

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

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CRWP No.3699 of 2020
Date of Decision: 26.06.2020

Balveer Singh

....Petitioner

v/s

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

Coram : **Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. Walia**

Present: Mr. Amandeep Singh Gulati, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Sullar, DAG, Punjab.

B.S. Walia, J. (Oral)

[1] Case is being taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing due to the outbreak of pandemic Covid-19.

[2] Reply by way of affidavit of Shri Kulwant Singh, IAS, District Magistrate-cum-Deputy Commissioner, Tarn Taran on behalf of respondent No.2 has been filed, indicating that no bonded labour was detected at Village BhailDhai Wala, Tehsil Khadoor Sahib, District Tarn Taran in the raid conducted by Sub Divisional Magistrate, Khadoor Sahib. Relevant extract of the aforementioned affidavit is reproduced as under:-

“3. That Petitioner Sh. Balvir Singh son of Achhar Singh stated that he, along with 9 members came at the village of respondents to work about 20-25 days ago and worked for 15 days. They come to work on their own and now had gone as their own will. They had taken the payment of work and nothing is due with the owner. Now they want to withdraw their petition.”

4. *That respondents Sh Surinder Singh son of Bachan Singh, Balwinder Singh son of Surinder Singh, Dilbagh Singh son of Darshan Singh residents of village BhailDhai Wala, Tehsil Khadoor Sahib, District Tarn Taran stated that petitioner Balvir Singh Billa and 9 persons mentioned in the petition had come to them on dated 09.06.2020 at 04.00 P.M. for work and they had been paid for their work on time.*

5. *That in the light of above statements, it is found that the labourers have received their dues and now they have nothing to do with the owner. They had come for work on their own and left the work as per their own will. Respondents had never kept them as bonded labourers.*

It is respectfully prayed that no bonded labour was detected at Village BhailDhai Wala, Tehsil Khadoor Sahib, District Tarn Taran in the raid conducted by Sub Divisional Magistrate, Khadoor Sahib and petition may kindly be dismissed in the interest of justice.”

[3] Copy of the same was handed over to learned counsel for the petitioners, who on instructions from the petitioners states that in the circumstances, he does not wish to pursue the writ petition and the same may be dismissed as withdrawn.

[4] Ordered accordingly.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

June 26, 2020

'Rajneesh/Amit/PS'

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