

LAW AREA NAME : LABOUR LAWS
SECTION NAME : LABOUR ATROCITIES
SUB SECTION NAME : BONDED LABOUR

LAW IN BRIEF

The system of Bonded labour has been abolished by the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 by which bonded laborers are released from bondage immediately.

LAW IN DETAIL

According to law,

- A bonded laborer need not repay any debt incurred by him and for which he was required to provide bonded labor.
- Any suit pending against the bonded laborer for recovery of such debt shall be dismissed.
- Any property confiscated for the debt will be returned. Any mortgage on any property against such debt shall stand redeemed and the creditor will not be able to take any money for the discharge of his debt. Profits of that property in the creditor's possession will also be given.
- Any person imprisoned in pursuance of recovery of such debt shall be released from jail immediately.
- Any residential accommodation provided during the period of bonded labor will be retained with the bonded laborer.
- In case of forcible eviction, the Executive Magistrate of the respective sub-division can be approached and the property will be restored immediately.
- Jail up to 3 years and fine up to Rs. 2, 000/-

PROCESS FOR SOLUTION

Complaint Under which Section ?

Section 4

Whom to complain / where to complain?

All the bonded laborers can themselves approach the District Magistrate; or

The help of any social worker, Panchayat or any other person can be taken

The District Magistrate will release the laborers by giving them a Certificate of Release.

How to file the Case ?

The following particulars must be given in the application

Name of the Bonded labour, Age, address

Name of the Employer , Father's name, Age, Residence,
amount barrowed, number of years of slavery monthly ,annual wages ect.,

What Next ?

- The Government will help the bonded labor to start life afresh. With the help of some social workers, they can buy some cattle, tools or other means of livelihood.
- Even writing a letter to any judge of the Supreme Court or the High Court is enough to be released and be rehabilitated.
- The Government has appointed Vigilance Committees to protect and help bonded labors. They defend any suit filed against the bonded labor fir recovery of any debt from which they have been released by law.