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INTRODUCTION

The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, has an important constitutional implications with an international background. The Act drew its inspiration from the Proclamation adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment held at Stockholm, from 5th to 16th June, 1972, in which our country was also represented.

The Preamble to the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, contains a formal presentation of the fact and includes that, the decision so taken were "to take appropriate steps for the preservation of the natural resources and control of air pollution". The Preamble also records that "it is considered necessary to implement the decision aforesaid, in so far as they relate to the preservation of the quality of air and control of air pollution."

The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 (14 of 1981), is a specialized legislative measure, meant to tackle one facet of environmental pollution.