#### Form No.3 [See Regulation-15 (1)(a)]/ 16(3) DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 2)

rs under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) ule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993 SUMMONS Case No. OA/1144/2024 Exh. No.: 24918

**HDFC Bank Limited Vs Rajesh Kumar** Defendant No:7. Surjit Singh, Dhani Prem Nagar, Gaibipur 122, Barwala,

Hisar-125121 NHEREAS, OA/1144/2024 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/ Registrar on 20.12.2024. WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice of the said application under section 19(4) of the Act. (OA) filed against you for ecovery of debts of Rs. 1,52,50,614.95/-(Application along with copies of documents etc. annexed). In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the

- Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service or summons as to why relief
- praved for should not be granted; ii), to disclose Particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
- iii), you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application
- pending hearing and disposal of the Application for attachment of properties: y). you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his husiness any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal; v).you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of
- secured assets or other assets and Properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 04/03/2025 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 26.12.2024 Sd/-Signature of the officer Authorised to Issue Summo

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Branch Address:-1 A, 1st Floor, Gopala Tower 25, Rajendra Place, New Delhi-110008 POSSESSION NOTICE (As per Rule 8(1) of Security In terest (Enfo

That pursuant to the approved resolution plan of the Reliance Home Finance Limited. (RHFL) by its Lenders in terms of RBI Circular No. RBI/2018-19/203 DBR.No. BP. BC. 45/21.04. 048/2018-19 dated June 7, 2019 on Prudentia Framework for Resolution of Stressed Assets, the order of Hon'ble Suprem Court of India dated March 3, 2023 and the Special Resolution passed by the Shareholders on March 25, 2023, RHFL has entered into the agreement to transfer its Business by way of a slump sale on a going concern basis, to Reliance Commercial Finance Limited (Hereinafter referred to as "RCFL") and whereas all the rights and liabilities pertaining to the loan account (s) of the Borrower has/have also been transferred to RCFL.

That RCFL was further acquired by Authum Investment and Infrastructure Limited., in pursuance of the implementation of the Resolution Plan submitted by Authum Investment and Infrastructure Limited on January 15, 2021 for RCFL in terms of the Reserve Bank of India (Prudential Framework for Resolution of Stressed Assets) Directions, 2019.

That furthermore, the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Mumbai Bench ("NCLT"), approved the Scheme of Arrangement for demerger of lending business of RCFL to Authum Investment & Infrastructure Limited vide its order dated May 10, 2024, in view of which, the lending business and rights and entitlement attached thereto of the RCFL stands be transferred to and vested in Authun Investment and Infrastructure Limited as a going concern.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the Authum Investmen & Infrastructure Limited ("AIIL") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notices dated 15-10-2024 in respect of Loan Account bearing No. RHLPKNL000055001 & RHLPKNL000055042 Calling Upon The Borrower & Co-borrower's Virender Sharma, Preeti Sharma Atma Ram & Usha Rani To Repay The Amount Mentioned In The Notice Being Rs.37,17,545 as on 16-09-2024 respectively in both above mentioned loans with further interest and costs within 60 days from the date of receipt of the

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Co-Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property 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 this 21st day of February of the year 2025.

The Borrower/ Co-Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Authum Investment & Infrastructure Limited for an amount of Rs. 39,41,834/- as on 22-01-2025 respectively in both above said loans with further interest and cost thereon in the above mentioned Loans. The Borrower/ Co-Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the said Act, in respect of time available, to redee

DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGE PROPERTY All the piece and parcel of the Residential Property "House No.242-A, measuring 15 Marle bearing Khewat No.55, Khata No. 96, Mustil & Killa No.62//4(4-0) within the MC Limits as well as revenue estate of Ganaur situated in Ward No.4. Hari Nagar, Ganaur, District Sonipat, Haryana-131101". North: Property of Seller South: Nadaradl, West: Property of Tilak Raj, East: Firni

Date : 21.02.2025 Place : Sonipat Authorized Office Authum Investment and Infrastructure Limited

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DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 2) CO 33-34-35, 1st Floor, Sector 17-A. nors under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rul

(2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993. Exh.No.: 24937 <u>SUMMONS</u> Case No. OA/1213/2024 **HDFC Bank Vs Om Parkash** 

. Om Parkash @ Oma S/o Shri Mangal Ram , R/o H.No. 232, Nehru Garden Col Tehsil And District Kaithal , Haryana-136027 Virender Singh, House No. 259, Nehru Garden Colony, Tehsil And District Kait

Harvana-136027 /HEREAS, OA/1213/2024 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/ Registrar of 0.12.2024. WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice the said application under section 19(4) of the Act. (OA) filed against you for ecovery of debts of Rs. 22,74,489/-(Application along with copies of documents etc. annexed). In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the endants are directed as under:

i). to show cause within thirty days of the service or summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;

. to disclose Particulars of properties or assets other than properties and asset specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application; you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such othe assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application pending hearing and disposal of the Application for attachment of properties

/). you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest

created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribuna , you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and Properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financia institutions holding security interest over such assets.

