

Note for use: This format can be used to request the opening of bank accounts for bonded labour survivors. It is only a suggested format and should be tailored to the facts and circumstances of each case.

DATE:____

To, The District Magistrate/ Sub-Divisional Magistrate,

(Address)

SUBJECT- REQUEST TO OPEN BANK ACCOUNTS FOR THE _____ [insert # of survivors] BONDED LABOUR SURVIVORS RESCUED AND RELEASED FROMON _____ AS PER THE CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME OF MoLE, 2016

IT IS MOST RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED-

- That on ______, a spot inquiry for the identification of bonded labourers was conducted under the leadership of ______ along with a team ______. Consequently, _____ [insert # of survivors] were identified, rescued and released from the bonded labour system.
 [Include facts of the rescue including, but not restricted to, the faculty details and nature of work]
- 2. That FIR bearing no._____ U/S:___PS:____dated_____ has been registered.
- 3. That DM/SDM, ______ after recording the statements of the rescued children, has issued Release Certificates (RCs) bearing nos. ______ on _____ [*insert date*] to _____ [*insert number of RCs issued*] bonded labour victims.
- 4. That the undersigned would like to inform you that the rescued child victims/beneficiaries do not hold a bank account. Therefore, the undersigned would request you to kindly direct the concerned Bank Manager [*insert the name of the nearest bank with full address*] to open bank accounts for the ____ [*insert #*] victims/beneficiaries.

5. That in support of request, the undersigned would like to bring to your kind attention the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by the Office of the Divisional Commissioner (Revenue), Government of NCT of Delhi which was issued as per the Delhi High Court orders in "Walter Kerketta v. Govt. of NCT of Delhi & Ors. WP(C) 9744 OF 2017". The Standard Operating Procedure for release of immediate financial assistance to the rescued bonded labourers in the NCT of Delhi in Para no 8.6 mentions - "In the alternative to the above mode of payment via cheque/demand draft, the concerned NGO under the directions of the concerned SDM may assist the victims in opening a bank account expeditiously and make electronic payment of the immediate compensation of Rs.20,000/- within a week from the date of rescue." A copy of the SOP is attached here with as ANNEXURE __for your reference.

[Applicable only when rescue conducted within the jurisdiction of Govt. of Delhi]

- 6. That rescued child labourers are poor and their rehabilitation as per CSS-2016 of the MoLE, GoI is necessary. It is humbly requested by the undersigned that necessary steps be taken by your good office for the rehabilitation of the above-mentioned victims.
- 7. That the released victims of bonded labour are poor and have suffered in the menace of the bonded labour system. They are entitled to get immediate financial assistance of Rs.20,000/- each as mentioned in section 5(xiv) of the CSS-2016 and in order to rehabilitate them, opening of their bank accounts will be helpful.

PRAYER

- 1. Therefore, it is humbly submitted that the victims have suffered immensely for an inordinately long time and must be properly rehabilitated to bring an end to their suffering and the gruesome violation of their human rights. In light of the facts raised, judgment cited above and in the interest of justice, equity and good conscience, it is humbly requested as under:
 - a) Please direct the concerned Bank Manager to open bank accounts for the above-mentioned victims.

Thank you in anticipation.

PLACE: _____

Date:

Claimant/ Advocate on behalf of the claimant/ Complainant/ Advocate on behalf of the complainant

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