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

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**CRWP-10561-2022
Date of Decision: 07.11.2022.**

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....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Haryana and others

....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUKHVINDER KAUR

Present: None.

Sukhvinder Kaur, J. (Oral)

Members of the Bar are abstaining from work today.

1. The present writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of writ in the nature of Habeas Corpus directing the official respondents to get detenues mentioned in paragraph No.4 of the petition, released from the illegal custody of respondent Nos. 4 to 6.

2. It has been alleged in the petition that the petitioner along with his family members were contacted by respondent No.4 at their native village in the month of October, 2022 at their brick kiln for loading and unloading of kacha bricks and respondent No.4 agreed to pay Rs.180/- per thousand only. But respondent No.4 made a payment for only one week and thereafter, stopped the balance amount of Rs.15,000/- and started taking forcible work from the petitioner and his family members. Respondents No.4 to 6 are illegally detaining the family members of the petitioner and taking forcible work from them without making any payment and are not allowing them to go to their native place.

3. The petitioner escaped on 04.11.2022 and then reached at the office of respondent No.4 and approached him to get released his family members from the illegal custody of respondents No.4 to 6 in violation of provisions of the Bounded Labour (Abolition Act), 1872, but respondent No.4 first asked the petitioner to get the appropriate order/direction of the Court.
4. Respondent No.2 is the competent authority in terms of Section 16 and 17 of the Bonded Labour (Abolition) Act, 1976.
5. Keeping the above in view, the instant petition is disposed of with a direction to the District Magistrate, Jhajjar, to look into the grievance of the petitioner, as raised in the instant petition and in case any substance in the allegations is found true, then to take appropriate action under the Act of 1976, in accordance with law, within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order along with copy of the criminal writ petition.
6. Criminal Writ Petition is disposed of in terms as aforesaid.

(SUKHVINDER KAUR)
JUDGE

07.11.2022

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No