

HC flags acute shortage of law officers, seeks affidavits from Punjab, Haryana

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TAKING SUO MOTU cognisance of the acute shortage of assistant district attorneys in Haryana's Sirsa district, the Punjab and Haryana High Court on Monday questioned how judicial work could function smoothly in such circumstances.

A division bench led by Chief Justice Sheel Nagu observed that the government was not appointing a sufficient number of law officers and directed the states of Punjab and Haryana to furnish affidavits detailing the district-wise position.

The court noted that 22 courts are operational in Sirsa, while only 12 government lawyers have been appointed. Of these, two are posted in Ambala, leaving effectively 10 officers to handle the workload, which the court termed grossly inadequate.

It further observed that while a large number of officers are posted in the Advocate General's office, district-level postings remain weak. The bench remarked that only 20–25 per cent of officers appear to be handling the bulk of the work, raising concerns over resource utilisation.

The bench directed the Haryana Chief Secretary to file a detailed affidavit explaining the shortfall and the reasons for not appointing adequate law officers in districts. It also took note of a similar situation in several districts of Punjab.

Expanding the scope of the case, the court impleaded Punjab as a party and sought responses from both states. The Chief Secretaries have been asked to submit district-wise data on the availability of law officers.

The court observed that the issue directly impacts the administration of justice, noting that the shortage of law officers delays hearings and hampers timely delivery of justice.

The matter has been listed for hearing after 15 days.



Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini presides over the monthly meeting of the District Public Relations and Grievance Redressal Committee, in Gurugram, Monday. PTI

GURUGRAM MINOR'S RAPE

SC asks SIT to visit child's house in plain clothes, take counsellors along

Not dropping proceedings against anyone at the moment...case will be remembered as an example, says SC

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OBSERVING THAT the case involves serious issues and that it is not going to drop the proceedings at the moment, the Supreme Court on Monday asked the SIT probing the alleged rape case of a three-year-old in Gurugram to visit the minor's residence in plain clothes, accompanied by a psychologist, to record her statement.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant granted two weeks to the all-woman Special Investigation Team (SIT) to complete the probe. The bench, also comprising Justice Joymaya Bagchi, further directed the trial court not to entertain any bail application of the accused till the SIT files its chargesheet.

"The SIT members should visit along with child counsellors... Please go in civilian clothes...the child should not have any psychological impact. Have a cup of tea with the parents and interact with the child," the CJI said.

The SIT informed the court

that polygraph test reports of the three accused are expected in about a week and that it needs to interact with the child. It added that while Gurugram police had earlier sought a test identification parade, it is not seeking one now.

Senior advocate Gopal Sanakaranarayanan and advocate Sumeer Sodhi, appearing for the doctor who examined the child and was earlier pulled up by the court for allegedly changing her statement, said she is an 80-year-old reputed medical practitioner and has not altered her version. They sought the dropping of proceedings against her.

The bench, however, said, "We are not going to drop the proceedings against anyone at the moment, and this case will be remembered in the whole country as an example".

It listed the matter for further hearing on April 27.

On March 25, castigating the Haryana Police for its "shameful" and "insensitive" approach in the rape case of the child, the top court constituted an SIT of women IPS officers to conduct

a fair investigation.

It asked the Haryana government to immediately notify the SIT and directed the Gurugram police to hand over the case records to the probe panel.

The top court had rapped the Haryana Police for downgrading the offence from a harsher provision to a milder one in its FIR filed under the POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) Act.

It had also pulled up a doctor at a private hospital for allegedly changing her version of the child's statement and said, "It was shameful for a doctor to do so". Show-cause notices were issued to Gurugram police officers over the alleged shoddy investigation, as well as the Gurugram Child Welfare Committee (CWC), asking why action should not be taken against them.

According to police, the three-year-old girl was allegedly sexually assaulted for around two months by two female domestic helps and their male accomplice at a society in Sector 54.

An FIR was registered on February 4 at the Sector 53 police station under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the POCSO Act, following a complaint by the child's parents, they added.

Addressing the Growing Cancer Burden in India



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Cancer is not a death sentence for everyone

Advertorial

WORLD Health Day, observed on April 7, is a reminder that health is a collective responsibility and a cornerstone of societal progress. Among the many health challenges we face today, cancer has emerged as a leading cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide, demanding urgent attention and a shift in approach from treatment to prevention and early detection.

