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

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Date of decision: 16.12.2025

Jitender Singh**....Petitioner.**

Versus

State Bank of India and another**....Respondents.**

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

Present:- None for the parties.

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SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

Petitioner has preferred this petition, assailing the order of rejection, dated 06.05.2025 (Annexure P-11) passed by Debt Recovery Tribunal-III (DRT-III), Chandigarh, in SA No. 254/2023, '*Jitender Singh vs. State Bank of India*' whereby an application filed u/s 17 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (for short 'the SARFAESI Act') was dismissed for being time barred by 17 years. Petitioner, being an auction purchaser, had purchased the secured asset, which was put to auction way back on 27.03.2006.

2. Learned Presiding Officer, DRT-III, Chandigarh, has found the explanation put forth for explaining the delay in filing the aforesaid SA to be not satisfactory.



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3. This Court, without commenting on the merits of the matter, is of the considered view that the petitioner, as an auction purchaser, is always free to approach the Appellate Forum, i.e. Debt Recovery Appellate Tribunal, u/s 18 of SARFAESI Act. Petitioner has not provided any explanation in this petition as to why he could not approach the DRAT.

4. In view of above, this Court declines interference on merits and relegates petitioner to avail the remedy of appeal u/s 18 of the SARFAESI Act against the order dated 06.05.2025 (*supra*).

5. With the aforesaid observation, petition stands disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

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i)	Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes/No
ii)	Whether reportable?	Yes/No