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W.P.No.22207 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 23.06.2025

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THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

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Sundaravalli

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector
District Collector Office
Kallakurichi 606 202

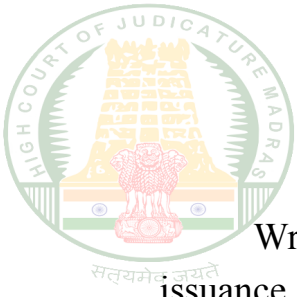
2.The Designated Officer
The Tamil Nadu Food Safety and Drug Administration
Department (Kallakurichi)
Collectorate Building
Kallakurichi District 605 602

3.The Branch Manager
Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)
Ulundurpet, Virudhachalam Road
Kallakurichi District 606107

4.The Sub Inspector of Police
Eadaikal Police Station, Asanur
Ulundurpet Taluk
Kallakurichi District

.. Respondents

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Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents 2 and 3 to defreeze the savings bank account of the petitioner bearing account No.014501000130534, (IFSC code: IOBA0000145), Indian Overseas Bank, Ulundurpet Branch, Kallakurichi District in accordance with law.

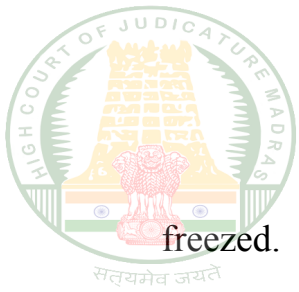
For Petitioner : Mr.S.Ramajayam
For RR1 & 2 : Mr.E.Sundaram
Government Advocate
For R3 : Mr.Rajendran Ragavan
For R4 : Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed for a direction to the respondents 2 and 3 to defreeze the savings bank account of the petitioner maintained with the 3rd respondent.

2. Heard both sides and perused the materials placed on record.

3. The 4th respondent registered an FIR in Crime No.18/2025 for offence under Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Acts, 2003. The shop was sealed and the bank account of the petitioner maintained with the 3rd respondent was also



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freezed. The petitioner paid the fine amount and later, the shop was desealed.

However, freezing of the bank account continued and it is under these circumstances, the present writ petition has been filed before this Court.

4. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and the materials available before this Court and also considering the fact that hardly Rs.600/- is available in the bank account of the petitioner, no useful purpose will be served in continuing with the freezing of the bank account of the petitioner. In view of the above, there shall be a direction to the 4th respondent to immediately issue a letter to the 3rd respondent to defreeze the bank account of the petitioner and such communication shall be made within a week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

This writ petition is disposed of on the above terms. No costs.

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