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Special panel to re-examine UGC's 2026 equity regulations: Centre to SC

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n New Delhi



The Centre on Thursday informed the Supreme Court that it is setting up a special committee to re-examine the University Grants Commission's (UGC) 2026 regulations aimed at promoting equity in higher education institutions.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi was told by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta that the Government was examining ways to address the concerns of students and ensure that no section of the student community feels excluded, threatened or apprehensive under the regulatory framework.

"The Government is contemplating appointing a committee," the law officer said. The CJI stressed the need to protect the interests of every student and adjourned the batch of petitions for four weeks.

He said the concerns, welfare and well-being of the younger generation should remain at the centre of the deliberations.

The matter arose in Abeda Salim Tadvi v. Union of India and connected cases.

The 2019 petition was filed by the mothers of Rohith Vemula and Payal Tadvi, who died by suicide after allegedly facing caste discrimination on campuses.

It sought stronger safeguards against such discrimination in higher education institutions.

The UGC notified the 2026 Regulations in January after consultations, superseding the 2012 framework.

In January, the Supreme Court stayed the 2026 Regulations, observing that they appeared prima facie vague and capable of misuse. It directed that the 2012 Regulations would continue to operate in the interim.

Key concerns centred on the definition of "caste-based discrimination" under Regulation 3(1)(c), which focused on unfair treatment directed at members of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes.

Petitioners from general categories said the framework was exclusionary and could promote discrimination against non-reserved students, while others defended the need for targeted protection.

The Centre had earlier, in August 2026, informed the Court that the regulations were under reconsideration.

Allahabad HC junks petition against Rahul Gandhi over alleged remarks on Sikhs



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
n Prayagraj

The Allahabad High Court on Thursday provided relief to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, refusing to overturn a Varanasi court order rejecting an application for an FIR against him over his alleged remarks on Sikhs during his US visit in 2024.

The court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Varanasi on October 17, 2025 rejected the application of petitioner Nageshwar Mishra to register a case against Gandhi for his alleged statement.

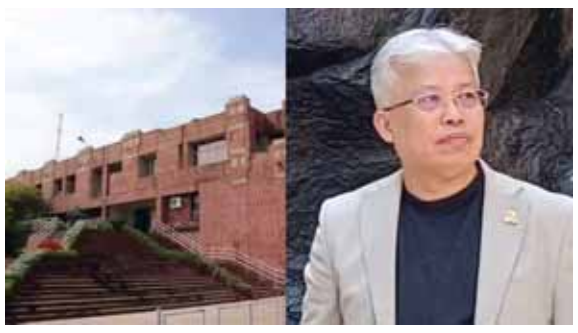
Newspaper reports quoted Gandhi as saying that Sikhs are not feeling safe in India.

Mishra filed a revision petition before the sessions court which also dismissed it on July 9. These two orders were challenged before the high court in under section 528 of BNSS.

Justice Vikram D Chauhan dismissed the petition after observing that the sole allegation against Gandhi was of news published in some newspapers about his alleged statement made during his US visits for which no date, time or place have been given.

Order Order

Delhi court directs police to give notice before action against JNU prof



A Delhi court on Thursday directed the city police to give seven working days' prior notice to Congress MP and dismissed Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) professor Angomcha Bimol Akoijam before taking any coercive action against him in a sexual harassment case.

Disposing of Akoijam's anticipatory bail plea, Special Judge Dig Vinay Singh said the notice would be mandatory if the dismissed professor needs to be arrested.

In its order, the court said, "The crux of the matter is that against the applicant (Akoijam) there are allegations of sexual harassment and inappropriate professional conduct."

The court noted that Delhi Police had submitted that it was not presently contemplating Akoijam's arrest, given the nature of the allegations and the stage of the investigation. However, if any material change during the probe necessitated his arrest, the investigating agency would serve a seven-day written notice on him. It said the offences invoked in the case carried a maximum punishment of three years' imprisonment.

