NATIONAL COMPANY LAW APPELLATE TRIBUNAL NEW DELHI

Company Appeal (AT) (Insolvency) No. 825 of 2019

IN THE MATTER OF:

Sai Ramakrishna Karuturi

...Appellant

Versus

Axis Bank Ltd. & Anr.

...Respondents

Present:

For Appellant: Mr. Rajiv Ranjan, Senior Advocate with

Ms. Neeha Nagpal, Mr. Vishvendu Tomar, Mr. Saumabho Ghose and Mr. Raza Abbas, Advocates

For 1st Respondent: Mr. Arjun Krishnan, Mr. Ankur Singh and

Mr. Kaustav Som, Advocates

ORDER

16.08.2019 Learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the Appellant submits that the money borrowed by the Corporate Debtor – 'Karuturi Global Limited' to the tune of Rs. 20 Crores + Rs. 33 Crores had already been paid to the Axis Bank (Financial Creditor). The amount of Rs. 20 Crores, as claimed, was never disbursed to the 'Corporate Debtor' ('Karuturi Global Limited') but it was disbursed to its subsidiaries.

It is further submitted that 'Karuturi Foods Limited' is under 'Liquidation' pursuant to the application filed by the 'Axis Bank' under the 'Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code'. The asset of the 'Corporate Debtor' has also been sold by the 'Axis Bank' under the SARFAESI Act, 2012. Therefore, the application u/s 7 of the 'I&B Code' was not maintainable.

Let notice be issued on Respondents.

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Mr. Arjun Krishnan, Advocate appears on behalf of 1st Respondent (Axis

Bank). He is allowed to file reply-affidavit along with copy of complete Form 1

within 2 weeks. Rejoinder, if any, be filed by the Appellant within 2 weeks

thereof.

Let notice be issued on the 2nd Respondent by Speed Post. Requisite along

with process fee, if not filed, be filed by 19th August, 2019.

Post the case 'for Admission (After Notice)' on 18th September, 2019.

In the meantime, the 'Interim Resolution Professional' will ensure that

the company remains going concern and will take assistance of the

(suspended) Board of Directors and the officers/ Directors/employees. The

person who is authorised to sign the bank cheques may issue cheques but

only after approval of the 'Interim Resolution Professional'. The bank account

of the 'Corporate Debtor' be allowed to be operated for day-to-day functioning

of the company such as for payment of current bills of the suppliers, salaries

and wages of the employees'/workmen electricity bills etc.

[Justice S.J. Mukhopadhaya]

Chairperson

[Justice A.I.S. Cheema] Member (Judicial)

> [Kanthi Narahari] Member (Technical)

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