



District SSPs on and 14.10.2021 and 21.10.2021. Instructions conveyed strictly to take action against the menace of Gutka/ Mainpuri respective areas.

8. That information was also collected through Intelligence sources and the office of the IG Sindh has monitored the action taken by the respective districts closely.

9. That IGP Sindh has directed all District SSPs to 10 screen their subordinates and whosoever is found involved in consumption of this hazardous illegal substance action should be taken against them. Action taken in this regard is submitted.

10. Report is submitted before the Honorable Court with a request that the action against Gutka/Mainpuri and their derivatives is a continuous process and Sindh Police has taken sincere and effective action against this illegal business. Senior officers are monitoring the action taken and the office of Inspector General of Police Sindh has conveyed categorically to the officers to take action against this illegal business on zero tolerance basis.

#### PRAYER

In the light of action taken and commitment on part of officers of Sindh Police regarding strict action against the illegal business of Gutka/Mainpuri, it is requested that the instant petition may kindly be filed. Any further directions of this Honorable Court will be complied in letter and spirit.”

He also submits plethora of documents regarding action taken against manufacturers/smugglers of gutka/mainpuri and other hazardous articles and contends that IGP Sindh has taken serious action against police officers/officials who are involved in this nuisance and further undertakes on behalf of IGP Sindh to take further actions and probe into the issue. This court appreciates the efforts taken by IGP Sindh and Mr. Naeem Ahmed Sheikh DIGP who has provided substantial assistance to this court and further probing into the matter. However, what is worth noting is that status of the **Mainpuri / Gutkha** to be a **menace** was / is not disputed, at all yet it continued; efforts of this Court resulted in specific legislation and

even direction (s) continued from this Court which all were / are aimed to root out this **evil** but those, who for their own benefits, used the lives of *innocents* as ladders in becoming millionaires, chose a *safest* way by making the '**Chowkidars**' as **patrons** for such **menace**. It was the involvement of *intelligence* which, for first time, brought the names of **patrons** which list *most unfortunately* included the names of the police official (s). Disclosure of police official (s) as **patrons** of such business, I regretfully say, not only caused prejudice to those honest police official (s) but also opened room for need of inter-policing. I believe that not whole police department is liable to be blamed but **black sheep** needs to be tackled in such manner and fashion that none could dare in future particularly where such police official (s) are found involved in owning / patronizing such like menace because in such eventuality their acts are not merely **misconduct** but they became guilty of society as a whole. It is pertinent to add here that mere lodgment of an FIR against '**Main-dealer**' or **manufacturer** is not sufficient rather an inquiry should also be initiated by quarter concerned regarding change of their status from wonderer to **millionairs** which, too, within days. This aspect, however, has not been addressed in the report.

Mr. Muzammil Mumtaz filed application, issue notice to IGP Sindh and PG Sindh. Office shall assign number to it.

At this juncture DIGP contends that they have introduced **internal policing** within **police department** and that is a separate wing headed by Additional IG Sindh who is very competent and upright officer. Needless to mention that concept of **internal policing** should be broader and internal police officers / branch

should never wait for a complaint else the concept of internal policing fails hence **should keep a hawk-eye** on other officers and take action if there is any **malfeasance** or **misfeasance** by any officer/official. This, needless to add, however, should not be used to cause any black-mailing or harassment to police official (s) but any action must be based on sound and reasonable evidences. This mechanism shall be established upto district level. Accordingly, IGP Sindh shall examine the same and submit details of police officials/officers involved in gutka and report with regard to action taken which must be in line, so detailed in para *supra*.

Monthly reports shall be submitted with the MIT-II by concerned officer. To come up on 07.02.2022.

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