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NC: 2026:KHC:59602
WP No. 27302 of 2025

CNR: KAHC010586672025

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. 27302 OF 2025 (GM-RES)

BETWEEN:

1. NOOR FATHIMA KOUSER
   W/O R G SHAHID SHARIEFF
   AGED ABOUT 32 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 MAHARASHTRA
   CYBER CRIME POLICE STATION
   PUNE GRJW 49H, UNNAMED ROAD,
   SHIVAJINAGAR, PUNE,
   MAHARASHTRA 41100
   REP BY SHO AT POLICE STATION

3. STATE OF KERALA
KERALA POLICE CYBERDOME
CYBERDOME, THEJASWINI ANNEXE BUILDING,
TECHNOPARK CAMPUS,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
KERALA 695581.
REP BY SHO AT POLICE STATION

4. STATE OF TAMIL NADU
CHENNAI WEST NCRP
BLOCK P, K4, P BLOCK,
ANNA NAGAR, CHENNAI,
TAMIL NADU 600040
REP BY SHO AT POLICE STATION

5. STATE OF MAHARASHTRA
CYBER POLICE STATION MUMBAI
FIRST FLOOR, BANDRA KURLA
COMPLEX RD, OPPOSITE ICICI BANK,
G BLOCK BKC, BANDRA KURLA COMPLEX,
BANDRA EAST, MUMBAI,
MAHARASHTRA 400051
REP BY SHO AT POLICE STATION

6. STATE OF GUJARAT
PRADHYUMNAN NAGAR POLICE STATION
8Q2W 7J6, BABUBHAI SHAH RD,
KASHIVISHWANATH PLOT,
SADAR, RAJKOT, GUJARAT 360001.
REP BY SHO AT POLICE STATION

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. B S JEEVAN KUMAR.,ADVOCATE FOR R1
NOTICE STANDS DEFERRED TO R2 TO R6 V/O DTD 8.10.2025)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT IN THE NATURE OF MANDAMUS OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE WRIT, ORDER, OR DIRECTION, DIRECTING RESPONDENT NO. 1 TO FORTHWITH DEFREEZE THE PETITIONERS BANK ACCOUNT NO

000201101615, 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 000201101615., 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.*
> *c) Direct the Respondents to provide clarification and justification for the discrepancy in the lien amount (Rs. 9,26,339/-) vis-à-vis the disputed amount (Rs. 9,74,940/-), 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."*

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2. Learned counsel for the respondent No.1 - Bank upon instructions submits that the balance available in the account of the petitioner is 12 (twelve) paisa as is forthcoming from the bank account statement of the petitioner which is produced as Annexure-A to the writ petition. It is further submitted that vide e-mail dated 18.07.2025 (Annexure - B to the writ petition), the respondent - Bank has intimated the petitioner regarding the details/particulars on the basis of which the lien of a sum of Rs.9,26,339.88/- 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 an e-mail having been addressed to the petitioner calling upon him to provide clarifications as to the nature of the transactions entered into by him, till date, the petitioner has not furnished a 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

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standing in the account of the petitioner, no relief can be granted in the present writ petition. Accordingly, the present writ petition stands dismissed.

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

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(C.M. POONACHA)
JUDGE

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