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IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH AT JABALPUR BEFORE

HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE RAVI MALIMATH,

CHIEF JUSTICE

&

HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE DINESH KUMAR PALIWAL

ON THE 28th OF FEBRUARY, 2022

WRIT PETITION No. 1479 of 2022

Between:-

- 1. NAGRIK UPBHOKTA MARG DARSHAK MANCH THROUGH ITS PRESIDENT SHRI P.G. NAJPANDEY S/O LATE SHRI G.N. NAJPANDEY AGED 84 YEARS, OCCUPATION: SOCIAL WORKER, R/O RAM NAGAR, ADHARTAL, DISTRICT JABALPUR (MADHYA PRADESH)
- 2. RAJAT BHARGAVA S/O LATE SHRI SUNIL BHARGAVA, AGED ABOUT 51 YEARS, OCCUPATION: SOCIAL WORKER, R/O NAYAGAON, RAMPUR, JABALPUR (MADHYA PRADESH)

.....PETITIONERS

(BY SHRI DINESH KUMAR UPADHYAY - ADVOCATE)

AND

- 1. STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH THROUGH ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, MANTRALAYA, VALLABH BHAWAN, BHOPAL (MADHYA PRADESH)
- 2. STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH THROUGH ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PANCHAYAT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MANTRALAYA, VALLABH BHAWAN, BHOPAL (MADHYA PRADESH)
- 3. MADHYA PRADESH STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, THROUGH ITS SECRETARY, NIRVACHAN BHAWAN, BHOPAL (MADHYA PRADESH)

.....RESPONDENTS

(SHRI BRAHMDATT SINGH - GOVERNMENT ADVOCATE FOR THE RESPONDENT NOS.1 & 2, AND SHRI SIDDHARTH SETH - ADVOCATE FOR RESPONDENT NO.3)

This petition coming on for admission this day, Hon'ble Shri Justice Ravi

Malimath, Chief Justice passed the following:

<u>ORDER</u>

This petition is said to be in public interest. The prayer sought for is a writ of mandamus to incorporate certain provisions in the law, namely, Section 14-A of the Madhya Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act, 1956 and Section 32-A of the Madhya Pradesh Municipalities Act, 1961.

Irrespective of the submission being made, it is needless to state that a writ for mandamus cannot lie to direct the State to enact a law. That is precisely what the writ petitioners want. Hence, we are of the view that such a petition for mandamus would not lie. Hence, the writ petition is dismissed.

(RAVI MALIMATH) CHIEF JUSTICE

(DINESH KUMAR PALIWAL) JUDGE



