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The Supreme Court has said judges need not read political motives or prejudice into a PIL petition merely because a politician filed it.

Persons with political affiliations are as much entitled to file such a plea as any other person, a Bench led by Justice Indira Banerjee observed in a recent order.

"While it is true that the court is required to examine whether a litigation is really in public interest or to advance some other interest in the garb of public interest, a Public Interest Litigation [PIL] cannot be thrown out only because the petitioner belongs to a rival political party," the court said. The observations came in an order staying the operation of a Calcutta High Court order to re-institute criminal cases against Mamata Banerjee's election agent, S.K. Suplan, in connection with the Nandigram protests.