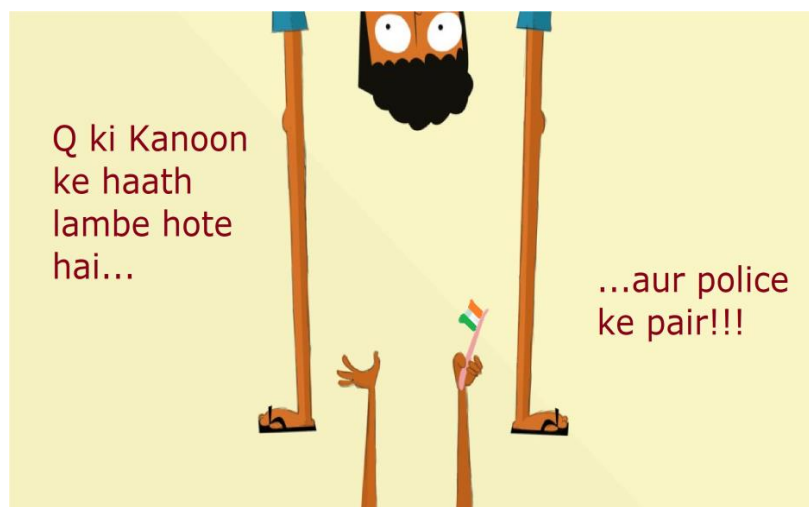


POLICE KANOON BANATI HAI YA KANOON POLICE KO?

Kanoon or the 'Law' govern the Police. It is the law that has given birth to the Police establishment. The Police Act of 1861 governs the police in most states. A few states have their own Police Act but more-or-less all police Acts are modelled on the basis of the 1861 law. The Procedure describing laws like the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) and the Indian Penal Code (IPC) along with certain local laws administer the functioning of the police and regulate the powers vested in them. The legislative arms write the script (Enactments) and the Executive feet (Police) run the show!!



The concept of 'Police' was established for social order and public safety, embodied as a 'law enforcement agency'. However, a Policeman, for most of us is either a corrupt *Chulbul Pandey*¹ or a sincere *Singham*,¹ there's no in between. We conveniently overlook that a Policeman works round the clock to ensure that the society abides by the law. The

policeman being a member of this society and as protector of it, he is bound by the Law way more than any one of us.

It's true that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely, therefore, there is Law that scribes the powers & responsibilities of the Police with an unambiguous detail. For every police action, there is a law, enabling & empowering him to do so in order to maintain peace in the society. Imagine every step you take at work has a defined protocol to be strictly followed!

Well, exceptions are undeniable; there could be police actions that may seem like arbitrary harassment. Like the time you wonder about the reddened bums of those who tried jumping lockdown rules. The answer is in the books, whether the law has given them the power to do/act so or has one become a victim of police misconduct. And yes, in case you're not really into books or reading there are lawyers who have committed themselves to fat books only to serve you better.

There's nothing called as a stupid question,
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