



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

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CWP-12511-2026

Date of Decision: 24.04.2026

AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED

...Petitioner

Versus

**THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE / DISTRICT COLLECTOR
KARNAL HARYANA AND ORS**

...Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Nitin Thatai, 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 hand over the physical possession of the secured asset.

2. Counsel for the petitioner submits that order dated 06.03.2026 (Annexure P-2) has been passed by the District Magistrate, Karnal 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 one month, physical possession of the secured asset has not been delivered.

3. Advance copy of the petition has been served upon the official respondents.

4. On asking, Mr. Anant Kataria, DAG, Haryana, has put in appearance on behalf of respondents-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 06.03.2026 (Annexure P-2) to within a period of 60 days from the date of communication of the copy of this order, unless there is any legal impediment in doing so.

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

April 24, 2026
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(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No