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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08-10-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

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M/s Mercedes Benz Financial Services
India Private Limited
5th Floor, Plot 8, Baashyam Willow
Square 9 and 10, First Street, Thiru Vi
Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy,
Chennai 600 032 represented by its
Authorised Signatory

Applicant

Vs

Mr.Naga Surya Prakash Kolapalli
No.B-101 The Metrozone
44 Pillaiyar Koil Street, Anna Nagar
Chennai 600 040

Respondent

PRAYER

To appoint the Advocate Commissioner to seize and take possession of the vehicle which is more fully described in the schedule to the Judges Summons which is lying in the custody of respondent or respondent's men, agents, servants from respondent premises or wherever found with Police aid and break open of premises if necessary.

For Applicant: Mr.D.Pradeep Kumar

For Respondent: Ms.N.Rajalakshmi
Advocate Commissioner

ORDER

This application has been filed under Section 9 of the Arbitration and



Conciliation Act, 1996 for appointment of an Advocate Commissioner for seizing the vehicle in the custody of the respondent, if necessary, with police protection and by breaking open the premises.

2. When this application came up for hearing on 26.08.2025, this Court passed the following order:-

“This application has been filed under Section 9 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, seeking for the appointment of an Advocate Commissioner by this Court to repossess the vehicle, morefully described in the schedule to the judges summons from the respondent or wherever available.

2.The applicant is a Non-banking Financial Institution. The respondent is a defaulter in re-payment of the loan to the applicant. The respondent had availed loan for the purchase of vehicle. The respondent has paid only 29 installments out of 48 instalments. As on date, 3 installments are in arrears, which amounts to Rs.2,88,945/- The applicant has already recalled the loan by issuing notice to the respondent. Under the loan agreement, the applicant is empowered to re-possess the vehicle from the respondent in case the respondent commits default. The applicant has expressed its difficulty in re-possessing the vehicle on their own. Only under the said circumstances, the applicant has filed this application seeking for the appointment of an Advocate Commissioner by this Court. In the loan agreement, there exists an arbitration clause. The applicant has expressed its willingness to go for arbitration in accordance with the arbitration clause.

3.Supporting documents have been filed by the applicant in support of this application. Since a prima facie case has been made out by the applicant for the appointment of an Advocate Commissioner, this Court is inclined to appoint an Advocate Commissioner as prayed for in this application. To enable the respondent to take back



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possession of the vehicle from the Advocate Commissioner, they must be put on terms for getting back the vehicle from the applicant after re-possession. In order to strike a balance, the following order is passed by this Court:

a) Ms. N. Rajalakshmi, Advocate, having address at No. 21/44, Muthumari Amman Koil Street, Adhi Nagar, East Tambaram, Chennai - 600 059 (Mob. No. 89397 60033) is appointed as the Advocate Commissioner to re-possess the vehicle, morefully described in the schedule to the Judges Summons from the respondent's premises or wherever available;

b) The Advocate Commissioner, after re-possessing the vehicle, shall handover interim custody of the same to the applicant, who shall keep it in their safe custody;

c) The Advocate Commissioner, immediately after re-possessing the subject vehicle, shall intimate the respondent either through Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) or by hand delivery through a written communication that the arrears of installments work out to Rs. 2,88,945/-;

d) The respondent, on payment of Rs. 2,88,945/- to the applicant within a period of three days from the date when the subject vehicle was repossessed, is entitled for return of the seized vehicle. On receipt of the sum of Rs. 2,88,945/- within the stipulated time as stated supra, the applicant shall re-deliver the subject vehicle back to the respondent with proper acknowledgment and the Advocate Commissioner shall also render proper assistance for the same;

e) The applicant shall initiate arbitration in accordance with the arbitration clause contained in the contract within a period of 90 days from today. In case, the applicant fails to initiate arbitration within the stipulated time, the order passed by this Court today shall stand automatically vacated and the re-possessed vehicle shall also be redelivered back to the respondent by the applicant unconditionally;



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f) In case the Advocate Commissioner requires Police assistance due to any law and order problem or due to any obstruction caused by the respondents or by any third party, while re-possessing the vehicle, the Advocate Commissioner is at liberty to seek police assistance from the concerned police station and the police department shall grant police protection accordingly. In case, break open of the premises, where the vehicle is located, is required, the Advocate Commissioner shall break open the premises in the presence of the police and take an inventory and thereafter re-posses the vehicle;

g) The Advocate Commissioner shall be paid an initial remuneration of Rs.25,000/- and on receipt of the same, the advocate commissioner shall proceed to execute this order. All the boarding, lodging and travelling expenses for the Advocate Commissioner shall be borne by the applicant.

Notice to the respondent returnable by 06.10.2025. Private Notice is also permitted.”

3. Notice has been served on the respondent and affidavit of service has also been filed. Even though notice has been served on the respondent, there is no appearance either in person or through counsel.

4. The learned Advocate Commissioner has filed a report, wherein it is stated that the vehicle has been seized and it has been handed over to the official of the applicant company.

5. In the light of the above development, since the learned Advocate Commissioner has already seized the vehicle and handed over to the applicant and that the respondent has not chosen to appear before this Court, no further orders are required to be passed in this application.



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6. There shall be a direction to the applicant to pay a sum of Rs.15,000/- towards additional remuneration to the learned Advocate Commissioner.

7. This application stands disposed of in the above terms.

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