

Learned counsel for the respondent-State submits that once, the present petition is in public interest, the petitioner can only avail the remedy of public interest litigation.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is also praying for initiation of the criminal proceedings against the private respondent Nos.5 to 8.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the records of the present case with their able assistance.

Once, it is a conceded fact that the petitioner is raising the grievance that on behalf of the general public, the present petition is not maintainable and only the public interest litigation is maintainable.

Even otherwise, the prayer of the petitioner is for initiation of the criminal proceedings. Nothing stops the petitioner to avail the appropriate remedy for the redressal of the said grievance including the filing of the criminal complaint before the appropriate forum.

The present petition is disposed of with the above observations.

Pending application, if any, also stands disposed of.

18-12-2024
Sapna Goyal

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

NOTE: Whether speaking: YES/NO
 Whether reportable: YES/NO