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Fr. Ashish Ray, learned Advocate for the Respondents, however, has raised a preliminary objection regarding the maintainability of the present writ application and also the octs standi of the writ petitioners to move the writ application, and contends inter alia, that since the petitioner is an Association, it cannot move the present writ application nor treating it to be a public interest litigation as the present writ application is not public interest litigation at all. Mr. Arun Roy, however, in answer to the said objection, has referred to several decisions of the Supreme Court in the case of The janata Dal and Others-vs-H.S.Choudhury & Others in A.I.R.1983 S.C.149; Krishna Swami Vs. Union of India and others in AIR 1993 S.C.892 and 1982 S.C.149. In the Supreme Court decision in A.I.R.1993 S.C.892, it is held in clear terms that lexically an expression "public interest litigation"(PIL) means a legal action,