"Some of the offences are non-bailable, and during the hearing, it is stated by the investigating officer (IO) that by now no victim could be examined since the particulars of the victims have not yet been supplied by the JNU authorities and the investigating agency is in the process of obtaining the same," the court said. It also noted that Akoijam had clean antecedents and had joined the investigation immediately after being summoned by the city police.

"In this view of the matter, it is ordered that the present application stands disposed of with a direction to the investigating agency not to resort to any coercive process against the applicant in the present FIR without giving him a written notice as suggested by the investigating agency itself," the court said.

On November 2, the Delhi High Court stayed the JNU administration's decision to terminate the services of professor Akoijam, issuing notice to the university on the Congress MP's petition challenging the dismissal order. This case has been listed for hearing in January. (*PTI*)

Activists moves SC seeking bail in UAPA case over 2020 Delhi riots



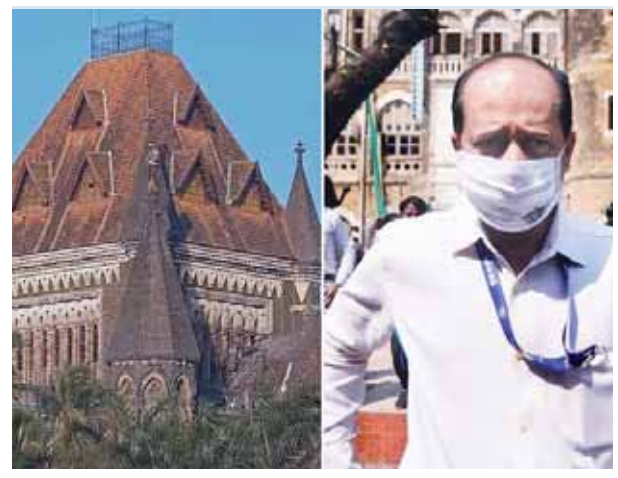
Activists Sharjeel Imam and Umar Khalid have moved the Supreme Court against a Delhi High Court order refusing them bail in an Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) case on the "larger conspiracy" behind the February 2020 riots in northeast Delhi.In their plea before the top court, the activists contended that they should be granted bail as the prosecution has failed to examine protected witnesses and the one-year embargo imposed by the top court is about to expire.The petition by Imam contended that the chargesheet was filed on September 25, 2020, in which 18 accused face trial and the prosecution has cited more than 900 witnesses, including 47 protected witnesses.Khalid, in his plea, said the prosecution has failed to examine protected witnesses and the one-year embargo imposed by the top court is about to expire and therefore prolonged incarceration would violate Article 21 of the Constitution.Imam was arrested in the case on August 25, 2020, while Khalid was arrested on September 13, 2020. On January 5, the apex court said that both can apply for bail after the trial court examines crucial witnesses or after an year. (*PTI*)

CHANGE OF NAME

I ABDUL HAKEEM S/O KAREEM KHAN R/O H.No.328, Ahata Rustam Khan, near Gandhi Bhawan Bhopal (M.P.) I declare that My old name was ABDUL HAKIM S/O KAREEM KHAN, now has to be changed to ABDUL HAKEEM (new name), hence forth I shall be known as ABDUL HAKEEM S/O KAREEM KHAN in future for all purpose including all the official documentations.

HC cancels bail granted to Mumbai ex-cop Sachin Waze in 2021 Antilia bomb scare case

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
n Mumbai



The Bombay High Court on Thursday cancelled the bail granted to dismissed police officer Sachin Waze, an accused in the 2021 'Antilia' bomb scare case.

A bench of Justices Girish Kulkarni and Neela Gokhale allowed the appeal filed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), probing the case, against a special court order granting bail to the former Assistant Police Inspector (API).

"The impugned order is quashed and set aside," the high court said.

Waze, a key accused in the 2021 Antilia bomb scare and killing of Thane-based businessman Mansukh Hiran, was granted bail by the special court in September.

The NIA immediately moved the HC and sought an urgent stay on the order. The HC had then granted an interim stay on the bail due to which Waze, booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), continued to remain lodged at the Thane Central Prison.

On February 25, 2021, an SUV packed with explosives was found near industrialist Mukesh Ambani's residence, 'Antilia', in south Mumbai.

