

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH.

CRWP No. 27 of 2015

Date of Decision: January 7, 2015

Raj Masih

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI.

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Present:- Mr. J.K. Kamboj, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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M.M.S. BEDI, J. (ORAL)

Through instant petition, the petitioner seeks the release of 10 persons mentioned in para 11 of the petition alleged to have been illegally detained in the brick kiln M/s Shere Punjab Brick Kiln, Village Purowal, District Gurdaspur, Punjab.

The averments indicate violation of provisions of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, for short 'the Act'. As per Sections 12 and 21 of the Act, it is the duty of the District Magistrate or the Executive Magistrate to take action to prevent bonded labour system. An NGO

appears to have submitted a representation to District Magistrate, Gurdaspur, copy of which has been appended as annexure P-1.

Notice of motion to Advocate General, Punjab.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. S.S. Gill, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice. Copy given.

This petition is disposed of with a direction that District Magistrate, Gurdaspur will look into representation annexure P-1 within a period of 10 days and pass a speaking order in consonance with the provisions of the Act. It is further directed that in case no representation has been received by District Magistrate, this petition will be treated as a representation on behalf of the petitioner.

January 7 , 2015
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(M.M.S.BEDI)
JUDGE