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W.P.No.37787 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 03.10.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE P.B.BALAJI

W.P.No.37787 of 2025 and
WMP No.42246 of 2025

P.Rajalakshmi

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The General Manager,
State Bank of India,
16, College lane,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai – 600 006.

2. The Regional Manager,
State Bank of India,
The Regional Office,
173, JN Road,
Tiruvallur – 602 001.

3. The Bank Manager,
State Bank of India,
Ranipet Branch,
Railway Station Road,
Ranipet.

4. P.Thiyagarjan

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to take suitable legal action in accordance with law on merits by considering the petitioner's representations, dated 23.09.2025.



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For Petitioner : Mr.L.P.Shanmugasundaram
For Respondents : Mr.B.Siva for R1 to R3

ORDER

The Writ Petitioner seeks for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to take legal action in accordance with law on merits and dispose of the petitioner by considering the petitioner's representations, dated 23.09.2025.

2. By consent, this Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage.

3. According to the petitioner, the petitioner's jewels have been pledged with the respondents 1 to 3 bank by the 4th respondent and now the 4th respondent is taking steps to redeem the jewels belonging to the petitioner. The petitioner has made a representation dated 23.09.2025 to the respondents bank, setting out her objections. However, the same has not been considered till date. Hence, this Writ Petition.

4. Mr.B.Siva, learned Standing counsel takes notice for the Respondents 1 to 3.

5. In view of the limited prayer sought for in this Writ petitioner, the respondents 1 to 3 are directed to deal with the objections of the petitioner after affording a fair opportunity to the petitioner as well as the 4th



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respondent before passing any final orders regarding the return of jewellery, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. The learned counsel for the petitioner stated that the Bank is about to hand over the jewellery belonging to the petitioner in a day or two. It has been made clear in the foregoing paragraph that the decision to return the jewellery to the 4th respondent would be subject to hearing and considering the objections of the petitioner. Therefore, the petitioner need not have any apprehension that without hearing the petitioner, the jewellery would be handed over to the 4th respondent.

7. With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Index : Yes/No
Speaking Order : Yes/No
Neutral Citation : Yes / No
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