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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(C) 6440/2026**

HDFC Bank Limited

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Rajesh Yadav, Senior Adv. with
Ms. Shimpy Arman Sharma, Ms.
Priya Pachouri and Ms. Kashvi Jindal,
Advs.

versus

Delhi Development Authority & Ors.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Shiven Varma (Panel Counsel)
and Mr. Rudraksh Mathur, Adv.
Ms. Arti Bansal, ASC, MCD and Ms.
Shruti Goel, Adv.
Ms. Prabhsahay Kaur, SC with Mr.
Aditya Verma, Adv. for DDA.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASMEET SINGH

ORDER

11.05.2026

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1. This is a writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking the following prayers:

“a. Issue an appropriate writ, order or direction in the nature of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ thereby restraining the Respondents, their officials, agents or any person acting on their behalf from taking any coercive action, including sealing of the Petitioner’s bank branch operating from premises bearing No. 17-B, Block-B, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi-110096, pursuant to the proposed



sealing programme initiated by the Respondents;

b. Issue an appropriate writ, order or direction thereby quashing and setting aside the proposed sealing action initiated pursuant to Letter dated 06.05.2026 issued by Respondent No.1 seeking police assistance for carrying out sealing proceedings in the area including the Petitioner's branch premises;

c. Issue an appropriate writ, order or direction directing the Respondents to consider the Petitioner's representation dated 11.05.2026 in accordance with law and after granting due opportunity of hearing to the Petitioner..."

2. The case of the petitioner is that the petitioner is a lessee in respect of a property no. 17-B, Block-B, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi-110096.

3. The petitioner is aggrieved by a letter dated 06.05.2026 issued by the respondent No. 1 to the Deputy Commissioner of Police, East Delhi seeking Police assistance for carrying out a sealing programme on 12.05.2026 in the locality including the premises from where the petitioner is carrying on the lawful banking operations. The petitioner is also giving locker services to the residents of the nearby area.

4. Mr. Yadav, learned senior counsel for the petitioner, states that the impugned action of the respondent No. 1 in sealing the premises of the petitioner providing services to the residents of the area, including locker service will create a lot of confusion and inconvenience to the persons availing the services of the petitioner bank.



5. Additionally and most importantly he states that notice dated 06.05.2026 has not been issued to the petitioner, no show cause notice has been given and the action of sealing the premises is in violation of principles of natural justice.

6. Ms. Kaur, learned standing counsel for respondent No. 1/DDA states that the action is being taken pursuant to the minutes of the Monitoring Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and hence the remedy lies with the judicial committee.

7. She further states that the khasra in question i.e. khasra no. 393/264/2 is acquired and the petitioner has no right to the said premises and/or to release the same.

8. I have heard the learned counsels for the parties.

9. In the present case, the petitioner is a bank providing services to its customers and more importantly locker services. If the premises of the petitioner are sealed at such a short notice, it will create panic amongst the customers of the petitioner's bank who are citizens without having any notice of the sealing action.

10. Additionally from the documents on record, *prima facie* it seems that the notice of 06.05.2026 has not been served nor any show cause has been issued.

11. I am also conscious that the petitioner for his relief has to approach the Monitoring Committee and/or judicial committee (as the case may be).

12. For the said reasons and in order to safeguard the rights of the petitioner as well its customers, it is directed that the impugned action of sealing the premises where the petitioner is running its business shall not be carried out for a period of two weeks from today.



13. With these directions, the present writ petition is disposed of.
14. The Court has not opined/examined the merits of the matter.
15. The notice of 06.05.2026 duly stands served upon the petitioner now.

JASMEET SINGH, J

MAY 11, 2026/NG