



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

W.P.(C) No.17977 of 2026

Bank of India, Bhubaneswar		Petitioner
		Mr. G. Das, Advocate
-Versus-		
The Chief Judicial Magistrate, Khorda & Others		Opp. Parties
		Mr. A. Mishra, Advocate

CORAM:

**JUSTICE KRISHNA S. DIXIT
JUSTICE CHITTARANJAN DASH**

**Order No.
01.**

**ORDER
22.06.2026**

**W.P.(C) Nos.17977, 17992, 18032,
18036 & 18037 of 2026**

The lender-Bank is knocking at the doors of Writ Court seeking a direction to the appropriate authority constituted under the SARFAESI Act, 2002 for entertaining applications filed under Section 14.

2. Learned Panel Counsel appearing for the Bank vehemently submits that applications of the kind have to be treated on a war footing and that having not happened, a direction be issued for treating the same accordingly. In support of that, he cites this Bench's decision in W.P.(C) No.3873 of 2026 between Varthana Finance Private Limited v. The Chief Judicial Magistrate disposed off on 24.02.2026, wherein Para-3 reads as under:

"3. Notice to other side is dispensed with, since we are passing only an order to pass an order and therefore, it is innocuous.



In the above circumstances, writ petition is disposed off, requesting learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jajpur to dispose off the pending M.C. No.68/2025 within an outer limit of three weeks. All contentions are kept open.

Registry to send a copy of this order by speed post immediately to the learned CJM before sunset of the day."

3. Notice to other side is unwarranted, inasmuch as it will have full opportunity before the concerned authority, if law does provide for that. We are not expressing any opinion as to issuance of notice in the matter.

In the above circumstances, these petitions are disposed off by directing learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Khorda to hear and dispose off the subject applications within an outer limit of four weeks. In that connection, all contentions are kept open.

Non-compliance of this order or delay in disposal of the pending applications shall be viewed very seriously.

Web copy of this order to be acted upon by all concerned.

(Krishna S. Dixit)
Judge

(Chittaranjan Dash)
Judge