Cancer is no longer a rare disease. With changing lifestyles, increasing life expectancy, and environmental factors, its incidence continues to rise. However, a significant proportion of cancers are preventable. Tobacco cessation, maintaining a healthy weight, regular physical activity, vaccination against infections such as HPV and hepatitis B, and reducing alcohol consumption can substantially lower cancer risk.

Equally critical is early detection. Screening for common cancers—such as breast, cervical, and colorectal—can identify disease at a stage where cure rates are high and treatment is less intensive. Unfortunately, in many settings, patients continue to present late, when outcomes are poorer and treatment more complex.

Advances in oncology have transformed cancer care. Precision medicine, targeted therapies, and immunotherapy have improved survival and quality of life. Yet, access to these therapies remains uneven, highlighting the need to strengthen healthcare systems and ensure affordability.

Cancer care is not only about treatment; it also encompasses awareness, screening, timely referral, and multidisciplinary management. Physicians, healthcare providers, and communities must work together to bridge gaps in knowledge and access.

This World Health Day, the focus should be clear: prevent what we can, detect early, and treat effectively. With the right strategies, cancer outcomes can be significantly improved, bringing us closer to a future where cancer is no longer a feared diagnosis but a manageable condition.

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described movable/immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

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Sr. No.	PROPERTY/IES ID		DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES MORTGAGED/OWNER'S NAME (MORTGAGERS OF PROPERTY/IES)	Dt. of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002	Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002	Reserve Price	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors
Name of Dealing Officer		Contact No.		Outstanding Amount as on	Nature of Possession	EMD	
Account Name and Addresses		BID INCREASE AMOUNT					
1.	PUNBLKCT3625303 SUKHJEET SINGH 84279 - 79800		Equitable Mortgage of Factory Land and Building measuring 2500 Sq. yards having 99 years lease hold rights situated at D-230, Phase VII, Focal Point, Ludhiana belonging to M/s Weld Excel India Ltd. on the basis of lease deed bearing wasika no 12859 dated 08.09.1998.	25.11.2024	30.01.2026	Rs. 4,05,00,000/-	Not Known to Secured Creditor
Borrower M/s Weld Excel India Limited Regd. Office Address: 405,4th Floor, Copia Corporate Sutes,9 Jasola, Commercial Complex, New Delhi-110025 and Factory Address: D-230, Phase-VII, Focal Point, Ludhiana-141001 through its Directors & Guarantor's (a) Sh. Manish Modi S/o Sh Mahendra Kumar Modi (b) Smt Veena Modi W/o Sh Mahendra Kumar Modi and (c) Smt Aditee Modi W/o Sh Manish Modi, all resident of D-5, Ansal Villa, Chattarpur, Sabbari, South Delhi, 110074			Rs. 4,69,83,543.56/- as on 20/09/2024 with further interest and other charges w.e.f. 01.09.2024	Physical Possession	Rs. 40,50,000/-		
					Rs. 4,00,000/-		
2.	PUNB45400010345 NIKHIL KUMAR 96461 - 51967		All that is part & parcel of Factory Land & Building msg. 291.22 sq. Yrds situated at Plot no. 27 and 28, jaiswal complex, Jamalpur Awana, Abadi Preet Nagar, Tehsil & Distt. Ludhiana detailed as:- IP msg. 62 sq yards khasra no. 18/17,17 khata no. 416/421,419/424 as per jamabandi for the year 2011-12 vakia Jamalpur awana Hadbast no. 177 Tehsil & Distt. Ludhiana vide sale deed bearing wasika no. 18100 dated 25.01.2016 and, IP msg. 105 Sq. Yards. khasra no. 18/17, 17 khata no. 382/388, 385/391-page no. 293,294 as per jamabandi for year 2006-2007 vakia jmalpur awana hadbast no. 177 Tehsil & Distt. Ludhiana as per sale deed bearing wasika no. 15726 dated 18.02.2015 and IP msg. 124.22 Sq. Yds. Khasra no. 18/17, 17, Khata no. 382/388 page no. 293 as per jamabandi for the year 2006-2007 vakia jmalpur awana, Hadbast no. 177 Tehsil & Distt. ludhiana as per sale deed bearing wasika no. 4130 dated 26.06.2014, all in the name of Sh. Rajeev Kumar S/o Sh. Anand kumar, #H.No. 1570, Sector 39, GRD Welfare Society, Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana	30.04.2021	30.04.2022	Rs. 43,60,000/-	Not Known to Secured Creditor
