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W.P.No.11865 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED :16.04.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

W.P.No.11865 of 2025
and
W.M.P.No.13426 of 2025

Sedhumathvan Sampathkumar

... Petitioner

Vs

1. M/s. IDFC First Bank, Salem Branch
Represented by its Branch Manager,
Ground Floor, Door No.2 to MNJ Complex,
Kalliapillai Thoppu,
Ponnusamy Kalyanam Mandappam Fairland,
Salem – 635 004.
2. Superintendent of Police CCD-1,
Cyber Crime Division – 1,
Commissioner Office Building,
Vepery, Chennai – 600 007.
3. Superintendent of Police,
No.2, Northy Karaikal, Duplex Street,
Puducherry – 609 602.
4. Superintendent of Police,
No.21, CID Annexe Building,
Race Course Building, Bangalore – 560 001.



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5. Inspector General of Police, Cyber Cell,
Police Radio Head Quarters Complex,
Bhadadhadaa Road, Bhopal – 462 003.

... Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to de-freeze the petitioner's Bank Account No.10066770865 maintained in the first respondent Bank within the time frame fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.Leeban Arivalagan

For Respondents : Mr.S.K.Mariyappan for R1

Mr. A.Gopinath,
Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side) for R2

Mr.K.S.Mohandas,
Public Prosecutor (Puducherry) for R3

No appearance (for R4 & R5)

O R D E R

This Writ Petition has been filed to direct the first respondent to de-freeze the petitioner's Bank Account No. 10066770865, maintained in the first respondent bank, within the time frame that may be fixed by this Court.



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2. On the request made by the second to fifth respondents, the first respondent has frozen the account of the petitioner, which is lying with the first respondent. According to the petitioner, so far he has received a sum of Rs. 6,21,600/- from the third parties' account, which is very much available in his account. Apart from the said amount, the petitioner has a balance to the tune of more than one Crore.

3. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the second respondent would submit that the petitioner's account has been used as a third-layer account by the accused in an online fraud case, where a sum of Rs. 3,95,099/- was transferred to the petitioner's account as a third-layer account.

4. The learned Public Prosecutor (Puducherry) appearing for the third respondent would submit that a sum of Rs. 5,000/- has been transferred to the petitioner's account from the de-facto complainant. The remaining amount from the victims of the fourth and fifth respondents has



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been transferred to the petitioner's account. Totally, a sum of Rs. 6,21,600/- has been credited to the petitioner's account, and his account was used as a third-layer account by the accused. However, the petitioner is not an accused in any case.

5. In view of the above, the first respondent is directed to hold a sum of Rs. 6,21,600/- from the petitioner's account, and the remaining amount is permitted to be operated by the petitioner. Accordingly, the petitioner's account is hereby de-frozen. The petitioner is permitted to operate his account, except a sum of Rs. 6,21,600/-, from his Account No. 10066770865 maintained with the first respondent bank.

6. With the above observations, this Writ Petition is disposed of. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No
Neutral Citation/Yes/No
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High Court of Madras.



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