

INTRODUCTION

There are two sides to every coin. So are the pros and cons of the industrial revolution. On one hand, the Industrial Revolution has improved the lives of people in many ways in the 21st century. On the other hand, unfortunately, the industrial revolution has caused industrial pollution. Technology has developed dramatically and manufactured products have replaced the archaic products. The by-products are the inevitable part of the manufacturing process. Hence, principles such as "precautionary principle" and "polluter pays principle" are constitutional mandates to curb the degradation of environment. Therefore, it's a no brainer for a citizen to be aware of the principles of environment law. In certain cases, the impacts of the industrial disaster are said to be experienced till date.

Take for instance, the incident of the Bhopal Gas Leak, the pollutants which seeped into the groundwater years ago still forms the reason for cancer, growth retardation and dizziness. Let alone the immediate impact of the leakage.

The deadly methyl isocyanate which drifted into the sleeping city caused the death of thousands of inhabitants within a few days. Such incidents in the past further necessitate mandating principles for combatting the effects of pollution.

High amounts of pollutants emitted by the vehicle, put forth the question of whether the owner or the manufacturer will be liable for the pollutants emitted. The

POLLUTER PAYS PRINCIPLE

The 'polluter pay' principle essentially holds the polluter liable for the pollution caused to the environment. So the polluter is liable for every damage caused to the environment. So according to the 'polluter pay principle', the polluter has to not only compensate the victims of pollution but also compensate for the restoration of environmental degradation caused. Under 1972 and 1974 OECD Recommendation (1)(2), the measures to be taken by the polluter for controlling the pollution is decided by public authorities so that the environment is in acceptable state post the industry operation. Therefore,