



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK**

**W.P.(C) No.18354 of 2026**

**M/S RAM AWATAR SHARMA, .... Petitioners**  
**Keonjhar & Others**

Mr. T. Pattanayak, Advocate

**-Versus-**

**State Bank of India, Keonjhar & .... Opp. Parties**  
**Another**

Mr. P. Dash, Advocate

**CORAM:**

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

**Order No.**  
**02.**

**ORDER**  
**23.06.2026**

Challenge is to the coercive proceedings essentially culminating into an order under Section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, the Petitioners-borrower having not scrupulously repaid the outstanding loan.

2. Learned counsel-Mr. Pattanayak appearing for the Petitioners draws our attention to a part of the pleadings relating to the disease of Cancer suffered by his client's spouse and that was in the year 2012. Therefore, that ground has not much impressed us to exercise our jurisdiction animated with human value as such.

3. Learned counsel for the Petitioners also submits that his clients are ready and willing to make pre-deposit of 10% and therefore, reprieve should be granted by the Writ Court. This is opposed by the learned Panel Counsel-Mr. Pratik Dash appearing for the lender-Bank, who highlights the number of opportunities



given to the Petitioners to scrupulously pay the outstanding installment, which they did not. He tells us that Writ Court should not grant interference in matters like this, inasmuch as Petitioners have got alternate and more efficacious remedy under Section 17 of the Act. No extraordinary circumstances are demonstrated before us to take a deviant way of interference.

In the above circumstances, the petition is disposed off relegating the Petitioners to the alternate remedy as indicated above by the learned Panel Counsel appearing for the Bank to facilitate invocation of that remedy, the parties are requested to lay their hands off qua the coercive proceedings for a period of two weeks. All contentions are kept open and nothing stated hereinabove shall be construed by the DRT while considering either main matter or the request for reprieve. If this limited reprieve granted now is not invoked, it is open to the lender-Bank to precipitate the matter in the way known to law.

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

***(Krishna S. Dixit)***  
***Judge***

***(Chittaranjan Dash)***  
***Judge***