



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-10616-2026

Date of Decision: 08.04.2026

AU SMALL FINANCE BANK

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present:- Ms. Deepika Mittal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (ORAL)

1. This writ petition has been filed *inter alia* for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing Chief Judicial Magistrate, Ludhiana to decide the application dated 23.12.2025 (Annexure P-3) filed by petitioner under Section 14 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (for short, 'the SARFAESI Act').

2. Counsel for the petitioner states that the private respondents No.3 and 4 had availed credit facility from the petitioner-Bank and had mortgaged an immovable property. Counsel asserts that due to default in repayment, loan account was classified as NPA on 08.06.2025 and proceedings were initiated under the SARFAESI Act. Counsel states that a notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act was issued on 17.06.2025 (Annexure P-1) which was followed by a notice under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI Act dated 04.10.2025 (Annexure P-2), whereafter symbolic



possession of the secured asset was taken. Counsel states that an application under Section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, was submitted on 23.12.2025 (Annexure P-3) before the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Ludhiana, which is still pending. Counsel has made a reference to the statutory provisions and has urged that the application has to be decided within the time frame provided in the statute.

3. Heard counsel for petitioner.
4. In view the observations made by this Court in *Bank of Maharashtra vs. District Magistrate, Hisar and others, 2024(2) PLR 346* and *IIFL Home Finance Limited vs. State of Haryana and others, Law Finder Doc ID #2875322*, writ petition is disposed of with a direction to Chief Judicial Magistrate, Ludhiana to decide the application dated 23.12.2025 (Annexure P-3) as expeditiously as possible preferably within 60 days from the date of communication of the copy of this order, unless there is any legal impediment in doing so.

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

April 08, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No