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Supreme Court Sets Seven-Day Deadline for Financial Aid to Rescued Bonded Labourers

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The Supreme Court has made it clear that rescuing a person from bonded labour is only the beginning of the State's responsibility. Financial assistance promised under the rehabilitation scheme must ordinarily reach rescued workers within seven days of the issuance of their release certificates, the Court has ruled. Emphasising the urgency of rehabilitation, the Court observed that delayed financial support defeats the very purpose of the scheme. People freed from...

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