who has presented the trend of hearing on PIL even on a post card. Justice Bhagwati clearly expressed, "The supreme court has adopted an expert dynamic approach throughout the previous two years. Especially, having respects to the socio-economic

conditions prevailing in the nation'. Accordingly, legal activism is created in every aspect of life, including social, economic, political, religious, and educational and so forth. Without a doubt, it has fortified the confidence of masses in the judicial system of the nation.

What are its objectives?

PIL is used to defend the Public Interest, Intrigue, Human Rights and to ensure Constitutional and Legal rights of the distraught and weaker section of the society. (For e.g. environmental, labor and prisoners etc.)

PIL is used to guarantee and is recognition of the provisions of the constitution and different laws. It is basically a cooperative effort with respect to the applicant, the state, public authority and the court to secure recognition of the constitutional or legal rights, benefits, and privileges presented upon the weaker area of the society.