

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-9747-2022
DECIDED ON: 12.10.2022

FULMANDRA

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

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

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the alleged detainee as mentioned in para 4 of the writ petition are the working labourers in the brick kiln of respondent No.4, they have been kept in illegal confinement as bonded labourers by respondent No.4.

Looking at the pleadings and after going through the submissions made by the counsel for the petitioner, this Court is of the considered view that the labourers have been retained as bonded labourers, which amount to offences under Sections 16 and 17 of the Bonded Labour (Abolition) Act, 1872.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he has already made a representation dated 07.10.2022 (Annexure P-1) to the District Magistrate, Hoshiarpur seeking release of alleged detainee as detailed in para 4 of the present petition.

Keeping in view the specific allegations and the categorical averments made in the instant petition, the District Magistrate, Hoshiarpur is directed to treat the present petition as complaint and decide the same in accordance with law, within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Copy of the petition be also sent to the District Magistrate, Hoshiarpur.

Disposed of.

12.10.2022

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(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

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