SC reserves order on firecracker restrictions in Delhi-NCR, suggests involving Virat Kohli in awareness campaign

NEW DELHI : The Supreme Court on Thursday reserved its order on the restrictions on firecrackers in Delhi-NCR during Diwali, observing that repeated judicial directions had failed to ensure compliance and calling for innovative measures to tackle air pollution.

A Bench of Justices M.M. Sundresh and Prasanna B. Varale said that the issue required intervention at a higher level, stating that orders were issued every year but violations continued to outnumber compliance.

"Every year, we pass orders on the issue. For us, it has now become an academic exercise. Our orders are violated more often than they are followed," the Justice Sundresh-led Bench observed, stressing the need to explore new approaches instead of relying solely on restrictions.

During the hearing, the apex court suggested involving prominent public figures, particularly sportspersons, to raise awareness about the harmful effects of firecrackers and encourage people to celebrate Diwali responsibly.

"Why can't you use the services of prominent personalities to make the public aware, like the sportsmen, or the public figures who are highly respected, from any walk of life?" the top court asked.

Referring to Indian cricketer Virat Kohli as an example, the Justice Sundresh-led Bench suggested that celebrated personalities could be requested to appeal to people to celebrate the festival in a manner that protects public health and the environment.

It also stressed the need to sensitise children and the younger generation, suggesting that educational institutions be involved in spreading awareness about pollution



and its consequences.

The Supreme Court observed that a complete ban on firecrackers might not be the appropriate course, cautioning that an excessively harsh approach could have wider repercussions.

It reiterated the need for a balanced approach that respects the festive spirit while safeguarding public health. It further underlined that enforcement would be crucial, warning that judicial directions would become a "mockery" if the authorities failed to implement them on the ground.

The apex court asked the Union government to file an affidavit detailing the steps taken to enforce the restrictions. The matter concerns the restrictions on the sale and use of firecrackers in Delhi-NCR, where the Supreme Court has repeatedly intervened over concerns about deteriorating air quality during the festive season.

Last year, the apex court had permitted the limited sale and use of green crackers in Delhi-NCR on a test basis, subject to stringent safeguards. A Bench of the Chief Justice of India (CJI) B.R. Gavai (now retired) and Justice K. Vinod Chandran had allowed the sale of approved green crackers from October 18 to October 20, 2025, while restricting their use to specified morning and evening hours on the day before Diwali and on the festival day.

The apex court had directed that only licensed traders sell approved products bearing QR codes and prohibited online sales of firecrackers. It had also ordered monitoring of air, water and soil quality to assess the impact of the limited relaxation.

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
Registered Office: 27-A, Developed Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032, Tamil Nadu, India. Branch Office: 1 St Floor Yaman Enclave Near Nagarmal Rukunpura Bailey Road Bihar Patna 800014
www.hindujahousingfinance.com
Execution Notice

This property is Mortgaged and Under Possession of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited. The Physical Possession of the property has since been taken by the Authorized officer of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited as per the court order No – 1528 dated – 12.10.2026, Passed by the Court of Hon'ble District Magistrate Vaishali, Bihar, Under Section 14(1) of the Sarfaesi Act, 2002.

Loan Account No – BR/PTN/PTNA/A000001167 of Mr. NITESH KUMAR

Immovable Property

Circle/anchal - Lalganj, Mauza - Atwarpur Sisola, Halka - Atwarpur Sisola, Khata No – 02, Revenue Thana No - 129, Khesra No./plot No. – 1783, Area - 8.75 Decimals, District – Vaishali, Registry Office - Lalganj. Boundaries For Plot No. 1783. Boundary: North - Self Seller; South - Village Road; East - Self Seller; West - Ram Sagar Rai. Date Of Physical Possession 27th October 2026 At (vaishali)

Trespassers will Be Prosecuted
By Order: -

Date: 30.10.2026
Place: PATNA
Authorized Officer,
Hinduja Housing Finance Limited

Two elephant calves killed after being hit by train in Andhra

AMARAVATI : Two elephant calves died after they were hit by a train in Andhra Pradesh's Anantapur district on Thursday.