Borrower: M/s Shri Bala Ji Clothing Co. #Plot No. 27, Jaiswal Complex, Kaka Village Road, Opposite Central Jail, Tajpur Road, Ludhiana-141007. Through its Borrower/Proprietor/Mortgagor: Sh. Rajeev Kumar S/o Late Sh. Anand kumar, #H.No. 1570, Sector 39, GRD Welfare Society, Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana			Rs. 92,25,054.54/- as on 31.03.2021 with interest charged upto 31.03.2021 and further interest w.e.f. 01.04.2021 plus other charges	Symbolic Possession	Rs. 4,36,000/-		
					Rs. 50,000/-		
3.	PUNB454000103511 PARSHANT SHARMA 77175 - 76905		Equitable Mortgage of Residential Property measuring 80 Sq. yards, comprised in Khasra No 932, 933, Khata No. 120/169 as per Jamabandi for the year 2010-2011 situated at Village Gill -1, H.B No- 263. Awadi Known as Preet Nagar, Tehsil & Dist-Ludhiana vide Wasika No 6685 dated 15.12.2014 owned by Smt Kamaljeet Kaur W/o Jagar Singh and bounded as under: East:- Pushpa Rani 17'-00", West:- Street 17'-00", North:- Neighbour 42'-06", South:- Neighbour 42'-06"	20.09.2016	05.04.2018	Rs. 10,75,000/-	Not Known to Secured Creditor
Sandeep Singh S/o Jagar Singh R/o St. No-42, Preet Nagar, New Shimlapuri, Ludhiana-141003.			Rs. 16,78,000/- as on 31.08.2016 with future Inttt w.e.f 31.08.2016 & other charges	Physical Possession	Rs. 1,07,500/-		
2. Smt. Kamaljeet Kaur W/o Jagar Singh, (Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor) R/o St.No-42, Preet Nagar, New Shimlapuri, Ludhiana-141003					Rs. 20,000/-		
4.	PUNB45400010563 RAJ KAMAL NEGI 82196 66648		Immovable Property/House bearing M.C No. b-XXII-1276/250777, Measuring 100 Sq. yds., comprised in Khasra no. 388,389,390,391,392,372, Khewat no.778 to 783,788, Khatuni No. 879 to 883,889 to 892, as per Jamabandi for the year 2008-2009, Hadbast no. 166, situated at Village Gehlewal, Abadi Known as Chanderlok Colony, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, in the Name of Smt. Aneeta Rani w/o Sh. Dev Raj, as per Sale deed duly registered before the Sub Register (East) Ludhiana, vide wasika no. 17619 dated 24.03.2015	08.06.2023	20.08.2024	Rs. 11,00,000/-	Not Known to Secured Creditor
Sh. Vipan S/o Dev Raj (Borrower) Address-1H No. 1276/250777, Block-31, Banda Bahadur Colony, Near Chander Lok Colony, Ludhiana 141008, Address-2 H.No. 97, Ghati Balmiki Ludhiana, 141008. Smt. Aneeta Rani W/o Dev Raj (Co-Borrower/Mortgagor) Address-1 H No. 1276/250777, Block-31, Banda Bahadur Colony, Near Chander Lok Colony, Ludhiana 141008, Address-2 H No. 97, Ghati Balmiki Ludhiana, 141008.			Rs. 22,13,582.91 with interest charged upto 18.09.2019 and further interest w.e.f 19.09.2019, and other charges, less recovery if any.	Physical Possession	Rs. 1,10,000/-		
Bounded as under: East: Jeewan Rani, admeasuring 55'-0", West: Mukhtiar Singh, admeasuring 51'-3", North: Street, admeasuring 12.65'-0", South: Neighbour, admeasuring 22.95'-0".					Rs. 50,000/-		
