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

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Date of decision:-16.04.2026

AU Small Finance Bank Ltd.

...Petitioner

Versus

District Magistrate, Ludhiana and others

...Respondents

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

Present :- Mr. Vaibhav Mittal, Advocate and
Mr. Shivansh Mahajan, 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 District Magistrate, Ludhiana to decide the application dated 31.12.2025, 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 submits that respondents No.2 and 3 had taken a loan from the petitioner's bank and had mortgaged immovable property. Counsel asserts that due to continuous default in repayment, the loan account was classified as NPA on 08.09.2025. A notice under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act was issued on



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16.09.2025 (Annexure P-1), followed by notice under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act dated 04.12.2025 (Annexure P-2), whereafter symbolic possession of the secured asset was taken. Counsel states that petitioner moved an application (Annexure P-3) under Section 14 of the SARFAESI Act before the District Magistrate, Ludhiana in December 2025, 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 the petitioner.
4. In view the observations of this Court in *Bank of Maharashtra vs. District Magistrate, Hisar and others* 2024(2) PLR 346 as well as in *IIFL Home Finance Limited vs. State of Haryana and others*, Law Finder Doc ID #2875322, writ petition is disposed of with a direction to District Magistrate, Ludhiana, to decide the application (Annexure P-3) as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of 60 days from the date of communication of copy of this order, unless there is any legal impediment in doing so.

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No