

In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh.

Crl.W.P.No. 2587 of 2010  
Decided on Dec 30,2010.

Rishipal Petitioner

vs.

State of Haryana & others Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAKESH KUMAR JAIN

Present: Mr.H.S.Baath, Advocate,for the petitioner

Rakesh Kumar Jain, J: (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner, interalia, contends that respondent Nos.3 to 5 have kept the persons mentioned in para 5 of the petition as bonded labour. He has referred to Section 12 of The Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act,1976 to contend that the District Magistrate has jurisdiction to make an inquiry in terms of Section 10 of the said Act about the persons who are alleged to be kept as bonded labour. If after inquiry, it is found that any person is found to be enforcing the bonded labour system or any other system of forced labour, he shall take action forthwith. He further submits that the petitioner has already filed a representation to the District Magistrate,Bhiwani on 27.12.2010 (Annexure P-1) and would be satisfied if the District Magistrate is directed to take a decision on the representation (Annexure P-1) within a time frame.

In view of the above submissions, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the District Magistrate,Bhiwani to take a decision on the representation (Annexure P-1) dated 27.12.2010 in accordance with law within a period of 7 days from the date of presentation of this order.

Dec 30,2010  
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(Rakesh Kumar Jain)  
Judge

