

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(129)

CRWP-9368-2021

Date of Decision : September 29, 2021

Gautam

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

(Through Video Conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Aditya Partap Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.
(keeping in view the advance copy given).

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed seeking a writ in the nature of Habeas Corpus for the release of the alleged detenues, the details of whom have been given in paragraph 2 of the petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the detenues, whose details have been given in paragraph 2 of the petition, are being treated as bonded labour, which is against the law and therefore, these detenues need to be released from the unlawful custody of respondents No. 4 and 5. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that prior to the filing of the present petition, a representation has already been made to the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana on 24.09.2021 (Annexure P-1) raising the said grievance and the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No.2 to decide the said representation by passing an appropriate speaking order after holding due

enquiry.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who has joined the proceedings through video conference, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

Learned counsel for the respondents raises no objection for deciding the representation dated 24.09.2021 (Annexure P-1) by the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana in a time bound manner by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case or about the entitlement of the petitioner for the relief which has been claimed by him in the representation dated 24.09.2021 (Annexure P-1), the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation dated 24.09.2021 (Annexure P-1) within a period of two weeks from the receipt of copy of this order.

It will be appreciated that the order is passed by the respondents after holding due enquiry into the allegations and in case, after passing of an order, any action needs to be taken, the same be taken expeditiously without any further delay.

September 29, 2021
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No