



Note for use: This format can be used to request final compensation 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- DISBURSEMENT OF REHABILITATION PACKAGE TO THE _____
[insert # of survivors] 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, _____[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 as per section 21(2) of Bonded Labour Act, 1976, an offence under the Act may be tried summarily by an Executive Magistrate. In this regard, the, Sub-Divisional

Magistrate/Additional District Magistrate/District Magistrate _____ conducted and concluded the summary trial. A copy of the order has been attached herewith as ANNEXURE __.

5. That [*insert facts pertaining to crux of the order*]
6. That rescued child labourers are poor and their rehabilitation as per “**Central Sector Scheme for the rehabilitation of Bonded Labourer-2016**” (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 Supreme Court of India in its landmark judgement “*Neeraja Chaudhry v. State of M.P (Writ Petition (CRI) No. 1263 of 1982*” in paragraph no. 11 stated:

“If any bonded labourer is only freed from his bondage and is set at liberty, he will in all probability have to slide back into bondage again to keep his body and soul together. Freedom from bondage without effective rehabilitation after such freedom will indeed be of no consequence and in the absence of proper arrangement for such rehabilitation being made, the entire purpose of the Act will be frustrated and the vice of the bonded labour system which the legislature thought it fit to abolish in the larger interest not only of our country, but also of humanity as a whole will continue to perpetuate its evil existence.”

8. That in compliance with the above-stated directions of the Supreme Court, the Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoLE), the Government of India (GoI) has issued notification no F. No. S- 11012/02/2015-BL (ANNEXURE __) for the rehabilitation of bonded labourers. As per clause 5 of the revised Central Sector Scheme which came in effect from 17th May 2016 (the contents of the same are mentioned as under):-

5(ii) The Rehabilitation package shall be Rs.1,00,000 per adult male beneficiaries. The beneficiary shall have the option to either deposit it in an annuity scheme or receive cash grant. The District Administration will assess the cash requirement of the beneficiary and exercise its best judgement in the matter and put the money under an annuity scheme with the consent of the said adult male.

5(iii) For special category beneficiaries such as children including orphans or those rescued from organised and forced begging rings or other forms of forced child labour, and women, the amount of rehabilitation assistance shall be {2 lakhs out of which at least Rs.,25,000/- shall be deposited in an annuity scheme in the name of each beneficiary and the balance amount shall be transferred to the beneficiary account through ECS.

9. That the bank account details of the child victims of bonded labour are attached herewith. (ANNEXURE __)

[It is a good practice to provide bank account details for easier facilitation of disbursement. However, if bank account details are not available, the same can be omitted.]

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, Supreme Court's judgment as cited above and in the interest of justice, equity and good conscience, it is humbly requested as under:-

- a) That rehabilitation amount of Rs. 1,00,000/- as mentioned in section 5(ii) of the CSS-2016 be provided to every released male beneficiary.
- b) That rehabilitation amount of Rs. 2,00,000/- as mentioned in section 5(iii) of the CSS-2016 be provided to every released female and child beneficiary.

If immediate financial assistance has been received, kindly reduce the amount to that effect from the above prayers.

Thank you in anticipation.

PLACE: _____

Date: _____

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

