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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 11.12.2025**

CORAM:

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA**

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Karishma Gulati

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Senior Superintendent of Police,  
Namakkal District, Tamil Nadu.
2. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,  
Cyber Crime Branch, Namakkal District,  
Tamil Nadu.
3. The Inspector of Police,  
Cyber Crime Branch, Namakkal District,  
Tamil Nadu.
4. ICICI Bank,  
No.C-9, Dorasanipalya,  
Opp. To Kalyani Magnum Tech Park,  
JP Nagar Branch, JP Nagar Phase – IV,  
Bangalore 560 078.

... Respondents

**PRAYER:** Writ Petition (Criminal) is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of Mandamus or direction in the nature of writ, to direct the third and fourth respondents to defreeze the petitioner's



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bank account No.131801502041 in the fourth respondent Bank based on the petitioner's representation dated 27.09.2025 forthwith.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Subbu Ranga Bharathi  
For R1 to R3 : Mr.K.M.D.Muhilan  
Additional Public Prosecutor

### **ORDER**

The present Writ Petition (Criminal) has been filed seeking a direction to respondents 3 & 4 to defreeze the petitioner's bank account No. 131801502041 maintained with the fourth respondent bank, based on the petitioner's representation dated 27.09.2025.

2. Mr.K.M.D.Muhilan, learned Additional Public Prosecutor takes notice on behalf of respondents 1 to 3.

3. In view of the consent expressed by the learned counsel on either side, this Writ Petition (Criminal) is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself. Notice to the fourth respondent is dispensed with inasmuch as no order prejudicial to its interest is passed.



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4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that based on a complaint received from one Marimuthu alleging online financial fraud, an enquiry was conducted in C.S.R.No.374/2024 dated 14.03.2024. Upon enquiry, the third respondent had directed the fourth respondent to freeze the petitioner's account. Subsequently, after completion of the enquiry, the third respondent sent a communication dated 05.12.2025 to the Nodal Officer, ICICI Bank Ltd., Legal Department, seeking to defreeze the petitioner's account. He further submitted that as far as the third respondent is concerned, no other case is pending against the petitioner and that the third respondent is not aware whether any other complaint pending against the petitioner before any other agency.

5. The scanned copy of the communication dated 05.12.2025 sent by the third respondent police is reproduced hereunder:-



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**FROM:**  
Inspector of Police,  
Cyber Crime Police Station,  
Namakkal District, Tamil Nadu State, India.  
Email: shoccp@namkdpp@tn.gov.in  
Phone: 04286293100

**TO:**  
The Nodal Officer,  
ICICI Bank Ltd  
Legal Department,  
Email: leaddesk@icicibank.com

Sir/Madam,

**Sub:** Police - Tamil Nadu - Namakkal - CCPS - Online Money Fraud - No Objection to defreeze and remove lien mark on the ICICI Bank Ltd account number 131801502041 as far as reference cited case alone - Regarding.

**Ref:** 1. Cyber Crime Police Station CSR.No.374/2024, Dated: 14.03.2024.  
2. NCRP Ack. No. 32903240000184 Dated: 13.03.2024.

As per the above-cited reference, a case was registered based on a complaint lodged by Mr. Manimuthu. The petitioner transferred money to an account provided by the suspect. During the investigation, it was identified that the ICICI Bank Ltd account holder received money from the petitioner. As a result, the account was put on hold, following the fraudulent money trail. The ICICI Bank Ltd account holder has since returned the disputed amount to the petitioner's account and submitted a written request to defreeze the account number 131801502041, IFSC Code ICIC0001318.

1. If more than one request is received from any other law enforcement agencies (LEAs), apart from the Namakkal Cyber Crime Police Station, you must obtain a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from each of these LEAs before proceeding with the defreezing of this account.
2. If any violations occur during this process, the bank shall be held responsible.
3. This NOC for the defreeze of the ICICI Bank account is provided exclusively for the Namakkal Cyber Crime Police Station case.

5/12/2025  
INSPECTOR OF POLICE  
CYBER CRIME POLICE STATION,  
NAMAKKAL DISTRICT.



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6. Accordingly, this Writ Petition (Criminal) stands disposed of with a direction to the fourth respondent to defreeze the petitioner's account, if no other complaint is pending against the petitioner. No costs.

**11.12.2025**

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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