IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE JUSTICE MOUSHUMI BHATTACHARYA
AND
THE HON'BLE SMT.JUSTICE RENUKA YARA

WRIT PETITION No. 29911 OF 2026
(CNR.No. HBHC010609722026)

DATE OF ORDER: 08.10.2026

BETWEEN:

AU Small Finance Bank Limited

...Petitioner

AND

Union of India rep. by its Secretary,
Department of Financial Services,
New Delhi & 6 others

...Respondents

Mr.Sai Prasen Gundavaram, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner.

Mr.S.Venkateshwar Rao, learned Standing Counsel for Central Government appearing for the respondent Nos.1 & 2.

Mr.V.Murali Manohar, learned counsel appearing for the respondent No.3.

ORDER : (Per Hon'ble Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya)

1. The only prayer of the writ petitioner (Bank) is for a direction on the Debts Recovery Appellate Tribunal (DRAT), Kolkata, to dispose of the Appeal No.26 of 2026 filed by the writ petitioner expeditiously.

2. The writ petitioner filed the Appeal against an order passed by the Debts Recovery Tribunal (DRT) on 20.02.2026 allowing the Second Appeal (S.A.No.394 of 2025) filed by the respondent No.3 (borrower). The writ petitioner filed the Appeal before the DRAT, Kolkata on 20.02.2026. However, the Presiding Officer of the DRAT, Kolkata,

superannuated on 21.09.2026 and there is no Presiding Officer in the DRAT, Kolkata till date.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the respondent No.3 submits that the Appeal was taken up on 27.08.2026 and was adjourned to 19.11.2026.

4. Considering the submissions made, this Court deems it fit to dispose of the Writ Petition by granting liberty to the writ petitioner/Bank to take steps for transferring the Appeal to the DRAT, Delhi as per the notification and procedure adopted by other parties whose appeals have been transferred from DRAT, Kolkata to DRAT, Delhi in view of the absence of the Chairman in the former. We deem it fit to note that both the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 as well as The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 fix the time limits for deciding the Appeal.

5. W.P.No.29911 of 2026, along with all connected applications, is disposed of in terms of the above. There shall be no order as to costs.

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