Businessman Hiran, who was in possession of the SUV before it was allegedly stolen, was found dead in a creek in neighbouring Thane city on March 5, 2021.

The probe agency alleged that Waze, who was then an API with the Mumbai crime branch, himself parked the explosives-laden SUV as part of a conspiracy. Waze was arrested by the NIA on March 13, 2021, in the combined case of the Antilia bomb scare and Hiran's killing.

He was subsequently made an accused in a corruption case being probed by the CBI and Enforcement Directorate. Waze has already been granted bail in the corruption case.

The special court, while granting bail to Waze in the Antilia case, had said the NIA failed to establish a prima facie case of terrorism under the stringent UAPA law against him, and that there was no evidence on record to prove Ambani's family was terrorised by his alleged act.

The NIA, in its appeal, sought the HC to quash the special court order, terming it as "illegal and bad in law" and, by way of interim relief, sought for it to be stayed.

The central agency had further claimed that the special court was "totally wrong" in granting relief to the dismissed cop as he intended to create terror and was also accused of murder.

Delhi HC asks ED to respond to Al Falah University chairman's plea for interim bail

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
n New Delhi



The Delhi High Court on Thursday sought response of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on a plea by Al Falah University group chairman Jawad Ahmed Siddiqui, who is in custody in two money laundering cases, seeking interim bail or custody parole to take care of his ailing wife.

Justice Mini Pushkarna issued notice to the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on the plea and asked it to verify the medical documents submitted by Siddiqui and inform the court on Friday. "In view of the urgency expressed by the counsel for the petitioner, list on November 6," the court said. Siddiqui has sought interim bail for a week on medical and humanitarian grounds. He said his wife is a stage 4 ovarian cancer patient and has to undergo next cycle of chemotherapy on November 10.

His counsel submitted that the petitioner needs to consult doctors for further line of treatment of his wife and urged the court to grant him interim bail for a week.

In the alternative, he said he be granted custody parole.

Custody parole entails a prisoner being escorted by armed police personnel to the place of visit.

The ED opposed the interim bail plea contending that he is a flight risk.

The high court, in July, had refused to grant interim bail to Siddiqui and permitted him to meet his wife on custody parole on three dates.

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule – 8 (1)]

WHEREAS,
The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Maharashtra under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-Section (12) of Section 13 read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated mentioned below calling upon the borrower and guarantor to repay outstanding Amount (mentioned below) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The notice was sent by Regd AD Post and hand delivery.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, the undersigned has taken **Possession** of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on dates mentioned below. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Bank of Maharashtra, Govindpura Branch** for an amount herein above mentioned. The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of Sec 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name & Address of Borrowers & Guarantor (s)	Details of Property	Outstanding Amount ₹
Bank of Maharashtra, Govindpura Branch, Bhopal		
1.M/s Ritambhara associates, **Through its Proprietor - Mr. Vivek Dhote s/o Mr. Panharee Nath Dhote** (Borrower) **Address :** Shop No.4 Radha Krishna Market, Hoshangabad Road, Misrod, Bawadia Kalan, Bhopal, M.P.-462026 **2. Mr. Vivek Dhote s/o Mr. Panharee Nath Dhote** (Borrower) **Address 1:** Shop No.4 Radha Krishna Market , Hoshangabad Road, Misrod, Bawadia Kalan,Bhopal, M.P.-462026 **Address 2:** Flat No. 108, Vimla Imperials, village- Bawadiya Kalan, Behind Shri Ram Colony, Ward No. 52, Tehsil- Huzur, Dist.- Bhopal, M.P.-462047 **Address 3:** Flat number 302 third floor, a wing, Swami Vivekananda Parisar, Katara Hills, Bhopal, M.P.-462043 **3. Mr. Panharee Nath Dhote S/o Mr. Raghu Nath Dhote** (Co- Borrower) **Address1:** Flat No. 108, Vimla Imperials, village- Bawadiya Kalan, Behind Shri Ram Colony, Ward No. 52, Tehsil- Huzur, Dist.- Bhopal, M.P.-462047 **Address 2:** Flat number 302 third floor, a wing, Swami Vivekananda Parisar, Katara Hills, Bhopal, M.P.-462043	All the property i.e.one freehold residential Flat No. 108 on 1st Floor, under the project known as 'Vimala Imperials' comprising of built up area 874 sq. ft. (81.19 sq. mtr.) being part of land revenue Survey no. 338/2/9, village - Bawadiya Kalan, P.H. No. 42, Municipal Ward No.52, Tehsil-Huzur, Dist- Bhopal (M.P.) and the aforesaid flat is bounded as follows:- East: Flat No. 101, West: Flat No. 107, North: Internal Road, South: Flat no. 103 This Property is owned by Mr. Vivek Dhote s/o Mr. Panharee Nath Dhote. **Cersai Asset ID of Property-200055359006**	₹ **3,679,851.79** + applicable unapplied interest and penal charges thereon w.e.f. **06/08/2026** **Demand Notice Date 06/08/2026** **Possession Notice 05/11/2026**

