

**IN THE COURT OF THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
THANJAVUR AT KUMBAKONAM**

Present: Tmt. S. Mahalakshmi, B.Sc., LL.M.,
Chief Judicial Magistrate.

Monday the 20th day of April 2026

CrI.M.P. No.1149/2025

(CNR.No.TNTJ18-005299-2025)

M/s. Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd.,
Thanjavur Branch,
Rep. by its Authorized Officer
Mr. L.Britto, S/o.Laurence

– Petitioner

/ Vs /

1. Mr.Sellappa, S/o.Kumarappa

–1st Respondent/Borrower

2. Mrs.Prema, W/o.Sellappa

–2nd Respondent/Co-Borrower

This petition is coming before me on today for final hearing in the presence of Mr.S.Mullai, Counsel for the Petitioner and upon hearing the arguments of Petitioner and upon perusing the case records and having stood over for consideration till this date, this Court pronounced the following ...

ORDER

This petition was filed by the Petitioner – Company seeking for the relief U/s. 14 of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interests Act, 2002 to appoint an Advocate-Commissioner to take possession of the schedule mentioned property from the Respondents and empower to Advocate-Commissioner to break open the buildings and issue appropriate directions to Inspector of Police, Orathanadu Police Station, Thanjavur District to assist to evict the occupants

of the schedule property and handover possession of the suit property to the Petitioner and for other relief.

2. The Brief averments of the Petition :

The Petitioner Company is a public limited company and a small finance Bank having its registered office at Spencer Plaza, 4th floor, Phase-II, No.769, Mount Road, Annasalai, Chennai and branch office at Thanjavur. Mr. L.Britto, S/o.Laurence, is an Authorized Officer nominated by the Petitioner/Company under the SARFAESI Act, 2002 to represent on behalf of the Petitioner/Company. The respondents had approached the petitioner Bank and availed housing Loan of Rs.10,00,000/- vide A/c.No.SETNJII0202791. The said loan was secured by executing an equitable mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds in favour of the petitioner bank by 1st respondent. The 1st respondent is the absolute owner of the Schedule mentioned property hereunder, and they had mortgaged the same by way of registered memorandum of Deposit of Title deed dated 28.10.2018 bearing Doc. No.1433/2018 and also deposited the registered sale deed in his name and other title deeds with the petitioner. The said mortgaged property is secured asset in the hands of the petitioner to ensure the liability as against the respondents. The Respondents failed to repay the loan to the Petitioner and committed default in repayment of loans. Due to non-payment of the loan installments, the accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Asset on 08.09.2022. Therefore, on 30.09.2022 the bank has issued a demand notice to the respondents as contemplated under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act calling upon them

to repay the overall loan amount of Rs.7,24,923/- to the Bank within 60 days. The said notice were served to respondents. Subsequently, the Petitioner had issued Possession notice under Section 13(4) of the Act on 27.06.2025. The possession Notice received by the respondents. The Petitioner – Bank published the possession notice in the leading newspapers “Dinamani” (Tamil edition) and “The New Indian Express” (English edition) on 28.06.2025. The respondents willfully default in repayment of loan amount. Since the respondents committed default and non-compliance of Section.13(2) of SARFAESI Act notice, the Petitioner is entitled for reliefs under section 13(4) of SARFAESI Act. Thus the Petitioner prays for the reliefs as prayed in the petition.

3. On the side of the Petitioner, one Mr. L.Britto, S/o.Laurence, Authorized Officer was examined as P.W.-1. Ex.P.-1 to Ex.P.-11 were marked on the side of the Petitioner.

4. Point for consideration:

Whether the Petitioner is entitled for appropriate reliefs as against the Respondents under Section 14 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002?

5. On the Point:

Heard, Petition and case records are carefully perused and considered in the light of arguments placed before this Court by the Counsel for the Petitioner.

6. This Court carefully considered the submissions of the Learned Counsel for Petitioner in respect of schedule mentioned property as well as possession notice dated 27.06.2025. Before getting into factual matrix, this Court wanted to rely the recent decision of Hon'ble High Court, Madras in W.P.No.10348/2021. The relevant portion of the Judgment is extracted hereunder for better appreciation.

Accordingly, W.P.No.10348 of 2021 is disposed of by requesting the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Villupuram to dispose of the petitioner's request for executive assistance in accordance with law within a period of six weeks from date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is clarified that notwithstanding the nature of the duties generally discharged by a Chief Judicial Magistrate, when a request under Section 14 of the said Act is carried to such officer, no adjudication is required to be undertaken in disposing of such request.

Further the Hon'ble Superior Courts also concluded that the nature of work by the Chief Judicial Magistrate in respect of relief under section 14 of the SARFAESI Act is not an adjudicatory in nature and relates to executive in nature. With this pretext, this Court proceeds with the matter within the framework of Law.

