



the locus to invoke jurisdiction of the High Court in the name of public interest litigation. The averment contained in para 2 of the writ petition that the petitioner is a social worker does not inspire confidence. However, as the matter is pending before the High Court, we do not want to finally pronounce upon the issue of maintainability of writ petition.

So far as the petitioner's prayer for stay is concerned, the same was clearly misconceived and totally unwarranted and the Division Bench of the High Court did not commit any error by refusing to entertain the same. In such matters, the Court is duty bound to not only keep in mind the three ingredients necessary to be satisfied for entertaining the prayer for interim relief, but also ensure that the order passed by it does not operate to the detriment of public interest.

We have no doubt that any stay order in a matter like the present one will cause incalculable harm to the interest of the people belonging to weaker sections of the society, a large number of whom are without shelter.

With the above observations, the special leave petition is dismissed.

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The Registry is directed to communicate this order to the Registrar General of High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur by fax, who shall place the same before the Bench hearing the writ petition filed by the petitioner.

(Neetu Khajuria)  
Sr.P.A.

(Phoolan Wati Arora)  
Court Master