The incident occurred early Thursday morning on the railway track within the limits of Kalyam village in D. Hirehall mandal.

Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Forests and Environment, Pawan Kalyan, expressed grief over the incident. He gathered information from Forest Department officials about the accident that took place in the Rayadurgam beat and section area under the Kalyandurg Forest Range.

He directed officials to implement special measures to prevent wildlife from falling prey to accidents on railway routes passing through forest areas.

According to a release from the Deputy Chief Minister's Office, he stated that the Forest and Railway Departments should work together in coordination to ensure such accidents do not recur.

Recalling a previous incident where a leopard died in a train accident on the same route, he instructed that measures be taken to ensure loco pilots operating trains on forest routes strictly follow the guidelines formulated as part of wildlife conservation efforts.

Regarding the recent incident, he ordered Forest Department officials to



arrange a coordination meeting with senior officials of the local railway department and take necessary actions to prevent accidents.

He directed that discussions be held on measures to be taken for the safety of wildlife during train movements in forest areas.

Pawan Kalyan said that loco pilots should exercise greater caution while operating trains passing through these areas.

He emphasised that trains should be driven while vigilantly monitoring railway tracks, especially in areas where wildlife movement is prevalent; that train speeds should be controlled on forest routes; and that horns should be sounded regularly without fail in necessary areas to prevent accidents to wildlife.

He also suggested that the Railway Department provide special awareness training to loco pilots operating trains on these routes regarding wildlife movement, their conservation, and accident prevention.

He instructed Forest Department officials to coordinate with local railway authorities to identify areas where wildlife crosses railway tracks and focus on safety measures to be implemented in those areas.

He also directed the PCCF to bring the issue of preventing accidents to wildlife on railway routes to the attention of the Railway General Manager concerned.

The Deputy Chief Minister also reviewed the issue of a series of elephant deaths due to electrocution. He ordered the arrangement of coordination meetings with relevant collectors, along with officials from agriculture, horticulture, electricity, panchayat raj, rural development, and other allied departments in districts where such accidents are occurring frequently, to discuss prevention measures.

He clearly stated that permanent solutions should be explored for the problem of elephant deaths caused by electric shocks.

He directed senior Forest Department officials to conduct comprehensive investigations into each incident and implement corrective actions to prevent recurrence in the future. Pawan Kalyan noted that coordination should be done with the Electricity Department to ensure power lines in areas with wildlife movement are at sufficient heights, and awareness should be created among farmers to avoid setting up electric fences around crops in areas with wildlife movement.

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

Open e-Tender is invited on Behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned works:-

S.N.: 1, **Name of the work with its location :** Electrification of newly constructed Type-IV (02 units), Type-III (04 units) Qtrs., additional work in ORH with associated work of power supply arrangement at Jhajha and any other location under Dy. CEE/Con/S/MHX. **e-Tender No. EL/C/S/MHX/ETEN/06/26-27**, **S.N.:** 2, **Approx. Cost of the work :** Rs. 92,72,887.75/-, **S.N.:** 3, **Cost of Tender form :** Rs. Nil, **S.N.:** 4, **Availability of Tender :** On IREPS website: **www.ireps.gov.in**, **S.N.:** 5, **Earnest money to be deposited :** As per NIT, **S.N.:** 6, **Completion period of the work :** 12 months, **S.N.:** 7, **Date and time for closing of tender :** 18.11.2026 at 12.00 hrs.

Dy. CEE/CON/S,
E.C. Rly., MHX, Patna
PR/1213/CON/S/MHX/Patna/CONST/T/26-27/32

ALCHEMIST ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD
CIN No. U74999DL2002PLC117052
A-270, First & Second Floor, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024
Email: admin@alchemistarc.com, Website: www.alchemistarc.com