Date : 06.11.2026
Place : Bhopal
(Amreet Kumar Mishra)
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer, Zonal Office Bhopal

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE for sale of immoveable assets under the Securitisation and Reconstructions of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision 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), mortgagor(s) and guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic/physical (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorized officer of Punjab National Bank, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on the date as mentioned hereinbelow for recovery of amount, due to the Punjab National Bank secured Creditor from below Named borrower(s), mortgagor(s) and guarantor(s). The Reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned below against the respective properties. A short description of the immovable property(ies) with known encumbrances, if any, are mentioned as under.

Date and Time of E-Auction – 26.11.2026 between 11:00 A.M. to 05:00 P.M.(with extensions of 10 minute duration after 05:00 P.M., if required).Last date of submission of EMD – 25.11.2026

Borrower/Mortgagor/ Guarantor Name	Description of Immoveable Properties/Secured Assets	A) Demand Notice date B) Possession date C) Nature of possession D) Amount due to bank (As per Demand Notice)	A) Reserve Price (Rs.) B) EMD (Rs.) C) Bid Increase Amount D) Date and Time of E-Auction
1. Branch : Katra Bazar Sagar / Katni (MP) **M/s P.G. Industries (Smt. Harsha Kukreja W/o Pankaj Kukreja)** **Add-** House No. 20, Narasmal Gali, Sant Kawar Ram Ward, Distt- Sagar M.P.	All that part & parcel of land & building at plot no 9,10, 7 part of 11, Sector S, sidhgua industrial area, mouja- Kerbana, circle-parsoriya, Sagar, Area 11056.08 sq mtr., **Boundaries : East-** Plot No 8 & 12, **West-** Road then MPEB sub station, **North-** Open land for truck parking, **South-** MPIDC service road, Note- Part of 11 sidgwan industrial area, Sagar, Area 3500 Sq Mtr. Leased by MPIDC vide deed No MP33712020A1001314 Dated – 01.01.2020, **Owner :** Shri Gayanchand Kukreja	**A) 26.04.2023 B) 23.08.2023 C) Symbolic D) ₹3,88,75,538.18 + further interest and charges**	**A) 3,44,58,000/- B) 34,45,800/- C) 50,000/- D) 26.11.2026**
2. Branch : Katra Bazar Sagar / Katni (MP) **1.M/s Hariom Traders (Smt. Pushpa Devi Kukreja) Add-** House No. 20, Narasmal Gali, Sant Kawar Ram Ward, Distt- Sagar M.P., 2. **Smt. Pushpa Devi Kukreja W/o Gyanchand Kukreja (Prop.) Add-** House No. 20, Narasmal Gali, Sant Kawar Ram Ward, Distt-Sagar M.P. , **3.Shri Gyanchand Kukreja (Guarantor) Add-** House No. 20, Narasmal Gali, Sant Kawar Ram Ward, Distt- Sagar M.P., **4. Shri Rajkumar Kukreja (Guarantor) Add-** House No. 20, Narasmal Gali, Sant Kawar Ram Ward, Distt- Sagar M.P., **5. Shri Pankaj Kukreja (Guarantor) Add-** House No. 20, Narasmal Gali, Sant Kawar Ram Ward, Distt- Sagar M.P.	**1.** Commercial Land & Building situated at 106/1,106/2 PH No. 77 (New 65), Area 1086.50 Sqft, Ward No. 27, Mouja Sagar Khas, Katra Bazar, Sagar -M.P., **Boundaries: East-** Plot & Shop of Gyanchand Kukreja, **West-** Road, **North-** Road, then market of Pinjamal, **South-** House of Rishabh Jain, **Owner –** Smt. Pushpa Kukreja	**A) 29.11.2023 B) 29.01.2024 C) Symbolic D) ₹3,21,12,817.68 + further interest and charges**	**A) 1,80,02,000/- B) 18,00,200/- C) 25,000/- D) 26.11.2026**
