

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

CRWP-9755-2021

Date of Decision : 23.11.2021

Mahipal

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present : None for the petitioner.

Mr. Ranveer S.Arya, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI (Oral)

The present writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India has been filed seeking writ in the nature of habeas corpus for releasing the detenues as mentioned in para No.4 of the petition, who are illegally detained by respondents No.4 and 5.

This Court issued notice of motion on 11.10.2021 and directed respondent No.2-District Magistrate, Panipat to treat this petition as a complaint under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 and to take immediate action in accordance with law.

Status report by way of affidavit of Sushil Sarwan, IAS, District Magistrate, Panipat has been filed which is taken on record.

No one has put in appearance on behalf of the petitioner.

Learned State counsel while referring to the said affidavit, filed by District Magistrate, Panipat has submitted that the raid was conducted in the premises; no one was found kept as bonded labourer; no one was forced to work at the alleged brick kiln; all are working as per their own free will; brick kiln is not surrounded by any boundary wall and that all the labourers are free to move anywhere as per their own free will. Therefore, learned State counsel has prayed for dismissal of the present petition.

In view of the affidavit, filed by District Magistrate, Panipat whereby it has been found that no bonded labour is kept in the brick kiln, nothing survives in the present petition and the same is hereby dismissed.

23.11.2021
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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No