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)
(Under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of Alchemist Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (assignee of SBFC Finance Limited vide assignment agreement dated as mentioned below) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with [rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated calling upon the borrower to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement Rules, 2002). The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property shall be subject to the charge of Alchemist Asset Reconstruction Company Limited for an amount interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sr. No.	Loan Account No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Date of Demand Notice & Amount Due (₹)	Date of 13(4) Notice	Description of Secured Asset	Due Date
1	PR01278681 & PR01545471	1. LALBABU KUMAR MAHTO (Borrower) 2. RITA KUMARI (Co-Borrower) 3. SITARAM MAHTO(Co-Borrower) 4. MALTI DEVI (Co-Borrower)	11.03.2026 & Rs. 14,08,729/-	24th October, 2026	All that piece and parcel of the Rupdih Khata No. 84 76, Khesra No. 394, 612, Thana No. 159 Tauzi No. 951, Motihari Dist **East** Champaran Middle School Motihari Bihar Uttar Pradesh **East** – 10.75 Feet Road from Paigaon to Vishambhara **West** – 10.75 Feet Land Seller **North** – 16 Feet Land Kharg Singh.	24th December, 2025

The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) are hereby cautioned not to deal with or dispose of, by way of sale, lease, mortgage, charge, or otherwise, the secured asset(s) described above without the prior written consent of the Secured Creditor.
This publication is made in compliance with the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for the information of the borrower(s), guarantor(s), and the general public. In case of any queries, please contact the undersigned at the following contact details:
Phone: 011-46562584 Email: admin@alchemistarc.com, ashutosh@alchemistarc.com

Date:- 30.10.2026
Place:- Bihar
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Alchemist Asset Reconstruction Company Limited
(acting in its capacity as Trustee of Alchemist XLVII Trust) Secured Creditor

IndusInd Bank

REGIONAL OFFICE :
Savitri Tower, 3A, Upper Wood Street, Kolkata 700017

APPENDIX- IV-A
[See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of IndusInd Bank Limited, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 09-12-2026, for recovery of Rs. 1,72,49,943.20/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Two Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Three and Paisa Twenty only) as on 30-09-2026 plus further interest, cost, charges, expenses and Penal charges as per the sanctioned terms from 01.10.2026**, due to IndusInd Bank Limited, the Secured Creditor, from **M/s Manu Enterprises (Borrower), Rohit Kumar (Guarantor/Mortgagor) and Preeti Kumari (Guarantor)**. Reserve price, earnest money deposit and date of Inspection of the property are as mentioned below.

Description of the secured assets	Known Encumbrances	Reserve Price	EMD
All that piece and parcel of the Residential land (along with building/structure lying thereupon) admeasuring about 5 Decimal and situated at Mauza - Chakmilki, Thana – Chowk (Present Thana – Byepass, Thana No. 20), Khata No. 121, Khesra No. 86, Anchal Patna Sadar, Sub Registry - Patna City and Sadar Registry - Patna, Dist. – Patna, Patna - 800009, **which is butted and bounded: On the North by:** Part Plot 86 Ajay Mahto, **On the South by:** Common Rasta, **On the East by:** Part Plot 86 Manish Kumar, **On the West by:** Part Plot 86 Aashish Kumar ***** The details/description of the property are more particularly mentioned in Registered Deed of Simple Mortgage bearing Serial No. 3750, Book No. 1, Deed No. 3695 dated 27.06.2023 in the name of Rohit Kumar.**	Nil/Not Known to Bank	**Rs. 1,47,01,500/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Seven Lakh One Thousand Five Hundred only)**	**Rs. 14,70,150/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Seventy Thousand One Hundred Fifty only)**

Date and time of E-Auction	**09-12-2026 (11:30 am to 12:30 pm)**
Online Auction Website	**https://www.bankeauctions.com**
Last date for submission of online bids	**07-12-2026 (up to 5:00 pm)**
Minimum Bid Increment Amount	**Rs. 50,000/- only**
Date and time of inspection of property for intending purchasers	**19-11-2026 (11:00 am to 01:00 pm)**
Contact details of Authorised Officer	**Mobile No. 9874438785, Email: rohit.swaroop@indusind.com**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the Secured Creditor's website, i.e. **www.indusind.bank.in** or website of the service provider, i.e. **https://www.bankeauctions.com**.

