

**CHHATTISGARH HIGH COURT JUDGMENTS ON THE BONDED LABOUR
SYSTEM (ABOLITION) ACT, 1976**

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S.N. Gadia v. State of Chhattisgarh – (2011) 5 MPHT 9,

decided on 26.07.2011

Case Details

Appellants - S.N. Gadia

Respondents – State of Chattisgarh

Case Number - Writ Petition (Cri.) No. 5022/2007

Bench - Hon'ble Mr. [Satish K. Agnihotri](#) & [R.S. Sharma](#) , JJ.

Date – 26.07.2011

Facts

The petitioner is a social activist working on bonded labour who seeks a writ of habeas corpus commanding the respondents to set at liberty/release 75 labourers, working in brick kilns in Jammu and Kashmir and residents of Chhattisgarh State as stated in the letter from the illegal detention of the respondent. It is further alleged in the petition that despite initiating steps with the Department of Labour of the State Chhattisgarh, they have yielded no results.

It is contended by the counsels for the respondents that – i) Letters were written to the Chief Minister of the State of Jammu and Kashmir to ensure security and release of the labourers, and that thus steps have been taken; ii) Many of the alleged bonded labourers have already left the brick kiln and are in Punjab, thus there is no case of bonded/forced labour; iii) Inquiry by the police has shown that the alleged bonded labourers were free to move as per their own free will and there has not been any restrictions, and that the labourers are working in the kiln voluntarily.

Judgment

The Court, on the basis of the evidence of the evidence produced by the counsel for the respondents held that there was clearly no debt or force on the part of the employer as is evident from their statements. Thus the writ petition was dismissed.