

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

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CRWP-6306-2023

Date of Decision: 23.06.2023

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...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & ors.

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUKHVINDER KAUR

Present:- Mr. Amandeep Singh Gulati, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

SUKHVINDER KAUR, J.

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 and 5.

2. It has been alleged in the petition that the petitioner along with the detenues were employed by respondents No.4 and 5 in the month of November, 2022 to do labour work at their agricultural fields. Respondents No.4 and 5 are illegally detaining the detenues and taking forcible work from them without making any payment and are not allowing them to go to work somewhere else.

3. The petitioner escaped from the clutches of respondents No.4 and 5 and then reached at the office of respondent No.4 and approached him to get released the detenues from the illegal custody of respondents No.4 and 5 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, Tarn Taran, 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

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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable :

Yes/No