

Bonded Labour Offences

The Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976

- Section 09:* Accepting payment against any bonded debt
- Section 16:* Enforcement of bonded labour
- Section 17:* Advancement of bonded debt
- Section 18:* Extracting bonded labour under the bonded labour system
- Section 19:* Omission/failure to restore possession of property to bonded labourers
- Section 20:* Abetment of an offence

Indian Penal Code

- Section 374:* Unlawful compulsory labour
- Section 370:* Trafficking of persons
- Section 370A:* Exploitation of a trafficked person
- Section 371:* Habitual dealing in slaves

SC & ST Act

- Section 3(1)(h):* Making a member of SC /ST to do 'begar' or other forms of forced or bonded labour
- Section 3(1)(z):* Forcing or causing a member of SC/ST to leave his house, village or other place of residence

Bonded Labour Elements

Forfeited Freedom/Rights

1. Freedom of employment
2. Right to move freely throughout India
3. Right to receive the legal minimum wage
4. Right to sell goods and services at market value

Debt/Obligations

1. Advance
2. Customary or social obligation
3. Succession
4. Other economic consideration
5. Caste or community

Freedom/rights are forfeited because of debt/obligations



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ROLE OF THE POLICE IN BONDED LABOUR OFFENCES

Role of the Police in **RESCUE**

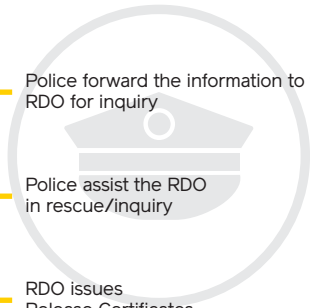
Police receive information

Police forward the information to the RDO for inquiry

Police assist the RDO in rescue/inquiry

RDO issues Release Certificates

Police assist in repatriation and protection of victims



Role of the Police in **PROSECUTION**

Police receive information

Police register FIR

Police conduct criminal investigation

Police consider arrest

Police record 161 statements

Police file charge sheet

Trial

