



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-8246-2025

DATE OF DECISION: 24.03.2025

SANDEEP JINDAL AND ANOTHER

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK AND OTHERS

... Respondent(s)

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S. GREWAL**

Present: Mr. Sahil Khunger, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Gaurav Goel, Advocate

Ms. Solani Nagoria, Advocate for respondent/ Bank (through VC)

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioners, inter alia, submits that the petitioner had preferred a Securitization Application (S.A.) before the DRT-II but as it is non-functional for want of Presiding Officer, the S.A. had been adjourned to 15.04.2025. The petitioner is a guarantor and the secured asset, which is his residential house, is being put to auction on 28.03.2025.

Learned counsel for the respondent submits that the S.A. had been preferred in the year 2020 and therefore, the petitioners are not entitled to interim relief.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the sale notice has been issued on 10.03.2025, therefore, the petitioners be granted interim protection till DRT-II resumes functioning. He also submits that the petitioners shall be preferring an application for interim relief before the DRT-II and the DRT-II be directed to decide the same expeditiously.

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At this juncture, Mr. Satyapal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India submits that vide order dated 20.03.2025, the Central Government has entrusted the additional charge for the post of Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Chandigarh to Shri Anand Sagar Narang, Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Chandigarh w.e.f. 14.02.2025 for a period of six months.

Heard.

The petitioners had approached this Court as DRT-II was non-functional. The charge of DRT-II has been given to the Presiding Officer, DRT-I by order dated 20.03.2025. The petitioners are already pursuing their alternative remedy of preferring S.A. before competent Tribunal.

In view of the above, we deem it appropriate to dispose of this petition with liberty to petitioners to prefer an application for interim relief in the S.A. In the event of the petitioners preferring an application for interim relief, the DRT-I is requested to consider and decide the same expeditiously.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

(H.S. GREWAL)
JUDGE

24.03.2025

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