STATUTORY 30 DAYS NOTICE FOR SALE UNDER THE PROVISIONS/RULES OF THE SARFAESI ACT

The Borrower/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) may treat this as a 30 days Sale Notice. The Borrower/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) are hereby given a last and final opportunity to discharge their liability in full as stated above within 30 days from the date of this Sale Notice and redeem the mortgage over the Secured Assets, failing which the Secured Assets will be sold as per the terms and conditions mentioned above.

Date : 30-10-2026
Place : Patna
Sd/- Authorized Officer
IndusInd Bank Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Dilip Kumar Golchha as partner of Golchha Udyog bring in notice of the general public, all business associated and other concerned parties that I have furnished a notice to all the partners to dissolve Golchha Udyog from 1/8/2026. Golchha Udyog is a partnership firm situated at Gandhi Chowk, Forbesganj, Araria-864318, having PAN no. AACFG7535J.

Lost & Found

This notice is to inform the general public that the original copy of Title Deed No – 2366, Serial No – 2434, Token No - 2462 dated 09.07.2018 dully registered at the office of Sub Registrar – Raghunathpur, executed by Must. Ramdei Devi W/O Late KamlaSahin favour of Asgari Bibi W/O Gulam Hisain in respect of the property area 0.9918 Decimal bearing Thana no – 389, Tauzi No – 3667, Khata No – 69, Plot No – 131 situated at Mauja - Vishunpura, Halka – Badua, Thana - Raghunathpur, Anchal– Ragunathpur, District – Siwan, Sub Registration Office – Raghunathpur, Bihar, had been lost during the travel from Nirwali Kalan to Raghunathpur as on 20.02.2024. The said deed is chain of Title Deed No – 5160 dated 16.11.2022which is in the process of mortgaging the property to M/s Cholamandalam Investment & Finance Company Limited. if anyone found the said deed, please inform on the below given contact detail and also all parties interested in this transaction or who may have claims against the property are encouraged to take notice of this ongoing process within 14 days of the publication of this notice if any.

Surya Prakash Sharma
Lawmind Associates
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Shobha Apartment, Shurbhjit Path,
Opposite Harihar Chamber, Boring Road,
Patna Pin - 800001, Mob – 7004217170

Cong gears up for 'mock parliament', 'impeach CEC' motion in focus at Opposition huddle

NEW DELHI : Upping the ante against 'arbitrary' decision-making of Election Commission (EC) and alleged malpractices in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise, the Congress-led Opposition is set to hold 'mock parliament' on Friday, where it will seek to impeach the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar. According to reports, the INDIA bloc is set to hold the mock Parliament session at Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge's residence - 10 Rajaji Marg on Friday, where the Opposition MPs will voice their opinion and subsequently cast their vote for the CEC's impeachment, in people's court. Former Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar is expected to preside over the 'mock parliament', while the Opposition bloc MPs will present the case for CEC's impeachment. Kharge, speaking to press on Thursday, also backed the idea of mock Parliament, underscoring the fact that in a democracy, a movement is essential to awaken the people and this is why Congress was bent on 'exposing the government-EC collusion'. The move may be symbolic but the Opposition is of firm opinion that it reflects the deep public sentiment and disdain that the latter has developed for the EC for widespread electoral irregularities. Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) MP John Brittas said that the 'mock parliament' is a reflection of the aspirations and demands of the people and not a publicity stunt, as the Left Parliamentarian went a step ahead to explain in detail how the INDIA bloc intends to impeach the incumbent CEC in the public court, claiming that the Opposition's voice has repeatedly been ignored and crushed by the ruling dispensation. "This will reflect the aspirations of the people. We will have a proper impeachment process, with a presiding officer. Former Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar will be presiding over the mock Parliament. Representatives of various parties will present their views," Brittas told the scribes. Elaborating further, the CPI-M MP said, "The Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha (Mallikarjun Kharge) will move the resolution.

Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd. (Arcil)
Acting in its capacity as Trustee of various Arcil Trusts
Arcil Office: The Ruby, 10th Floor, 29, Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (West) Mumbai-400028
Website: https://auction.arcil.co.in; CIN-U65999MH2002PLC134884

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH ONLINE E-AUCTION IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (SARFAESI ACT) READ WITH RULES 6, 8 & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s), in particular, that the below described immovable property/ies mortgaged/ charged to the **Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited, acting in its capacity as Trustee of various Arcil Trusts ("ARCIL")** (pursuant to the assignment of financial asset vide registered Assignment Agreements), will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is"** and **"Without recourse basis"** by way of online e-auction, for recovery of outstanding dues of together with further interest, charges and costs etc., as detailed below in terms of the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("Act") read with Rules 6, 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules").

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/s/ Guarantor/s/ Mortgager/s	LAN No. & Selling Bank	Trust Name	Outstanding amount as per SARFAESI Notice dated 17.03.2025	Possession type and date	Date of Inspection	Type of Property and Area	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Reserve Price	Date & Time of E-Auction
Borrower: **Mr. Manish Kumar, S/o. Bindeshwar Ray,** Co-Borrower: **Mrs. Gangiya Devi, W/o. Bindeshwar Ray**	**31339410000815 31339630001255 Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**	**Arcil - Trust - 2025 - 017**	**Rs.13,72,974.14** (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Four and Fourteen Paisa Only) **as on 13-03-2025**	**Physical Possession 25-08-2026**	**As per request**	**Building and 4.755 Dec**	**Rs.97,200/-** (Rupees Ninety Seven Thousand and Two Hundred Only)	**Rs.9,72,000/-** (Rupees Nine Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Only)	**On 14-12-2026 at 03.30 PM**

Description of the Secured Asset being auctioned: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Khata No.563, Khesra No.3024, Area 04.75 Dec, Mouza Jatkauli, Anchal + Thana Vaishali, Thana No.55, Dist. Vaishali, Bihar-844111, with all buildings and structures thereon and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth, both present and future and **Bounded on: East:** Nij Manmokir, **West:** Gramin Sadak, **North:** Raj Mandal Ray, **South:** Anil Kumar & Others.

Pending Litigations known to ARCIL: NIL	**Demand Draft to be made in name of: Arcil - Trust -2025 - 017**	**RTGS details: Bank A/C No. 57500001745611, Bank Name: HDFC, IFSC: HDFC0000542, Branch Address: Kamala Mills Compound**
Encumbrances/Dues known to ARCIL: NIL	**Bid Increment amount: As mentioned in the BID document**	
Last Date for submission of Bid: Same day 2 hours before Auction	**Payable at Par**	**Name of Contact person & number: Mr. Ashutosh Gautam - 9036551033**

Terms and Conditions:

1. The Auction Sale is being conducted through e-auction through the website **https://auction.arcil.co.in** and as per the Terms and Conditions of the Bid Document, and as per the procedure set out therein.
2. The **Authorised Officer ("AO")/ ARCIL** shall not be held responsible for internet connectivity, network problems, system crash down, power failure etc.
3. At any stage of the auction, the AO may accept/reject/ modify/ cancel the bid/offer or post-pone the Auction without assigning any reason thereof and without any prior notice.
4. The successful purchaser/ bidder shall bear any statutory dues, taxes, fees payable, applicable GST on the purchase consideration, stamp duty, registration fees, etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the secured asset conveyed/ delivered in his/her/its favour as per the applicable laws.
5. The intending bidders should make their own independent enquiries/ due diligence regarding encumbrances, title of secured asset and claims/ rights/ dues affecting the secured assets, including statutory dues, etc., prior to submitting their bid. The auction advertisement does not constitute and will not constitute any commitment or any representation of **ARCIL**. The Authorized Officer of **ARCIL** shall not be responsible in any way for any third-party claims/ rights/ dues.
6. The particulars specified in the auction notice published in the newspaper have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned; however undersigned shall not be responsible / liable for any error, misstatement or omission.
7. The Borrower/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors, who are liable for the said outstanding dues, shall treat this Sale Notice as a notice under Rules 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, about the holding of the above mentioned auction sale.
8. In the event, the auction scheduled hereinabove fails for any reason whatsoever, **ARCIL** has the right to sell the secured asset by any other methods under the provisions of Rule 8(5) of the Rules and the Act.

Place: Vaishali, Date: 30.10.2026
Sd/- Authorized Officer, Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd.