

**The High Court Of Madhya Pradesh****WP-20694-2020***(DR. M. A. KHAN AND OTHERS Vs UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS)***Jabalpur, Dated : 07-01-2021****Heard through Video Conferencing.**

Shri A. S. Raizada, Advocate for the petitioners.

The petitioners - Dr. M. A. Khan and Mr. Amarjeet Singh Panwar, both residents of Jabalpur, have filed the present writ petition styled as Public Interest Litigation, *inter alia*, praying for a direction to the respondents to fill up the vacancies of Judges in the High Court of Madhya Pradesh and also to increase the sanctioned strength of the Judges of Madhya Pradesh High Court.

The petitioners, in the writ petition, have stated that as against the sanctioned strength of 53 there are presently 28 Judges working and out of them 8 Judges are due to retire in the year 2021.

Having regard to the fact that 7 names from the Bar and 6 from Service have already been recommended and are under process, we do not deem it appropriate to entertain the present writ petition. Moreover, it is also not deemed appropriate to take up the issue regarding increase in the sanctioned strength on judicial side as so far not even the available vacancies have been filled up. Moreover, this issue, in any case, shall have to be taken up with the Government on the administrative side.

With the aforesaid observations, the present writ petition is disposed of.

**(MOHAMMAD RAFIQ)**  
**CHIEF JUSTICE**

**(PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA)**  
**JUDGE**