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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

(119)

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Date of decision:- 21.04.2026

AU Small Finance Bank Ltd.

... Petitioner

Versus

Additional District Magistrate, Patiala and others

... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI**

Present:- Mr. Vaibhav Mittal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (ORAL)

1. This writ petition has been filed, *inter alia*, for issuance of a writ, in the nature of mandamus, directing respondents No.1 to 3 to assist in taking over physical possession of the secured asset.
2. Counsel for the petitioner submits that order dated 07.11.2023 (Annexure P-3) has been passed by the District Magistrate, Patiala under Section 14 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (for short, 'SARFAESI Act'), but despite a lapse of more than two years, physical possession of the secured asset has not been delivered.
3. Advance copy of the petition has been served upon the official respondents.



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4. On asking of the Court, Mr. A.S.Khara, Senior DAG, Punjab has put in appearance on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3-State. He does not have any instructions.

5. Having heard counsel for parties and keeping in view the observations of Division Benches of this Court in **Bank of Maharashtra vs. District Magistrate, Hisar and others, 2024 (2) PLR 346**, as well as in **IIFL Home Finance Limited vs. State of Haryana and others, Law Finder Doc ID #2875322**, writ petition is disposed of with a direction to competent authority to comply with order dated 07.11.2023 (Annexure P-3) within a period of 60 days from the date of communication of a copy of this order, unless there is any legal impediment in doing so.

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

21.04.2026
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No