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March 12, 2026.  
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**WPA No. 5256 of 2026**

Axis Bank Limited & Anr.  
Vs.  
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Sayak Ranjan Ganguly  
Ms. Srijani Ghosh  
Ms. Ankita Jha  
Mr. Kripa Kami  
... for the petitioner

Mr. Asish Kumar Guha  
Mr. Joyak Kumar Gupta  
... for the State

By consent of the parties, the writ petition stands amended to implead the District Magistrate, Purba Medinipur in place and stead of District Magistrate, North 24-Parganas.

Liberty is granted to the petitioner to make formal amendments to the cause title.

The grievance of the petitioner is directed against failure and deliberate delay of the concerned District Magistrate in disposing of an application under Section 14 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI), which was filed as far back as on September 30, 2024.

It is alleged on behalf of the petitioner that the delay in disposing of such application

emasculates the provisions of the Act of 2002 and is deliberate and intentional.

The State is represented.

The State is directed to take instructions as to why such applications have been kept pending for approximately two years.

It is made clear that pendency of this application will not act as an embargo in the concerned District Magistrate in disposing of the application prior to the returnable date.

Let this matter appear on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 for further orders.

The petitioner is directed to serve a copy of this application on the Office of the concerned District Magistrate forthwith.

**(Ravi Krishan Kapur, J.)**