	2. Commercial roof of double story building (Roof of 1 st floor) entire portion of open roof above the two- story house (above 1 st floor) upto the entire height situated in the land khasra No. 106/1, 106/2, PH No. 77 (New 65), Ward No. 27, mouja Sagar (M.P.), Area 1650 Sqft., **Boundaries : East-** House of Jain, **West-** Pushpa Kukreja, **North-** House of Narendra Jain, **South-** House of Gyanchand Kukreja, **Owner:** Shri Gayanchand Kukreja		**A) 1,33,84,000/- B) 13,38,400/- C) 25,000/- D) 26.11.2026**
3. Branch : Madhavganj Vidisha, (MP) **1. Shri Pradeep Rathore S/o Nannulal Rathore (Mortgager), 2. Shri Nannulal Rathore S/o Shri Dayaram Rathore (Mortgager),** **Add-** Plot No. 293/294, Arihant Vihar Colony, Phase -01, Ward No 04, Tehsil & District –Vidisha (M.P.)	**1.** All that part and parcel of the immoveable property consisting of House situated at plot No. 293, Arihant Vihar Colony, Phase -01, Ward No. 04, Tehsil & District – Vidisha (M.P.), Area – 111.52 Sq mt., **Boundaries: East:** Plot No. 292, **West:** Plot No. 294, **North:** 25 Feet Road, **South:** Plot No. 283	**A) 25.05.2023 B) 12.09.2023 C) Symbolic D) ₹1,57,16,847.90 + further interest and charges**	**A) 1,21,86,000/- B) 12,18,600/- C) 25,000/- D) 26.11.2026**
	2. All that part & parcel of immovable property consisting of House situated at plot No. 294, Arihant Vihar Colony, Phase -01, Ward No 04, Tehsil & District – Vidisha (M.P.), Area – 111.52 Sq Mtr., **Boundaries : East-** Plot No. 283, West- Plot No. 294, North- 25 Feet Road, **South-** Plot No. 283		
4. Branch: Shahdol Road Katni, MP **Borrower M/s Priya Sales Through its partners namely 1) Shri Shailendra Gour S/o Shri Shyam Sunder Gour (Partner, Mortgagor & Guarantor), 2) Shri Ankur Gour S/o Shri Shyam Sunder Gour (Partner, Mortgagor & Guarantor), 3) Shri Piyush Gour S/o Shri Shyam Sundar Gour (Guarantor & Mortgagor), Add- A.** M/S Priya Sales, Near Hotel Celebration, Garg Chouraha, Hanuman Ganj, Katni -483501 (M.P.) **B.** Shyam Kunj, Hanuman Ganj, Katni -483501 (M.P.)	**1.** All that part & parcel of Immovable property- Commercially diverted Land and Constructions thereon situated at Village- Murwara, Municipal H. No. 316, Kh. No. 1344/7 PH No 43/45/2 NB 493 Murwara, Near Garg Chouraha, Hanuman Ganj ward at present Raghunath Ganj, Katni. Total Area- 780 Sqft, Constructed area- GF area 590 Sq. Ft., FF area 780 Sq. Ft., SF area 780 Sq. Ft., TF area 780 Sq.Ft., Title deed No. 09 dated 03.04.2010: **Boundaries: North:** Shahdol Road, **South:** House of Ram Narayan alias Ram Tripathi, **East:** Property of Ram Narayan alias Ram Tripathi, **West:** Property of Santosh Singh Chauhan	**A) 29.09.2025 B) 31.12.2025 C) Symbolic Possession D) Rs. 3,47,05,885.96 + interest and other charges**	**A) 1,94,00,000/- B) 19,40,000/- C) 25,000/- D) 26.11.2026**
