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**Court No. - 9**

**Case :-** PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL) No. - 113 of 2023

**Petitioner :-** Moti Lal Yadav

**Respondent :-** State Of U.P. Thru. Addl.Chief/Prin. Secy. Integr. Child Deve.Serv.(Bal Vikas And Pus.)Lko. And Ors

**Counsel for Petitioner :-** In Person

**Counsel for Respondent :-** C.S.C.

**Hon'ble Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya,J.**

**Hon'ble Subhash Vidyarthi,J.**

This petition filed as Public Interest Litigation expresses serious concerns about the State not paying adequate and requisite attention to mal-nutritioned children and women in the State of Uttar Pradesh. As per an estimate State of U.P. houses most number of mal-nutritioned children. It appears that the pandemic caused by Covid-19 has also added to this number. The State Government though runs various beneficial schemes for meeting the challenges so posed, however, endeavours and efforts made by the State Government does not appear to be adequate which results in increased number of mal-nutritioned children, specially those belonging to lower strata of the society and families who lack adequate shelter or home.

Mal-nutritioned lactating mothers also strata to add increased number of mal-nutritioned children and accordingly it becomes the duty of the State to take appropriate measures so that these unfortunate sections of the society are also able to realize their right of life enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

From the pleadings available on record, we notice that some schemes run by the State Government are not being appropriately administered because for various reasons, including the reason of deficiency of human resources.

In the aforesaid circumstances, we call upon the Principal Secretary/Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Women and Child Welfare to respond to the issues raised in this petition as culled out above. While filing the counter affidavit, the State shall clearly bring on record the schemes being run by it to meet the challenges posed by the problem relating to mal-nutritioned children and women in the State.

We also required the State that while filing the counter affidavit the deficiency in the human resources , if any, to run various

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beneficial schemes shall also be brought to the notice of the Court.

Counter affidavit to this petition shall thus be filed within a period of six weeks. Two weeks' time thereafter shall be available to the petitioner to file rejoinder affidavit.

**List immediately after expiry of the aforesaid period.**

**Order Date :- 17.2.2023**

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