

Court No. - 1

Case :- PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL) No. - 915 of 2023

Petitioner :- Ishwar Kumar

Respondent :- State Of U.P. Thru. Prin.Secy.Deptt. Of Panchayat Raj Civil Sectr. Lko. And Ors.

Counsel for Petitioner :- Shubham Yadav

Counsel for Respondent :- C.S.C.,Dilip Kumar Pandey

Hon'ble Attau Rahman Masoodi,J.

Hon'ble Om Prakash Shukla,J.

1. Heard learned counsel for petitioner, Shri Dilip Kumar Pandey, learned counsel for respondent No.9 and learned Standing Counsel for State-respondent Nos.1 to 8.
2. The petitioner has not disclosed his credentials in the writ petition filed in public interest. It is well settled in the case of **State of Uttranchal vs. Balwant Singh Chaufal & Ors., 2010 AIR SCW 1029** that the petitioner in a P.I.L. is duty bound to explain his locus in background of being a public spirited person. There is no disclosure of any social work whatsoever in the present writ petition which may enable us to decipher the locus of the petitioner.
3. Locus of a person, in all such cases, has to be well defined in the background of social services which in the present case remain undefined. The petitioner is unable to put forth any explanation in this regard.
4. Once the credibility of the petitioner remains doubtful, any prayer for a roving enquiry against a public representative may not be maintainable.
5. The P.I.L. fails on the strength of locus remaining undefined and the same is **dismissed**.

(Om Prakash Shukla, J.) (Attau Rahman Masoodi, J.)

Order Date :- 10.10.2023

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