



Note for use: This format can be used to request release certificates 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 ISSUE RELEASE CERTIFICATES FOR THE [insert #] OF BONDED LABOUR SURVIVORS RESCUED AND RELEASED FROM _____ ON _____ AS PER THE CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME OF MoLE, 2016 AND ITS ADDENDUMS.

IT IS MOST RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

1. That on _____, a spot inquiry for the identification of bonded labourers was conducted under the leadership of _____ along with a team _____. Consequently, _____ [# 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 the undersigned would like to inform you that the rescued child victims/beneficiaries have still not received Release Certificates. Therefore, it is humbly requested that the victims be issued Release Certificates.
4. 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

8.1 mentions - *“The DM/SDM shall issue a release certificate along with Annexure-I and II to each of the rescued bonded labourer within 24 hours of the rescue (as per SOP dated 17.08.2017 of the MoLE,GOI). A copy of the SOP is attached herewith as ANNEXURE __ for your reference.*

(Applicable only when rescue conducted within the jurisdiction of Govt. of Delhi)

5. That the Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE), Government of India (GoI) on 17th August 2017 issued Standard Operation Procedure (ANNEXURE __) for Identification and Rescue of Bonded Labour and Prosecution of Offender. (F.No. S-11012/01/2015-BL). Para no. 3.4 of the SoP provides - *“The DM or SDM shall issue immediately and definitely within 24 hours, a release Certificate to each rescued labourer, including children, found to be bonded labourer even if they are accompanied by families.”*
6. 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, providing release certificates is essential.

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 the light of the facts raised, judgments cited above and in the interest of justice, equity and good conscience, it is humbly requested as under:-

- a) Please issue **RELEASE CERTIFICATES** for the above-mentioned victims of bonded labour.

Thank you in anticipation.

PLACE: _____

Date: _____

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

_____(address)