

## SYNOPSIS !!

The Petitioner is constrained to move this Hon'ble Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking appropriate writ/direction to the Respondents, for formulating guidelines to protect the health and ensure additional compensation, for policemen – who are on traffic duty. As the matter pertains to the state of West Bengal as such the present Petition is being filed before this Hon'ble Court.

The present Public Interest Litigation (hereinafter 'PIL') relates to the, health hazards which, the policemen on traffic duty stand exposed to, for the factors of – air pollution, noise pollution and heat.

Studies carried out by experts of medical profession, like – MS. Ramaiah Hospital Bangalore, E.C. Vinay Kumar – Head of ENT. Apollo and Secretary - Society To Aid The Hearing Impaired Hyderabad, Dr. S.P. Rai of Pulmonary Medicine Department at Seven Hills Hospital Mumbai, Department of Environmental Toxicology of Institute of

Genetics under Osmania University, Dr. Pawan Kumar – Heart Surgeon, from Nanavati Hospital Mumbai, Desun Hospital Kolkata and Dr. Twisha Lahiri of Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute Kolkata - reveal that, the Traffic Policemen are of the, highest risk category which stand exposed to the perils of uncontrolled pollution. The following diseases are particularly of high prevalence among the traffic cops – osteopenia, osteoporosis, loss of hearing, respiratory disease, heart disease, cancer, musculoskeletal and neurological disorders, pneumonia, bronchitis and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Tests carried out in various cities in India, reveal that nearly (50%) of policemen on traffic duty are exposed to some of the above diseases. Kolkata being one of the benchmarked cities for high pollution levels, cannot be an exception. Hence the need of an effective mechanism, both to control and compensate the cops on traffic duty.

The petitioner most respectfully and humbly prays before this Hon'ble Court to issue appropriate writ(s)

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direction(s) towards ensuring that the health hazards to which policemen on traffic duty stand exposed to are thoroughly enquired into and measures adopted both to control and compensate them for the perils of such hazardous profession.

The above grounds and prayers are among multiple others, as further enumerated further in the petition.