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ven under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 27.12.2024 Signature of the officer Authorised to Issue Sur

#### Form No.3 [See Regulation-15 (1)(a)]/ 16(3 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 2)

ors under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act. read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993. SUMMONS Case No. OA/370/2024 Exh. No. 24917

**HDFC Bank Vs Suresh Kumar** No:1. Suresh Kumar S/o Rajender Singh R/o Jandwal Bagar, Jandwala (2), Fatehabad Haryana 125053. (Deceased) Through Its Legal Heirs:

. Ram Kumari Devi W/o Rajender Singh (Mother) R/o Jar Bhattu Kalan, District Fatehabad, Haryana-125053 wala, Tehs

egal Heairs:2. Sudha Devi W/o Late Sh.Suresh Kumar (Wife) R/o Ja Bhattu Kalan, District Fatehabad, Haryana-125053 . Deepak S/o Late Shri Suresh Kumar (Son) R/o Jandwala, Tehsil Bha

Kalan, District Fatehabad, Haryana-125053 egal Heairs:4. Pankaj S/o Late Shri Suresh Kumar (Son) R/o Jandwala, Tehsil Bhatt

Kalan, District Fatehabad, Haryana-125053 egal Heairs:5. Bhawna D/o Late Shri Suresh Kumar (Daughter) R/o Jandwala, Tehsi

Bhattu Kalan, District Fatehabad, Haryana-125053 No:2. Sudha Devi W/o Suresh Kumar, R/o Jandwal Bagar,Jandwa

(2), Fatehabad, Haryana-125053 . Surender Kumar S/o Biharilal R/o Jandwal Bagar, Jandwala (2), Fatehabad, Haryana-125053

/HEREAS, OA/370/2024 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/ Registrar o 19.12.2024. WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said application under section 19(4) of the Act. (OA) filed against you for ecovery of debts of Rs. 37,76,163.69/-(Application along with copies of uments etc. annexed). In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the

ct. you, the defendants are directed as under: to show cause within thirty days of the service or summons as to why

relief prayed for should not be granted; i), to disclose Particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets

specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application; iii), you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application

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# **Expected Sajjan Kumar to get** death penalty, say riot victims

NEERAJ BAGGA

AMRITSAR, FEBRUARY 25 After a special court awarded life imprisonment to former Congress MP Sajjan Kumar in connection with the murder of a father-son duo in the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, victims settled here said justice was delivered extremely late.

The SGPC welcomed the punishment awarded to Delhi Sikh massacre accused Sajjan Kumar. With this decision, the families of the victims, which had been waiting for justice for four decades. would get some relief, said Kulwant Singh Manan, chief

secretary of the SGPC. It was expected that the convict would be hanged, but life imprisonment was awarded to him, which was very less compared to his crime. He said the SGPC would continue its legal battle for strict punishment to the accused. He said thousands of Sikhs

HEARING ON AMRITPAL'S PLEA Committee to review absent MPs' leave, **Centre informs HC** 

**TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE** 

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 25 The Centre has informed Act. In his petition, he has the Punjab and Haryana sought permission to attend High Court that a 15-memparliament sessions, arguing ber committee, headed by Biplab Kumar Deb, has been constituted by the Lok Sabha Speaker to examine leave applications of all absent MPs, including that absence exceeding 60 Amritpal Singh.

days could result in his seat being declared vacant, During the resumed hearing on Amritpal's petition, affecting nearly 19 lakh people. He contended that his Additional Solicitor General Satva Pal Jain, accompanied detention and resultant absence were involuntary. by advocate Dheeraj Jain, told a Bench of Chief Justice constituting forced exclu-Sheel Nago and Justice sion, which undermined the

Sumeet Goel that the com-



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Former Congress MP Sajjan Kumar. FILE PHOTO

were murdered in 1984. The sacre perpetrators. carnage was led by people like Sajjan Kumar and Jagdish Tytler, whom the Congress always protected. Questioning the role of Congress leadership, Manan said there should be a

NITIN JAIN

nominee, it is learnt.

party on Wednesday.

within six months.

