IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.6610 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC010402992026

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M/s Jiya Enterprises situated at Office No.- 23, 2nd Floor, Surya Apartment, Fraser Road, Patna, Bihar- 800001, through its proprietor Dilip Pandey (male), aged about 53 Years, son of Krishna Pandey, resident of Flat No. - 104, Block- A, First Floor, Laxmi Shyam, Near Dwarika College, Ashok Nagar, Kankarbagh, Patna, Bihar- 800020.

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Versus

1. The Central Bank of India through its Branch Manager, Choudhary Tola Branch (Branch Code- 03732), Jagannath Singh Lane, Choudhary Tola, New Colony, Tripolia, Patna, Bihar- 800006.
2. The Branch Manager,Central bank of India, Chaudhary Tola Branch (Branch Code- 03732) Jagannath Singh Lane, Chaudhary Tola, New Colony, Tripolia, Patna, Bihar- 800006.
3. Inspector/Investing Officer, Crime Branch, Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh.

... ... Respondent/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Avinash Kumar, Advocate
For the Bank : Mr. Ajit Kumar Sinha, Advocate
Ms. Dilkash Khan, Advocate
Ms. Zeba Akhtar, Advocate

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HARISH KUMAR
ORAL JUDGMENT
Date : 23-11-2026

Heard Mr. Avinash Kumar, learned Advocate for the petitioner, and Mr. Ajit Kumar Sinha, learned Advocate representing the Central Bank of India.

2. The writ petition was filed by M/s Jiya Enterprises through its proprietor, seeking a direction upon the respondent bank to unfreeze the cash credit bank account of the petitioner bearing account no. 5328004565, maintained with the Central Bank of India, Chaudhary Tola Branch, which has been frozen without any reason and issuance of any prior notice or show cause to the petitioner. The material available on record,

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however, demonstrates that the account of the petitioner was frozen in connection with two FIRs bearing FIR No. 570 of 2025 and FIR No. 571 of 2025 on the instruction of the Cyber Crime Unit, and accordingly the same was done.

3. It is the case of the petitioner that the respondent bank, instead of restricting itself to the freezing of the amount to the tune of Rs. 9,56,706/-, froze the entire bank account of the petitioner, resulting into filing of the present writ petition.

4. Considering the submissions advanced during the pendency of the present writ petition, the petitioner offered a lien of fixed deposit of an amount equivalent to the amount specified in the said letter issued by the Cyber Crime Unit, and accordingly this Court was pleased to direct the bank that since the petitioner is willing to deposit an amount of Rs. 9,56,706/- in a separate fixed deposit within a period of two weeks from today and hand over the original FD receipt to the respondent bank, the bank will put a lien over the said FD and defreeze the account of the petitioner within a period of one week thereof.

5. In deference to the order of this Court, the petitioner fixed an amount of Rs. 9,56,706/- with the bank, and accordingly, the respondent bank de-freezed the bank account of the petitioner.

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6. Subsequent to the aforesaid facts, in course of time, during the pendency of the present writ petition, the Cyber Crime Unit, Cyber Cell, Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh has communicated to the bank through electronic-mail dated 30.08.2026 to defreeze the bank account of the petitioner as the transaction in question from the bank account of the petitioner was found not related to the alleged charges pertaining to the FIRs in question dated 19.11.2025.

7. In the aforesaid promise, the e-mail communication and the letter issued by the Inspector, Investigating Officer, Crime Branch, dated 19.08.2026 addressed to the Manager, Central Bank of India, Chaudhary Tola, Patna have been brought on record as Annexure P/14 to the interlocutory application bearing I.A. No. 2 of 2026.

8. In view of the subsequent development, now the petitioner has made a prayer to release the fixed deposit in favour of the petitioner, as there is no impediment or incriminating material against the petitioner, at present.

9. On the other hand, Mr. Ajit Kumar Sinha, learned Advocate for the bank, fairly submitted that a short adjournment is required to verify the aforesaid position with regard to the involvement of the petitioner and the letter issued by the Cyber

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Crime Unit.

10. Considering the submissions advanced and the fact that the letter issued by the Inspector, Investigation Officer, Crime Branch, District Chandauli, dated 19.08.2026 has been brought on record, which clearly demonstrates that from the investigation done so far, the transactions done through the account in question are not found to be related to the Chandauli-based firms related to the above-mentioned charge, this Court finds that the petitioner has made out a case for release of the amount of FD put as a lien with the Central Bank of India.

11. This Court directs the Central Bank of India to release the amount of FD in favour of the petitioner, preferably within a period of two weeks from today, after making proper verification from the concerned Cyber Crime Unit.

12. With the aforesaid direction, the writ petition is disposed of.

(Harish Kumar, J)

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