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ORDER SHEET

WPO No. 717 of 2025
IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
ORIGINAL SIDE

DR. ARUN KUMAR PAL
-VS-
STATE BANK OF INDIA & ORS.

BEFORE:
The Hon'ble JUSTICE AMRITA SINHA
Date: 17th September, 2025.

Appearance:
Mr. Soumyajit Ghosh, Adv.
Mr. Saptarshi Bhattacharjee, Adv.
Ms. Ajeyaa Choudhury, Adv.
...for the Petitioner.

Mr. Debasish Saha, Adv.
Mr. Avirup Roy Sanyal, Adv.
Ms. Sucheta Pal, Adv.
Mr. Hadiqua Islam, Adv.
Mr. Tanbir Tafader, Adv.
...for the Respondent Bank.

Mr. Saurabh Guhathakurata, Adv.
Mr. Abhratanu Sarkar, Adv.
...for the Respondent no.3.

1. The petitioner is aggrieved by the act on the part of the State Bank of India in suspending operation of the savings bank account standing in the name of Binode Behari Pal Trust. The petitioner claims to be one of the settlors of the Trust and submits that he is the sole authorized signatory of the said Trust.
2. According to the petitioner, there is no other authorized signatory to operate the bank account.
3. Learned advocate representing the private respondent denies the submission of the petitioner. It has been submitted that the private respondent is the Chairman of the said Trust and is also one of the signatories for operation of the bank account.

4. Learned advocate representing the bank produces before this Court a communication made by the private respondent on 16th October, 2024 requesting the Branch Manager of the bank to suspend operation of the bank account on temporary basis.
5. Copy of the mandate dated 16th October, 2024 by the private respondent to the Branch Manager of the bank has been handed over to the learned advocate for the petitioner in Court today.
6. It appears from the submissions made on behalf of the petitioner and the private respondent that the relationship between the two is strained. There are disputed question of facts which cannot be adjudicated either by the Branch Manager of the bank or by the writ Court.
7. In view of the above, no relief can be granted to the petitioner in the instant writ petition. The writ petition fails and is hereby dismissed.
8. It will, however, be open for the petitioner to approach the competent forum for remedy of his grievances in accordance with law, if so advised.
9. As the writ petition is being disposed of without calling for any affidavits, the allegations made therein are deemed not to have been admitted by the respondents.
10. Urgent photostat certified copy of this order be supplied to the parties, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance of all legal formalities.

(AMRITA SINHA, J.)