

(1982) 2 Supreme Court cases 349
(Before P.N. Bhagawati and R.S. Pathak J. J.)

Ram Pal _____ Petitioner

Versus

Maishi Lal Rajkumar and others _____ Respondents

Writ Petition (Criminal) No. 7 of 1982

Date of judgement - 19.01.82

The writ petition was filed before the apex Court alleging that certain persons have been held as bonded labourers in a brick kiln of Saharanpur district of UP. The apex Court directed the DM, Saharanpur to visit the brick kiln where the labourers were alleged to be held as bonded labourers. The DM Saharanpur proceeded to the brick kiln and recorded the statements of those persons. He reported to the Court that they intend to go to some other place for employment but do not wish to avail of any assistance from the State government by way of rehabilitation. The Court directed the respondents to allow these persons to leave the brick kiln premises and to ensure that the brick kiln owner does not restrain them from doing so by threat of force or otherwise.