5.	PUNB45400010332 ROHIT KUMAR 82888 - 15180		1. All Parts and parcel of Property Msg 115 Sq yards bearing MC No.B-1-1446/10/2A, Khasra No.71/131, 7/8/2 Khata No.222/232, 223/233 as per Jamabandi for the year 2009-2010, situated at Haibowal Khurd, H.B No.158, Abadi Known as Kapil Park, Ludhiana. Sale deed bearing wasika No.77 dated 05-04-2011, belonging to Sh. Rohit Malhotra S/o Sh. Hans Raj Malhotra (Out of 230 Sq Yards, Shri Rohit Malhotra S/o Sh. Hans Raj have sold property Measuring 115 Sq Yards to Dolly Malhotra W/o Naveen Malhotra vide Wasika No. 1903 Dt 29-05-2014 in office of Sub Registrar west Ludhiana) 2. All Parts and Parcel of Property Msg 115 Sq yard bearing MC No. B-1-1446/10/2A, Khata No. 222/232, 223/233 as per Jamabandi for the year 2009-2010, situated at Haibowal Khurd, H.B No. 158, Abadi Known as Kapil Park, Ludhiana. Sale deed bearing wasika No. 1903 dated 29-05-2014 in the name of Dolly Malhotra W/o Naveen Malhotra. Boundaries of Total Property Measuring 230 Sq Yards as under: East: Street 16'-06 wide -Admi 36'-0", West- Dr Pabbi Admi 36'-0", North: Om Prakash Admi 57'-6" South: Neighbours Admi 57'-6"	15.01.2020	15.09.2020	Rs. 85,50,000/-	Not Known to Secured Creditor
1) M/s Saarang International (through Partners Mr. Rohit Malhotra and Mr. Naveen Malhotra) Kapil Park, Y-Block Chowk, Opp-Rishi Nagar Hambran Road, Ludhiana-141001, 2) Mr. Naveen Malhotra S/o Sh. Hans Raj Malhotra (Partner) H. No. 84-B, Near Dhani Eye Hospital, Kitchlu Nagar, Ludhiana-141001, 3) Mr. Rohit Malhotra S/o Sh. Hans Raj Malhotra (Partner/Mortgagor/Guarantor) H. No. 84-B, Near Dhani Eye Hospital, Kitchlu Nagar, Ludhiana-141008, 4) Smt. Dolly Malhotra W/o Sh. Naveen Malhotra (Mortgagor/Guarantor) H. No. 84-B, Near Dhani Eye Hospital, Kitchlu Nagar, Ludhiana-141008.			Rs. 2,64,49,997.00/- with interest charged up to 30/12/2019 with further interest w.e.f 01.12.2019, less recovery if any, until payment in full	Physical Possession	Rs. 8,55,000/-		
					Rs. 1,00,000/-		
6.	PUNB454000103504 ROHIT KUMAR 82888 - 15180		Equitable Mortgage of Property Plot measuring 133.33sq yards Comprised in khasra no 28/1 Khattha No.1695/1903 page no.1049 as per jamabandi for the year 2006-2007situated at Haibowal Kalan, Hadbast No.102, locality known as Durugapur, street no.12, tehsil & District Ludhiana in the name of Smt. Indra Gupta (since Deceased) being inherited by way of mutation through her legal heirs, registered vide deed no.11212, dated 14.10.2011 before Sub registrar Ludhiana. Bounded as under:- Sides East : Plot side40", West: Street 19 feet wide side40", North: Street 19 feet wide side 30", South: Neighbor side 30"	23.02.2023	17.07.2023	Rs. 31,11,000/-	Note -(1) That the One Civil Suit CS 2330/2020 "Kuldeep Rai Vs Ram Gopal and Others "Is pending before the Hon'ble Civil Judge (Jr.Div.) Ludhiana for 05.03.2026.
M/s Anurag Textile Through its Prop-Ajay Kumar S/o Ram Gopal, Address-1 B-XXIV, 4131/5/2, Street No.44/1/2, Gaushala Road, New Madhopuri, Ludhiana-141008, Sh. Ajay Kumar s/o Sh.Ram Gopal Address-2 H.No. 5522, Raghuhir Park, Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana-141001., Guarantor's: 1) Mr Sameer Gupta S/o Ram Gopal, 2) Mr Ram Gopal S/o Gajjar Mal, both Residing at H.No. 5522, Raghuhir Park, Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana-141001.			Rs. 32,84,155.94/- as on 20.02.2023 with future Inttt w.e.f 21.02.2023 & other charges	Symbolic Possession	Rs. 3,11,100/-		
					Rs. 1,00,000/-		

Terms and conditions: 1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions: 02. The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and **"WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"** 03. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. 04. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website <https://BAANKNET.com> on 28.04.2026 @ 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer <https://BAANKNET.com>. 5. Over and above reserve price, Minimum One Bid Amount is Mandatory. Outstanding Charges/bill for electricity , house tax etc shall be borne by auction purchaser.

STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 9(1) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002		
DATE : 06.04.2026	PLACE : LUDHIANA	Authorized Officer - Punjab National Bank (Secured Creditor)

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