7. On verifying the documents Ex.P.1 is the Authorization letter which ensures the Mr.L.Britto, was nominated by the Petitioner / Company under the SARFAESI Act as Authorized officer, Ex.P.2 is the document that show that the Respondents applied for loan from the petitioner Bank on 23.10.2018. The

petitioner/Bank Sanctioned loan for a sum of Rs.10,00,000/- to the respondents through Ex.P.3 on 27.10.2018 and after availing the above said loan the respondents executed Loan Agreement through Ex.P.4 on 27.10.2018. The 1st respondent is the absolute owner of the schedule of property through Ex.P.5 Sale Deed dated 12.07.2018. The title deeds and the same was mortgaged with the Petitioner Bank, by the deposit of original title deeds as security for the said loan amount. After availing the loan, the 1st respondent executed Ex.P.6 the Memorandum conforming of deposit of title deeds on 28.10.2018. After availing loan the respondents fail to repay the loan amount. Hence the said loan account was declared as Non-performing Assets. So the Petitioner Bank issued Ex.P.7 Demand notice on 30.09.2022 to the respondents and the same was served to the respondents. Thereafter, as the Respondents did not pay the due, the petitioner Bank issued Ex.P.8 Possession notice on 27.06.2025 and the same was received by the respondents. Possession Notice also issued Paper publication Tamil and English through Ex.P.9 on 02.07.2025. The respondents never raise any objection subsequent to the Demand notice dated 30.09.2022.

8. Further, the Respondents default in payment of loan amount which is proved through Ex.P.11 statement of accounts as on 16.09.2025. The petitioner company is absolute owner of the schedule mentioned property through Ex.P.10 Encumbrance certificate on 03.10.2025. The documents Ex.P.1 to P.11 proved the petitioner claim. Therefore, this court comes to the conclusion that the Petitioner is

entitled to the reliefs as prayed for. Accordingly, the Point is answered in favour of the Petitioner.

9. In the result, the petition under Section 14 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, is allowed with following terms:

1) Mrs. P. Lakshmi, Advocate (Enrollment No. M.S. No.483/2013 - Mobile No.9940999493) is appointed as Advocate-Commissioner with following tasks :

i) To inspect the schedule of properties.

ii) To take physical possession of schedule of properties with inventories.

iii) After taking inventories, handover the possession of schedule of properties to the Petitioner - Bank / Secured Creditor.

iv) In the event of any ambiguity or clarification while executing the orders of this Court, the learned Advocate-Commissioner is at liberty to approach this Court by way presenting Clarification memo.

v) In the event of any obstruction, the learned Advocate-Commissioner is hereby permitted to break open and took possession of the schedule property.

vi) A sum of **Rs. 20,000/-** is fixed as remuneration to the learned Advocate-Commissioner and the Petitioner – Bank is directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.20,000/-** to the Court.

vii) After depositing the remuneration by the Petitioner – Bank, the learned Advocate-Commissioner shall fix a day for execution.

viii) The Report shall be filed at the earliest point of time.

ix) On filing Report before this Court, the learned Advocate Commissioner is entitled to get the remuneration of Rs.20,000/- from the Court by filing necessary application.

//Dictated by me to the Steno-Typist, and directly typed by him in the computer, corrected and pronounced by me in the open court on this 20th day of April 2026.//

Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Thanjavur at Kumbakonam.

<i>WITNESS ON THE SIDE OF PETITIONER :</i>			
1	Mr.L.Britto (Authorized Officer)		
<i>EXHIBITS ON THE SIDE OF PETITIONER :</i>			
Ex. No.	Date	Details	Type of Document
Ex.P.1	22.07.2025	Copy of Authorization Letter	Copy
Ex.P.2	23.10.2018	Copy of Loan application	Compared with original
Ex.P.3	27.10.2018	Copy of Loan Sanction Letter	Compared with original
Ex.P.4	27.10.2018	Copy of Loan Agreement	Compared with original
Ex.P.5	12.07.2018	Copy of Sale Deed	Compared with original
Ex.P.6	28.10.2018	Copy of Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deeds in favour of Petitioner Company executed by 1 st respondent	Compared with original
Ex.P.7	30.09.2022	Copy of Demand Notice issued to the respondents by the Petitioner Bank under section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act along with acknowledgment cards	Compared with original

Ex.P.8	27.06.2025	Copy of Possession Notice issued to the respondents by the Petitioner Bank under section 13(4) of SARFAESI Act along with acknowledgment cards	Compared with original
Ex.P.9	02.07.2025	Possession Notice paper publication English & Tamil	Original
Ex.P.10	03.10.2025	Encumbrance Certificate	Online copy
Ex.P.11	16.09.2025	Statement of Accounts	Online copy

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of land along with building comprised in S.No.244/1 and N.S.No.244/1C with an extent of 12197 sq.ft., Situated at Thirunallur village, Orathanadu Taluk and Thanjavur District within the Papanadu Sub Registration District, Pattukottai Registration District.

North by : Punja land Mr.Rajamanickam

South by : Punja Land of Mr.Paari

East by : Property belongs to Mr.Chellappa

West by : Canal & Tar Road

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