

Q What is a PIL? What are its advantages and dis-advantages?

→ • Public Interest Litigation (PIL) or Social interest litigation (SIL) as per mentioned in article 32 of Indian Constitution.

• Through PIL, one can file case or writs in a very convenient and cheaper way for eg; By writing an article in newspaper or even by sending a post card eg; Shri Rustom ji article was presented by senior advocate Hingorani, which was said to be start of PIL in India.

- Cases where PIL achievements are;

- Conservation of Taj Mahal, 1993
- Fodder Scam 1996 etc.

Following are some Advantages of PIL;

• Advantages of PIL

- It ensure equal justice and free legal aid
- Convenient and cheaper way
- Increases the judicial activism
- Relaxation from a long & hectic process

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Though PIL have many advantages, it have disadvantages too;

Disadvantages of PIL

- It overburden the already burdened judiciary
- It increase outforming of judiciary
- Politicizing now-a-days
- Increase anxiety of court
- Public to private interest blackmailing

Way forward

- Verify the Credentials of the applicant.
- Can limit the number of PIL on monthly or yearly basis
- Should punish in case of wrong PIL case.
- Should maintain transparency

Excellent!