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

+ **CS(COMM) 83/2022, I.A.-288-2025**

VISHWA AHIMSA SANGH

.....Plaintiff

Through: Mr. Alok Bhachawat and Mr. Ishan Jain, Advs.

versus

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK

.....Defendant

Through: Mr. Arun Kr. Shukla, Standing Counsel for PNB with Mr. Naman Shukla, Ms. Sunita Bhardwaj, Ms. Taha Yasin & and Mr. Yasharth Shukla, Advocates

**CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANISH DAYAL**

ORDER

% **12.02.2025**

I.A. 3709/2025 (extension of time for handing over possession)

1. This application by been filed by defendants i.e., *Punjab National Bank/Bank*, seeking an extension of six months' time to vacate and hand over the property.
2. By order 7th February 2024, directions were issued in ***I.A No 2919/2023***, filed under Order XII Rule 6 of the Code of Civil Procedure 1908, that defendant cannot claim a right over the said property and shall continue as a month-to-month tenant. The suit was decreed for possession in favour of plaintiff and against defendant.
3. Defendant-Bank was directed to hand over vacant and peaceful possession of the property to plaintiff within six months, subject to payment of Rs.7,60,320/- per month for the next six months. Thereafter, defendant - Bank sought an extension, which was assessed by the Court *vide* order 6th



August 2024, and in facts and circumstances, an extension was granted; however, at enhanced charges of *Rs.9,50,400/-* for the period commencing from 01st August 2024.

4. Today, an extension of time is once again sought on the ground that the Bank is still in the process of identifying and crystalising another property in the vicinity to continue its branch. The currency chest, with approval of the Reserve Bank of India, has also been shifted.

5. Counsel for plaintiff, however, states that the current rent in the market is in the range of *Rs.17 Lakhs* per month.

6. Counsel for defendant shall seek instructions on whether they shall pay the market rent for the period for which extension is sought.

7. It is made clear that extension cannot be granted on the basis of half the market rent, which the Bank is currently paying.

8. At request of counsel for defendant, re-list on 14th February 2025.

9. Order be uploaded on the website of this Court.

ANISH DAYAL, J

FEBRUARY 12, 2025/sm/tk