5. Branch: Shahdol Road Katni, MP **Borrower M/s Priya Sales Through its partners namely, 1) Shri Shailendra Gour S/o Shri Shyam Sunder Gour (Partner, Mortgagor & Guarantor), 2) Shri Ankur Gour S/o Shri Shyam Sunder Gour (Partner, Mortgagor & Guarantor), Add- A.** M/S Priya Sales, Near Hotel Celebration, Garg Chouraha, Hanuman Ganj, Katni -483501 (M.P.) **B.** Shyam Kunj, Hanuman Ganj, Katni -483501 (M.P.)	Mortgage of all that part and parcel of Immovable property- Commercially diverted Land and constructions thereon situated at Village- Murwara, Municipal H No 316, Kh No 1344/7 PH No 43 N.B. 493 Murwara, Near Garg Chouraha, Hanuman Ganj Ward at present Raghunath Ganj, Katni , GF Shop area 190 Sq Ft., Title deed no. 190 Sq Ft., **Boundaries: East:** Vendor's Galiyara, **West:** Property of Santosh Singh, **North:** Shahdol Road, **South:** Property of Owner		**A) 60,56,000/- B) 6,05,600/- C) 50,000/- D) 26.11.2026**
6. Branch: Shahdol Road Katni, MP **Borrower M/s Priya Sales Through its partners namely 1) Shri Ankur Gour S/o Shri Shyam Sunder Gour (Partner, Mortgagor & Guarantor), 2) Smt Shakuntala Gour alias Shakunt Gour W/o Shri Shyam Sunder Gour (Partner, Mortgagor & Guarantor) Add- A.** M/S Priya Sales, Near Hotel Celebration, Garg Chouraha, Hanuman Ganj, Katni -483501 (M.P.) **B.** Shyam Kunj, Hanuman Ganj, Katni -483501 (M.P.)	**1.** All that part & parcel of Immovable Property- Diverted Land at Village Khirhani, diversion Kh 1486, after mutation Kh no. 1486/6, NB No 407, PH no.44, Mandal Murwara Katni. Area 0.004 Hectare. (480 Sqft).., Title Deed No. 2742 registered on 29.09.1995., **Boundaries: North:** 20 Ft Wide Road, **South:** Property of Ganesh Badgaiyan, **East:** Property of Seller, **West:** Property of Santosh Tiwari **2.** All that part & parcel of Immovable Property- Diverted Land at Village Khirhani, Kh No 1484/2/2, diversion Kh 1484/2/kh, NB No 407, PH no.44, Mandal Murwara Katni. Area 0.050 Hectare., Title deed no. 2281 dated 25.08.1995, **Boundaries: North:** Land of Smt Seetadevi Chaudaha, **South:** Land of Smt Kusumbai Badgaiyan, **East:** Land of Dhaniram Badgaiyan & Gopal Gupta, **West:** Land of Premlal Pandey		**A) 37,74,000/- B) 3,77,400/- C) 25,000/- D) 26.11.2026**

Details of encumbrances known to the secured creditor: Not known

STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) & 9(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 AND SARFAESI ACT, 2002

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: (1) The sale shall be subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and to the following further conditions. **(2)** The properties as being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" AND " WHATEVER THERE IS"** basis. **(3)** 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. **(4)** The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website – **https://baanknet.com**, on mentioned dates at the given time. **(5)** For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to www.pnbindia.in, **https://baanknet.com.**

Date : 03.11.2026, Place : Katni
Authorised Officer, Punjab National Bank