

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

CRWP No.3309 of 2020

Date of Decision : 01.06.2020

Neeraj

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Raman Goklaney, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

The petition has been taken for hearing through video conference due to Covid-19 pandemic.

The present petition has been filed seeking the writ in the nature of habeas corpus for the release of detenues mentioned in para-3 of the petition from the illegal custody of respondents No.5 to 7.

As per the arguments raised by the learned counsel for the petitioner, about 47 people have been allegedly detained by respondents No.5 to 7, who are operating a brick kiln. Learned counsel for the petitioner further argues that those 47 persons, whose names are mentioned in para-3 of the petition are being treated as bonded labourers, which is against the law. Prayer of the petitioner is for issuance of a direction for the release of detenues as detailed in para-3 of the petition.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab, who has joined the video proceedings, keeping in view the service of advance copy of the petition,

accepts notice on behalf of State of Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief, which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has already served a representation dated 26.05.2020 (Annexure P/5) to respondent No.2 i.e. Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka, which is still pending consideration with the said authority and the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No.2 to decide the same by passing an appropriate order.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner, respondent No.2 is directed to decide the representation dated 26.05.2020 (Annexure P/5) by passing an appropriate order. Respondent will take appropriate action forthwith, in case, the same is needed as per the order, which will be passed by the Deputy Commissioner.

Writ petition stands disposed of accordingly

June 01, 2020
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No