



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

CWP-6754-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision : 05.02.2026

AIPL Housing and Urban Infrastructure Limited

.....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

.....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Ashish Aggarwal, Senior Advocate (arguing counsel), with
Mr. Anmol Rattan S. Dhillon, Advocate, and
Mr. Nipun Vashisth, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Zoheb Hossain, Special Counsel, (arguing counsel)
(through video conferencing), with
Mr. Lokesh Narang, Senior Panel Counsel,
(through video conferencing),
for respondents No.1 and 2.

Ms. G.K. Mann, Senior Advocate (arguing counsel), with
Ms. Shruti, Advocate,
for respondent No.3.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. Learned senior counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner Company is a stranger to the proceedings pending before the Adjudicating Authority against respondent No.3.

2. The Adjudicating Authority is seized of the matter and is in the process of adjudicating the legality and validity of the provisional attachment.



3. However, learned senior counsel for the petitioner does not dispute that respondent No.3 has filed CWP-12106-2022, wherein vide interim order dated 25.07.2022 (Annexure P-14) the Adjudicating Authority has been restrained from passing final order, and the said writ petition (CWP-12106-2022) is pending consideration.

4. Learned counsel for respondents No.1 and 2, appearing virtually, has pointed out to the first proviso to Section 8 (2) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, which reads thus :

“8. **Adjudication –**

(1) xx xx xx

(2) *The Adjudicating Authority shall, after –*

(a) considering the reply, if any, to the notice issued under sub-section (1);

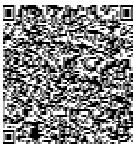
(b) hearing the aggrieved person and the Director or any other officer authorised by him in this behalf, and

(c) taking into account all relevant materials placed on record before him,

by an order, record a finding whether all or any of the properties referred to in the notice issued under sub-section (1) are involved in money-laundering :

Provided that if the property is claimed by a person, other than a person to whom the notice had been issued, such person shall also be given an opportunity of being heard to prove that the property is not involved in money-laundering.”

5. In view of above provision and the fact that the petitioner has not yet made an application before the Adjudicating Authority, it would be appropriate to dispose of this petition with a direction that if an application



claiming property seized by the Enforcement Directorate is filed by the petitioner, then the petitioner be afforded an opportunity of being heard and the application be decided. To this extent, the interim order passed in CWP-12106-2022 shall not come in the way of the Adjudicating Authority.

6. Pending application(s) also stand disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

February 05, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No