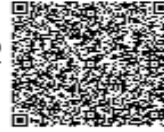


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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CRWP-3251-2026

Date of decision : 19.03.2026

RAKESH

..... PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..... RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA PARTAP SINGH

Present : Mr. Kapil Khanna, Advocate
for the petitioner.

SURYA PARTAP SINGH. J.(Oral)

1. This habeas petition filed by the petitioner for the directions to the respondents to release the detenues mentioned in para No.3 of the petition, and further to set them free from the illegal bondage of respondents No.5 to 8.

2. The learned counsel representing the petitioner submits that although the representation has not been moved before any authority, yet the petitioner would be satisfied if the present petition is treated as representation of the petitioner and a direction is given to the District Magistrate, Sangrur (respondent No.2) to decide the abovementioned representation and take appropriate action under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976.

3. Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 4 only.
4. Since advance notice has already been served upon the State, Mr. I.P.S. Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4-State. Hence, the service of notice upon the State is hereby dispensed with.
5. Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, the present petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the District Magistrate concerned to treat the copy of present petition as a representation of the petitioner and decide the same by passing a speaking order as early as possible but in no case beyond the period of two weeks from the date of receipt of copy of instant order. The copy of that order be supplied to the petitioner.
6. A copy of this order be supplied to the learned counsel for the petitioner under the signature of Bench Secretary of this Court.

(SURYA PARTAP SINGH)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether Reportable : No