

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

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**2023:PHHC:071987
CWP-18257-2020 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 17.05.2023.**

SANTRAM LAHARE

..Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

.. Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

PRESENT None for the petitioner.

Mr. Pankaj Mulwani, DAG, Haryana.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The present writ petition had been filed for seeking issuance of directions to respondents No.2 and 3 to issue release certificate to petitioner and other 43 rescue bonded labourers as per Bonded Labour System Abolition Act, 1976.

Reply on behalf of the respondents had been filed wherein they have appended the statements of the labourers present at the time of inspection by the Joint Inspection Team to the effect that they had not been kept as bonded labourers. It is hence submitted that certificate as rescue labourers cannot be issued in the light of the specific statements of the labourers. Even though the aforesaid written statement had been filed way-back in January 2021, however, no replication/rejoinder controverting the same has been filed thereafter even though a period of more than two years has elapsed since the date of filing of the written statement.

There is no representation on behalf of the petitioner successively for the last two dates. It seems that the petitioner is no more interested in pursuing the present petition.

Dismissed for non-prosecution.

**May 17, 2023.
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**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

**Whether speaking / reasoned : Yes / No
Whether reportable : Yes / No**