

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH.**

(Through Video Conferencing)

CRWP-2207-2020

Date of Decision:-18.02.2022

Pankaj.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab & Ors.

.....Respondents.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present:- None for the Petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.(ORAL)

The prayer in the present petition is for issuance of a writ in the nature of Habeas Corpus for the release of the alleged detenues, mentioned in para no.4 of the petition, from the illegal detention of the private respondent nos.4 to 6.

On 27.02.2020 the following order was passed:-

“ Through the instant writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the petitioner is seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of Habeas Corpus for the release of alleged detenues, mentioned in para no.4 of the petition, from the illegal detention of the private respondent nos.4 to 6.

Notice of motion for 18.03.2020.

Meanwhile, respondent no.2/District Magistrate, Patiala is directed to treat this petition as a complaint under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 and take immediate action in accordance with law, within a period of one week and file status report.

A copy of this order along with a copy fo the writ petition be sent to the respondent no.2/District Magistrate, Patiala, forthwith. ”

Learned State Counsel submits that on 07.07.2020, District Magistrate, Patiala-respondent no.2 wrote a communication to the Registrar General of this Court informing him that there was no village, namely, *Rakba* in Tehsil Patiala where the brick kiln in question is said to be situated. Copy of the letter is reproduced hereinbelow:-

“ To

*The Registrar,
Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court,
Chandigarh.*

No.104/C.4 dated 07.07.2020

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Ref: Your Reference no. Nil dated 27.02.2020

Kindly refer to the communication dated 27.02.2020 on the subject noted above. In compliance with the orders of Hon'ble High Court, the complaint was forwarded to Sub Divisional Magistrate, Patiala for inquiry.

Sub Divisional Magistrate, Patiala has reported that there is no village named “Rakba” in Tehsil Patiala. It has

been confirmed from Sadar Kanugo Patiala also that there is no village named “Rakba” in Patiala District.

This is for your kind perusal please.

*District Magistrate
Patiala. ”*

In this view of the matter as the proper facts have not been mentioned by the petitioner, no further orders are called for by this Court.

Disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

February 18, 2022

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>