The seat had fallen vacant

following the mysterious

death of AAP MLA Gurpreet

Bassi Gogi on January 10

night. As per rules, the bypoll

to elect a new MLA for the

vacant seat has to be held

AAP sources said the party

high command had chosen

the business tycoon-philan-

Arora (61) for the bypoll. Par-

ty supremo Arvind Kejriwal

thropist-turned-politician

area in 1984. Their house wa attacked by a mob as they had given shelter to some Sikh families. "Our house was torched. My husband was brutally assaulted and he had to live the rest of his life as a handicapped person," she said. Balbir Kaur now resides with her son in Ranjit Avenue, while her daughter Sharanjit is settled with her husband and three children at Varpal village. Another riot survivor Surjit Singh (65) said Sajjan Kumar used to lead mobs during that period. They were expecting capital punishment for him. he added. At the time of riots, he and

his family resided in Etawah (UP). As a 24-year-old youth, he saw his shop being looted. A month later, he visited Delhi and Kanpur and observed the horrendous outcome of the pogrom. He welcomed the Modi government's move to start punishing the accused after the constitution of 14 commissions to probe riots.

Riot survivor Balbir Kaur (80) said the punishment was too little and too late. A resident of the housing board colony at Ranjit Avenue, she recalled that her family comprising her husband Surjit Singh and two children (Kuldeep Singh and Sharanjit Kaur) resided in the Jagatpuri

**MP** Arora to contest

Ludhiana (West) bypoll

LUDHIANA, FEBRUARY 25 Rajya Sabha member Sanjeev Arora is all set to enter the state politics by contesting the Ludhiana (West)

> the "Krishna Pran Breast Cancer Charitable Trust" in memory of his parents, Arora has so far adopted over 300 cancer patients. He is the vice-president of Dayanand Medical College and Hospital.

Following the party's ouster from Delhi, the Bhagwant Mann-led state government has been in the eye of a storm with reports of a major rejig or change of guard doing the rounds. "It will be following Arora's entry into state politics that a major reshuffle will take place," party insiders said.

Assembly bypoll as AAP A formal announcement to this effect will be made by the

Sanieev Arora

## high-level investigation into the role of those who tried to protect the mas-

pal Singh is currently lodged

in Dibrugarh Central Jail

under the National Security

that his prolonged absence

violated his constitutional

right and left his constituen-

He has also pointed out

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# **PUNJAB**

The Tribune CHANDIGARH | WEDNESDAY | 26 FEBRUARY 2025

Shareholders on March 25, 2023, RHFL has entered into the agreement to transfer its Business by way of a slump sale on a going concern basis, to Reliance Commercial Finance Limited (Hereinafter referred to as "RCFL") and whereas all the rights and liabilities pertaining to the loan account (s) of the Borrower has/have also been transferred to RCFL.

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Sr.No.	Loan Account No.	Total Amount Due	Due As on
1	RHLPKNL000052074	16082425	31.07.2024
2	RHLPKNL000052072	2099670	31.08.2024
3	RHLPKNL000063675	4856413	23.09.2024

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Co-Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taker SYMBOLIC POSSESSION of the property 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 this 21st day of February of the year 2025.

The Borrower/ Co-Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereb cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Authum Investment & Infrastructure Limited for an amount mentioned here below, with further interest and cost therein

Sr.No.	Loan Account No.	Total Amount Due	Due As on
1	RHLPKNL000052074	17280330	22.01.2025
2	RHLPKNL000052072	2257338	22.01.2025
3	RHLPKNL000063675	5161441	23.01.2025

The Borrower/ Co-Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the said Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the property " Hotel West Market, Sukhdev Nagar, Near Bus Stand Panipat, Panipat, Haryana-132103" situated at Plot Mauja Taraf Insar, Abadi Shukhdev Nagar, comprising Khasra No. 4008 kite 1 being 2/21 share of land measuring 3 biswa bakdar 6 biswasi and Khasra No.4011 kite 1 being 2/19 share of land measuring 1 bigha 10 bishwa bakdar 3 biswa 3 biswas total measuring 3 bishwa 9 biswasi or say 172.25 sq.yrds. **Bounded By:North**: Property of Neelam Saxena, **South:** Property of Neelam Saxena, **West:** Property of Neelam Saxena, East: Road

Date : 21.02.2025 Place : Panipat

Authorized Office Authum Investment and Infrastructure Limite

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The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Co-Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property 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 this 21st day of February of the year 2025.

