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

CWP-7151-2024

Date of decision : 19.11.2025

State Bank of India

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present: Mr. Chandeeep Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Senior DAG, Punjab.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. This petition has been filed by petitioner – bank aggrieved by non-execution of order dated 18.03.2021 (Annexure P-5/T) passed by Additional District Magistrate, Bathinda, u/s 14 of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (in short, ‘SARFAESI Act’).

2. It is rather surprising that Duty Magistrate-cum-Tehsildar, Bathinda (respondent No.3) and Senior Superintendent of Police, Bathinda, (respondent No.4) have failed to discharge their statutory duty of assisting and handing over physical possession of secured asset to petitioner – bank.

2.1 Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) are a huge burden on the public exchequer, banking and financial system, and, thus, prompt enforcement of recovery mechanism under the SARFAESI Act is paramount for liquidity in the system.



3. In view of the above, this Court by way of writ of mandamus directs respondents No.2 to 4 to execute the order dated 18.03.2021 (Annexure P-5/T) passed u/s 14 of the SARFAESI Act, by handing over physical possession of secured asset to petitioner – bank, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of thirty days. Petitioner – bank, thereafter, can proceed to adopt all possible legitimate means to liquidate secured asset to recover the due amount.

4. This petition for the time being stands disposed of in the terms aforesaid. Needless to say that the guidelines laid down by Coordinate Bench in **Bank of Maharashtra Vs. District Magistrate, Hisar and others** (CWP-7018-2022 decided on 28.05.2024) be adhered to by the concerned authorities.

5. We hasten to add that this order shall, however, be subject to any restraint/interim/final order which may have been passed by any judicial forum, in favour of the borrowers/guarantor/any aggrieved person, who is party to this lis.

6. Respondent No.3 is directed to file compliance report before the Registry of this Court within 45 days from the date of passing of this order. The Registry shall ensure that in case any deficiency is found in the compliance report so filed, the matter be placed before the appropriate Bench on the judicial side under IOIN category.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

November 19, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No