

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-6560-2020

Date of decision: 27.08.2020

Gurwinder Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

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

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

Petitioner-Gurwinder Singh, stated to be aged 31 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of writ in the nature of habeas corpus directing the respondents to release the detenues mentioned in Para-4 of the petition, from illegal bondage of respondent No.4, in accordance with law.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, based on the pleadings, submits that in Para 4 of the petition, names of 17 persons (detenues) have been mentioned, who have been in illegal bondage of respondent No.4 as labourer in brick kiln from last 45 days i.e. since 10.07.2020. Learned counsel makes an oral request that the State Government has framed a system by the Scheme/Guidelines issued in accordance with the Bonded Labour (Abolition) Act, 1976, under which, the District Magistrate/DM, on receipt of a complaint, ensures safety of bonded labourers-workmen in the brick kiln.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Sidakmeet Singh Sandhu, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

While refraining from making any expression as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition, the petition is **disposed of** with a direction that in case, the petitioner approaches the District Magistrate, Amritsar, with any representation within two weeks from today with regard to the above said grievance, the same shall be got examined by the District Magistrate, Amritsar (respondent No.2) as expeditiously as possible preferably within three weeks from the date of submission of representation, in accordance with law and necessary steps as may be warranted under the facts and circumstances of the case, be taken thereupon forthwith.

A copy of this order be sent to the District Magistrate, Amritsar (respondent No.2), so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No