The Borrower/ Co-Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Authum Investment & Infrastructure Limited for an mount of Rs.1.03.92.525/- towards loan account no. RHLPKNL000045605 Rs.82,43,768/-towards loan account no. RHLPKNL000046227 as on 22.01.2025 respectively in both above said loans with further interest and cost thereon in the above metioned Loans. The Borrower/ Co-Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the said Act, in respect of time available predeem the secured assets

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the property commercial Shop in the name of " Rohit Kiryana Store, measuring 77.5 sq. yrds. situated at Raj Mohalla, Kami Road, within MC Limit, Opp Subzi Mandi, Sonepat, Haryana-131001"Road, Opp Subzi Mandi, Sonipat, Haryana-131001" North: Road/Door of Shop,South: Shop of Meena Gupta, West: House of Mangalsen and Road, East: Road/Door of Shop Date : 21.02.2025 Place : Sonipat Authorized Offic

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mittee, formed the previous day, would review the cases of all such MPs. Taking the Centre's statement on record, the HC adjourned the matter to next week. Khadoor Sahib MP Amritment projects.

Amritpal has further requested authorisation to meet officials and ministers regarding the MP Local Area Development Scheme to address local develop-

met Arora in New Delhi this afternoon and asked him to contest the bypoll. He reportedly assured him of a key role and responsibility in the state government.

According to party sources, Arora's entry into state politics is aimed at consolidating the Hindu vote bank in the light of BJP making inroads into urban areas in Punjab in Ludhiana native who runs the recent parliamentary poll.

### Weakens federal structure: Resolution rejects Centre's draft agricultural policy



CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 25 Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann today led the charge against the Centre over the Draft National Policy on Agricultural Marketing terming it anti-farmer and against the spirit of the Constitution as it

weakened" the federal structure of the country. The policy was unanimously rejected by the parties, including AAP, Congress, SAD and BSP. Two BJP MLAs Ashwani Sharma and Jangi Lal Mahajan were not present during the two-hour

discussion on the policy. Amid talks of the BJP trying to make inroads in the rural areas by engaging with protesting Samyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha, Mann said the Centre hated Punjab and Punjabis. "They sometimes get a plane of deportees, and other times bring farm laws and policies that are against Punjab. The fact that they are withholding

they are not talking of legal guarantee for the MSP. Since people of Punjab have been rejecting the BJP in elections, they are doing everything to discredit Punjab and Punjabis," he said.

Mann, suffering from an eye ailment, could not attend the House proceedings yesterday. Today he chose the discussion on the draft policy to hit out at his political opponents in the House, and reply to the Congress assertions vesterday about 32 MLAs being in touch with them to switch sides. "They are daydreaming... they should focus on keeping their stock together. They are not even in contact with their own party cadres or masses. They

state government has already rejected the policy and sent its reply to the Centre. Since the farmer unions were demanding that a resolution rejecting the policy be passed by the Vidhan Sabha, it was brought up for discussion today.

Presenting the resolution to reject the policy, Khudian said as per Entry 28 of List-II (state List) of the Seventh Schedule under Article 246 of the Constitution, agricultural marketing was a state subject. "Our founding fathers had realised that these activities depend on the geographical conditions of a region. These conditions vary from state to state. Therefore, they had rightly put this subject in the state list. This ensures that policies are made according to the specific needs, conditions and challenges of a state... Therefore, framing of the policy by the Centre is against the spirit of the Constitution," he said.

Khudian said as far as agricultural marketing was concerned, procurement of wheat and paddy at the MSP remained the most crucial issue.

Leader of the Opposition Partap Bajwa said when earlier three farm laws were brought in Parliament, he as a member of the Rajya Sabha had opposed it, saying it was like a death warrant for farmers.

our funds like RDF proves policy was brought up for disare the most corrupt and inefthis. Though the Centre has ficient. Their previous CM was cussion by Agriculture Minister started talks with farmers, a monarch who remained Gurmeet Singh Khudian. The



Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann addresses the Vidhan Sabha in Chandigarh on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: VICKY

> glued to his chair... You (referring to Pargat Singh) have been captain of a hockey team, and ideally should know how to keep at least 11 members

(MLAs) together," he said. While rejecting the policy,

MLAs from both Treasury and Opposition benches said bringing a policy on agricultural marketing, which was a state subject, was an interference by the Centre and against the spirit of the Constitution. Legislators also said the broad spirit of the policy was to promote private markets and to signifi-

