

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

CRWP-5074-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision : 02.06.2021

Harjit Khan

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

The State of Punjab and Others

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ALKA SARIN

Present: Mr. Chander Shekhar Singhal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl. AGPunjab.

ALKA SARIN, J. (ORAL)

Taken up through video conferencing.

The alleged detainees, whose names have been mentioned in Para No.4 of the petition, are stated to be working in a Brick Kiln i.e. Batha Marka DB, Police Station and Tehsil Samrala, District Ludhiana, Punjab, for manufacturing *Kachha* Bricks. The learned counsel would further contend that the petitioner has given a representation dated 28.05.2021 to the DistrictMagistrate, Ludhiana (Punjab), however no action has been taken.

The District Magistrate of the District is the competent authority as per Chapter-IV of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 to deal with such like matters. The petitioner, therefore, is relegated to avail the remedy before the District Magistrate concerned. The District Magistrate, Ludhiana, is directed to decide the representation forthwith.

In view of the above, the present petition stands disposed off accordingly.

June 02, 2021
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(ALKA SARIN)
JUDGE

NOTE: Whether speaking/non-speaking: Speaking
Whether reportable: YES/NO