PIL Petition

**IN THE HON’BLE HIGH COURT OF [STATE] AT [CITY]**  
(Civil Writ Jurisdiction)

**Public Interest Litigation (PIL) No. \_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_**

**In the matter of:**  
**[Petitioner’s Full Name]**,  
S/o or D/o [Parent’s Name],  
Aged about \_\_ years,  
Resident of [Full Address]  
… *Petitioner*

**Versus**

1. **The State of [State Name]**,  
   Through the Chief Secretary,  
   Government of [State], [Address].
2. **[Any relevant Department/Authority/Body]**,  
   Through its Secretary/Chairperson,  
   [Department Address]  
   … *Respondents*

**PETITION UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA SEEKING ISSUANCE OF APPROPRIATE WRIT/ORDER/DIRECTION IN THE NATURE OF MANDAMUS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST**

The Petitioner most respectfully submits as under:

**1. PARTICULARS OF THE PETITIONER**

The Petitioner is a public-spirited individual concerned about the rights and welfare of the public at large. The Petitioner is filing this PIL in bona fide interest without any personal gain or private interest.

**2. FACTS IN BRIEF**

i. That the Petitioner submits this PIL in the interest of the public at large regarding the issue of [insert issue — e.g., “illegal dumping of toxic waste in [district]” / “non-implementation of Right to Education in tribal areas”].

ii. That the facts relevant for this Hon’ble Court’s consideration are as follows:

* On [date], it came to the Petitioner’s attention that...
* The matter affects the fundamental rights of citizens under Article 21 of the Constitution.
* Authorities concerned have failed to discharge their statutory and constitutional obligations.

iii. That despite several representations and complaints, the Respondents have failed to take appropriate action.

**3. SOURCE OF INFORMATION**

The Petitioner has gathered facts through [RTI replies / news reports / site visits / official government data] and personal observations. All facts stated herein are based on publicly available and verifiable records.

**4. LOCUS STANDI**

The Petitioner is not personally affected but is filing this petition **in public interest** to protect the constitutional rights of underprivileged sections of society who are unable to approach the Hon’ble Court.

**5. GROUNDS**

The present petition is filed on the following, amongst other, grounds:

a) Because the inaction of the Respondents violates fundamental rights under Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India.

b) Because the issue raised herein affects the health, safety, and dignity of thousands of citizens.

c) Because the Respondents are duty-bound to uphold statutory provisions under [insert relevant Act — e.g., Environmental Protection Act, RTE Act, etc.].

**6. PRAYERS**

In light of the above, the Petitioner respectfully prays that this Hon’ble Court may be pleased to:

a) Issue an appropriate writ/order/direction in the nature of **Mandamus** directing the Respondents to take immediate and effective action for [specific relief].

b) Direct the constitution of a **fact-finding committee** to investigate the matter and submit a report to this Hon’ble Court.

c) Pass any other order that this Hon’ble Court may deem fit and proper in the interest of justice.

**Place:** [City]  
**Date:** [DD/MM/YYYY]

**Filed by:**  
[Signature of Petitioner or Advocate]  
*Advocate for the Petitioner*

**VERIFICATION**

I, [Petitioner’s Full Name], the Petitioner above named, do hereby verify that the contents of this petition from paras 1 to 6 are true and correct to my knowledge and belief. No part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed.

Verified at [City], on this the \_\_ day of [Month, Year].

**Petitioner**  
(Signature)

**📝 STUDENT NOTES (Read before use):**

🔸 **Where is a PIL filed?**  
Usually in **High Courts under Article 226** or **Supreme Court under Article 32** — this draft assumes High Court filing.

🔸 **Stamp paper required?**  
No. PILs are filed on plain A4 paper, not stamp paper.

🔸 **Who can file a PIL?**  
Any public-spirited citizen — even a student — if it affects public interest and not personal grievances.

🔸 **Examples of PIL topics:**

* Lack of sanitation in schools
* Environmental pollution
* Custodial deaths
* Poor implementation of welfare schemes

🔸 **Important Tip:**  
Always attach **supporting documents**: photos, RTI replies, news clippings, etc.