



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

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**CRWP-4301-2026 (O&M)
DECIDED ON: 17.04.2026**

SONU KUMAR

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB & ORS.

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA PARTAP SINGH

Present: Mr. D.C. Dhaula, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. I.P.S. Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab.

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 7.

2. It has been contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner would be satisfied if a direction is given to the District Magistrate, Ludhiana (respondent No.2) to take appropriate action under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976.



3.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 4 only.
4.

Mr. I.P.S. Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab appears on behalf of respondent-State. Hence 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 this petition as 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 days from the date of receipt of copy of instant order. The copy of that order be supplied to the petitioner. The District Magistrate is further directed to take appropriate action, without any delay.

17.04.2026

(SURYA PARTAP SINGH)

Gaurav Thakur

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

:Yes/No

Whether reportable

: Yes/No