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Court on its own motion vs. Union of India and others

Present:- Mr. Anupam Gupta, Sr. Advocate (Amicus Curiae) with

Mr. Gautam Pathania, Advocate,

Mr. Pardeep Sharma, Advocate and

Mr. Sukhpal Singh, Advocate.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Addl. Solicitor General of India with

Mr. Dheeraj Jain, Sr. Panel Counsel for UOI.

Mr. B.R.Mahajan, Advocate General, Haryana with

Mr. Deepak Balyan, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana.

Mr. Namit Kumar, Advocate and

Mr. Sumeet Jain, Advocate, for Union Territory, Chandigarh.

Ms. Lavanya Paul, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Shekhar Verma, Advocate for the applicants in

CM Nos. 69-2021, 70-2021, 71-2021, 75-2021.

Mr. C.S.Bagri, Advocate for the applicants in

CM Nos. 28-2021, 29-2021, 31-2021 and 32-2021.

Mr. Chanchal K. Singla, Advocate-Secretary,

Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association.

Mr. Arvind Seth, Advocate.

(The aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing since the proceedings are being conducted in virtual Court).

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Heard the learned counsel for the bank regarding the prayer to auction properties.

This Court vide order dated 20.08.2021 has already clarified the application, effect and import of paragraph (x) of the initial order passed by this Court on 28.04.2021 to the effect that the interim protection granted under the original paragraph (x) was restricted and confined only to those properties, which were residential in nature and were occupied by the owners and their dispossession at that stage would have rendered the

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occupants homeless. In other words, vide our order dated 20.08.2021, we

clarified that all other auction proceedings can go on as we had not granted

any stay in respect of those properties which were not residential or even if

residential or commercial were unoccupied and possession of which had

already been taken over by the banks.

In the circumstances and in view of our order dated

20.08.2021, no further orders are required to be passed by this Court in the

present Civil Miscellaneous Applications. Therefore, the Bank authorities

were/are free to proceed in the matter keeping the above parameters in

mind. It is further clarified that where the borrowers themselves have

voluntarily surrendered the property to the banks, in those cases also the

banks are at liberty to proceed in the matter in accordance with law.

With these observations, all the above applications are disposed

of.

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We have heard the learned Amicus-Curiae as well as the

learned counsel for the parties on the issue raised by Mr. Singla, learned

counsel and Secretary appearing for High Court Bar Association regarding

dilution/modification of the directions issued by this Court in paragraphs (i)

and (xi) of the order dated 28.04.2021.

After hearing all the learned counsel for the parties as well as

the learned Amicus Curiae, the directions contained in paragraph (i) of the

order dated 28.04.2021 are clarified/modified to the extent that the interim

orders/directions or protection or compliance required to be done, granted by

the Courts, Tribunals or judicial forums mentioned therein, shall not be

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automatically continued and shall be taken up by the Courts on the day fixed

and may or may not be continued by the Courts after application of mind

and hearing the counsel for the parties. In other words, the Courts, Tribunals

or other judicial forums would be free to continue, modify or recall, as the

case may be, the interim orders, in case it is of the opinion that the direction

contained in paragraph (i) of the order dated 28.04.2021 is being misused or

abused, otherwise, it may extend it upto the date fixed by the Courts.

As far as paragraph (xi) of the order dated 28.04.2021 is

concerned, it is clarified to the extent that the prohibition etc. contained

therein shall not apply to the orders, directions etc. which are required to be

complied with and are meant for the benefit of the litigant or public at large.

As far as the continuation of the interim directions contained in

the order dated 28.04.2021, as clarified by this Court from time to time, is

concerned, all the learned counsel for the parties appearing before this Court

conjointly agree that the same should be continued and extended with all

clarifications made subsequently, up to 15.11.2021. It is ordered

accordingly.

List on 10.11.2021.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA) **CHIEF JUSTICE**

(ARUN PALLI) JUDGE

23.09.2021

Ravinder