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NC: 2026:KHC:59603
WP No. 27172 of 2025

CNR: KAHC010586662025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.M. POONACHA

WRIT PETITION NO. 27172 OF 2025 (GM-RES)

BETWEEN:

1. R G SHAHID SHARIEFF
   S/O GHOUSE SHARIFF
   AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS
   MM KRUPA -1 APT NO 171-172
   FLAT NO-202 2ND FLOOR
   HENNUR MAIN ROAD HBR LAYOUT
   NEXT TO KRISHNA MEDICALS
   KACHARAKANAHALLI BENGALURU
   KARANATAKA 560084

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. MUHAMMAD IRSHAD M H.,ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. ICICI BANK
   REPRESENTED BY BRANCH MANAGER
   NO.8 NEHRU MAIN ROAD
   ST.THOMAS TOWN POST BENGALURU
   KARNATAKA 570002

2. STATE OF HARYANA
   CYBER CRIME POLICE STATION
   SIRSA G2XX 4VQ, ANAJ MANDI,
   SIRSA, HARYANA 125055

3. STATE OF TELANGANA
   CYBER CRIME POLICE STATION

CYDERABAD 2-50/22, 2-48/16,
LANE, NEXT TO CARE HOSPITALS,
JAYABHERI PINE VALLEY, GACHIBOWLI,
HYDERABAD, TELANGANA 500032.

4. STATE OF PUNJAB
SAS NAGAR KHARAR POLICE STATION
KHARAR, PUNJAB 140301.

5. STATE OF MAHARASHTRA
NAVI MUMBAI TURBHE POLICE STATION
OPPOSITE RAILWAY STATION,
NEAR MIDC INDUSTRIAL AREA,
BEHIND SANPADA BUS STOP AND
YOGI MIDTOWN HOTEL, OPPOSITE HYUNDAI
SHOWROOM, SION PANVEL HIGHWAY,
TURBHE, MAHARASHTRA -400703

6. STATE OF KERALA
SOUTH TOWN ERNAKULAM POLICE STATION,
MAHATMA GANDHI RD, THEVARA JUNCION,
PERUMANOOR, KOCHI, ERNAKULAM,
KERALA 682 015

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. B S JEEVAN KUMAR.,ADVOCATE FOR R1
NOTICE STANDS DEFERRED TO R2 TO R6 V/O DTD 23.9.2025)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 & 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ORDER, OR DIRECTION, DIRECTING R1 TO FORTHWITH DEFREEZE THE PETITIONERS BANK ACCOUNT NO. 021201588077, REMOVE THE LIEN MARKED THEREON, AND ALLOW THE PETITIONER TO OPERATE THE ACCOUNT WITHOUT ANY RESTRICTIONS.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING IN 'B' GROUP, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.M. POONACHA

ORAL ORDER

1. The present petition is filed seeking for the following reliefs:

> *"a) Issue a Writ in the nature of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ, Order, or Direction, directing Respondent No. 1 to forthwith defreeze the Petitioner's bank account No.021201588077., remove the lien marked thereon, and allow the Petitioner to operate the account without any restrictions.*
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> *b) Direct Respondent Nos. 2 to 6 to furnish detailed status reports on the investigations pertaining to the complaints, including reasons for the freezing, within a time-bound period, and to withdraw any directives to Respondent No. 1 if no progress or evidence exists after one year.*
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> *c) Direct the Respondents to provide clarification and justification for the discrepancy in the lien amount (Rs. 38,97,374/-) vis-à-vis the disputed amount (Rs.5,88,817.92/-), and restrain them from marking any lien beyond the actual disputed sum.*
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> *d) Pass such other and further orders as this Hon'ble Court deems fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case, in the interest of justice and equity."*

2. Learned counsel for the respondent No.1 - Bank upon instructions submits that the balance available in the account of the petitioner is a sum of Rs.97,553.77/-. It is further submitted that vide e-mail dated 23.07.2025 (Annexure - B to the writ petition), the respondent - Bank has intimated the petitioner regarding the details/particulars on the basis of which

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the lien of a sum of Rs.38,97,374/- has been marked with regard to the Bank account of the petitioner.

3. It is further pointed out on behalf of the respondent - Bank that despite the e-mail dated 23.07.2025 the petitioner having been called upon to provide clarification as to the nature of the transactions which are listed out in the said e-mail dated 23.07.2025, wherein transactions cumulate to a sum of Rs.5,88,817.92/-, till date, the petitioner has not furnished its reply.

4. Having regard to the fact that the respondent - Bank has marked the lien in the Bank account of the petitioner consequent to communications having been received from various law enforcement agencies and in view of the fact that the lien marked amount is in excess of the balance amount standing in the account of the petitioner, no relief can be granted in the present writ petition. Accordingly, the present writ petition stands dismissed.

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5. This order will not preclude the petitioner from approaching the concerned law enforcement agencies/authorities and taking such further steps as is permissible in law.

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(C.M. POONACHA)
JUDGE

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