



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

CWP-20304-2025

Date of decision : 21.07.2025

Central Bank of India

.....Petitioner

Versus

The District Magistrate-cum-Deputy Commissioner, Mohali and others

.....Respondents

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

Present: Ms. Madhu Dayal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. The petitioner Bank is before this Court against in-action of District Magistrate-cum-Deputy Commissioner, Mohali, in deciding the application (Annexure P-6), which had been filed by the petitioner Bank under Section 14 of SARFAESI Act, 2002 as early as on 23.12.2024.

2. The statute, i.e. SARFAESI Act, 2002, under second proviso to Section 14 (1) prescribes thirty days to the concerned Magistrate, within which the application under Section 14 filed by secured creditor is to be decided. The said period can, however, be extended to sixty days, but not beyond that.

2.1 It appears that District Magistrate, Mohali, is sitting over the file and is not deciding the application since the last about seven months, which gives an impression that the District Magistrate, Mohali, has abdicated its statutory duty.



3. In view of the above, without issuing notice, this petition is disposed of by issuing a writ of mandamus to District Magistrate, Mohali (respondent No.1 herein), to decide the application (Annexure P-6) within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of copy of this order.
4. Compliance report by District Magistrate, Mohali, be filed in Registry of this Court, latest by 08.08.2025, failing which the matter be put up for appropriate directions.
5. For the time being, this CWP stands disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

July 21, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No