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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CWP-18697-2020

Date of Decision: 26th November, 2020

Lakhwinder Singh

Petitioner

Versus

Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi and others

Respondents

**CORAM: JUSTICE S. MURALIDHAR
JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN**

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Present: Ms. Satinder Kaur, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. Bhuwan Vats, Advocate for the Respondents No.1 and 2.

Mr. Nitin Thathai, Advocate for the Respondents No. 5 to 7/
HDB Financial Services Ltd.

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Dr. S. Muralidhar, J.

1. The Petitioner is essentially aggrieved by the seizure of his truck, stated to be hypothecated with the Respondent Nos. 5 to 7/Financial Institution, on 1st October, 2020 by the Financial Institution.

2. As per Annexure P-2 to the petition, as on 24th September, 2020, the total amount, including interest, overdue to the Financial Institution works out to Rs. 2,27,666/-.

3. Mr. Nitin Thathai, learned Counsel for the Respondents No. 5 to 7 states that this amount has further increased and is Rs. 4,28,227/- as of date.

4. Be that as it may, considering that Petitioner's truck is lying seized in Bihar since 1st October, 2020 and that the Petitioner is in great distress on account of the Covid-19 situation, it is directed that subject to the Petitioner paying, without prejudice to the rights and contentions of the parties, a sum of Rs. 2,00,000/- to the Respondent No. 7 on or before 30th November, 2020 and his further undertaking to clear the balance amount in installments, as may be determined by the Respondent Nos. 5 to 7, the truck be released to the Petitioner.

5. The petition is disposed of in above terms.

**[S. MURALIDHAR]
JUDGE**

**[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE**

26th November, 2020
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Whether speaking / reasoned:	Yes / No
Whether reportable :	Yes / No