

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH**

**(135)**

**CRWP-1609-2016**

**Decided on: December 12, 2016.**

**Kalu Ram**

**.... Petitioner**

**Versus**

**State of Punjab and others**

**..... Respondents**

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

Present: Mr. Ashish Rawal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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

Petitioner seeks the release of his two sons Sunil and Anil from the alleged illegal custody of respondent No.5, owner of brick kiln “KBI” at village Rampur, Tehsil Dera Bassi, District Mohali, Punjab claiming that they have been kept as bonded labour.

After going through the petition, it appears that the allegations fall within the ambit of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 which provide that it is the duty of the District Magistrate and other officers authorized by him to implement the provisions of the Act and take necessary action to eradicate the enforcement of forced labour.

Petitioner seems to have not approached the District Magistrate concerned. The petition is thus pre-mature and is not maintainable.

This petition is disposed of with a direction that in case petitioner approaches the District Magistrate, Mohali along with a representation regarding the alleged illegal detention of his sons, within a period of one week, his representation will be considered by the District

Magistrate, Mohali by taking effective steps as per the provisions of Sections 10 and 12 of Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976.

Copy of the order be uploaded forthwith on the Internet.

(M.M.S. BEDI)  
JUDGE

December 12, 2016  
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| Whether speaking/reasoned: | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable:        | Yes/No |