

Harassment of honest police personnel by politicians



Comments 0



Gaurav Tyagi 7 August 2017 Updated 7 Aug 7975 views

The Police Act of 1861 made by the English, when [India](#) was a British colony still guides the Indian Police system. This results in politicians twisting the arms of the police to act in their favor.

AIADMK secretary and convict Sasikala has been accused of bribing the Director General of Prisons (DGP) of Karnataka province on 12th July.

The Deputy Inspector of Prisons (DIG) Miss Roopa Moudgil mentioned in her report to the [Home](#) department;

“Sasikala has given Rs. 1 Crore bribe to DGP and another Rs. 1 Crore was distributed among officials, including warden of the Central Jail, where she is serving 4 year sentence in an illegal wealth case for allowing her special privileges”

Days after submitting her statement regarding this blatantly corrupt act, Roopa got transferred to the Traffic Department.

Karnataka province in [India](#) is governed by the [Congress](#) Party.

In another case, a woman police officer, Miss Shrestha Thakur posted at Syana circle in Bulandshahar district, U.P. province was transferred because of her altercation with local BJP members.

She fined a BJP politician for riding a motorcycle without any [vehicle](#) registration [documents](#) and number plate besides not wearing a helmet on 22nd June.

The amount of fine was Rs.200 instead of accepting his mistake and paying the fine, this politician made it a prestige issue. He called up his party [workers](#) to create a ruckus.

These ruffians initiated a needless argument with this Police Officer as to why their [leader](#) should be fined for a traffic violation.

Shrestha Thakur rightly stood her ground and told these hooligan political [workers](#) to get a written order from the Chief Minister of U.P specifying that BJP politicians should be exempted from Police checking.

She sent five BJP [leaders](#) to jail for creating obstacles and preventing a government official from performing her assigned duties.

The province of U.P is governed by BJP. The local BJP politicians approached the Chief Minister of the [state](#). The result of the meeting was that this woman officer got her marching orders to another town.

She was transferred from her original posting to a remote location, Bahraich near the Nepal border.

BJP's politicians are very happy at this decision. The party's city president stated that Miss Thakur's transfer was essential to maintain the pride of party [workers](#) and [leaders](#).

University students in [India](#) spend years preparing for competitive exams to join Indian Police services. Candidates clearing these exams are considered as among the best brains in the country.

On getting inducted into this prestigious service, they cannot take independent decisions. Their professional [success](#) depends on appeasement of political masters at the provincial as well as at the national [level](#).

A rare few among them like Roopa Moudgil and Shrestha Thakur, who take initiatives in bringing some semblance of order in the society quickly, become a 'thorn in the flesh' of a corrupt, incompetent, unprofessional political system of [India](#).

Such officials are routinely shunted from one place to another through needless transfers. They are given low grades in annual performance reports by their superiors and denied promotions. The [Political](#) establishment makes life a living hell for such upright individuals.

This results in loss of morale, demotivation/depression and apathy in competent police officers.

The sad reality of [India](#) is that the politicians from the party in power keep talking big and make tall claims regarding the progress in the country. The opposition party politicians are yet to discover the meaning of constructive criticism.

The one aspect that unites all political parties of [India](#) is their blatant disregard for the laws of the land.

Breaking laws disdainfully is a matter of pride for Indian politicians. They consider themselves as 'blue blooded royals'. Laws are meant for common masses not for these so called 'peoples representatives'.

These politicians [don't](#) pay toll charges on [roads](#)/highways. Threaten and misbehave with Police personnel. Expect V.I.P treatment everywhere in the land.

Politicians are a reflection of the community. This sort of society, where law makers take pride in breaking rules and get away by flouting their political connections; where law enforcers are unjustly punished and law breakers rejoice can never attain genuine growth.

-

References:

- <http://www.insightsonindia.com/2015/08/22/5-critically-analyse-why-implementing-police-reforms-is-key-to-prevent-and-reduce-crimes-in-india/>
- <http://www.firstpost.com/india/sasikala-gets-vip-treatment-in-bengaluru-prison-aiadmk-gen-secy-bribed-top-karnataka-jailer-for-favours-says-report-3806917.html>
- <http://indianexpress.com/article/india/dig-who-alleged-vip-treatment-for-sasikala-in-jail-transferred-4754349/>
- <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/up-woman-police-officer-who-arrested-bjp-leaders-transferred/article19198171.ece>
- <http://indianexpress.com/article/india/up-policewoman-transferred-i-accept-it-as-reward-for-my-good-work-uttar-pradesh-bjp-leader-adityanath-4731935/>

Gaurav Tyagi

The writer is a Masters Degree holder in International Tourism & Leisure Studies from The Netherlands and is based in China.

BY GAURAV TYAGI

On the question of female safety

ON THIS DAY

Congress Lodges FIR Against Assam BJP President for Controversial Remarks

Ayushman Bharat launches in Hojai District

Kalpana Lajmi passes away

Witch hunting rerun in Chirang!

Durga puja festivity grips Namrup

RELATED

Zubeen Garg: Assam, Society and the Rhythm of a Universal Vision

Lost Winters and Tropical Nights

Surviving patriarchy beyond care

Lakes: The lifeblood of our planet

The Importance of Libraries in Rural India
