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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

WP Crl. No. 1875 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA011750842026}

Ramesh
S/o.K.G.Saravanan,
3/70, Teachers Colony,
Ethirmedu, Komarapalayam - 638 183,
Namakkal District.

..Petitioner

Vs

1. The Inspector of Police,
   Inspector in Charge (IC),
   Cybercrime police Station,
   Barrackpore Police Commissionerate,
   West Bengal - 700 120.

2. The Inspector of Police,
   Police Inspector (P.I),
   Cyber Manager, Police Station Cyber Manesar,
   Gurugram District, Haryana - 122051.

3. The Inspector of Police,
   Station House Officer, (SHO),
   Syohara Cybercrime Police Station,
   Bijinor District, Uttar Pradesh - 246 746.

4. The Superintendent of Police,
   Superintendent Office, Tiruchengode Road,
   Nammakkal - 637 003.

5. The Branch Manager
   Federal Bank, Kulathukadu Branch,
   No.2/322/5, Salem Main Road,
   East Colony, Near Indian BBQ,
   Namakkal - 638 183.

..Respondents

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To issue a Writ and in particular a writ of Mandamus or any other writ or order or orders of direction in the nature of writ directing the Respondents to defreeze the petitioners account Number 22660100007314, IFSC code FDRL0002266 with 5th respondent Bank and releasing the entire amount available in the account by considering petitioners representation dated 24.12.2025 within time framed manner**.**

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Sudhakar

For Respondents : Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar
Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu
(Criminal Side) for R1 to R4

Mr.Vinod Paul Thyagaraj David for R5

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The petitioner is an account holder with the fifth respondent. On account of certain disputes which arose due to the purchase of cryptocurrency, the petitioner's account was visited with a debit freeze order at the hands of the respondents 1 and 3. Despite the request of the petitioner to de-freeze the account, the respondents had not taken steps. Hence, he is before this court.

2. My illustrious predecessor had issued notice to the respondents. Thereafter, when the matter was came up before me, I called upon Ms.Sridevi, appearing for Mr.David Thyagarajan, to get instructions as regards the lien. I adjourned the matter to enable the fifth respondent to do the needful.

3. When I took up the matter, Mr.Vinod Paul Thyagaraj David reports that the lien created by the first respondent was to an extent of Rs.1,950/- and

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by the third respondent is Rs.9,150/-. He states that the amount outstanding with the petitioner's account is Rs.84,648/-. The bank has not been intimated about any other lien.

4. Considering the plea of Mr.K.Sudhakar, Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar and Mr.Vinod Paul Thyagaraj David, this writ petition is disposed of with the following directions:

(i) The fifth respondent bank shall permit the petitioner to operate the account less the liens that have been created by the first and third respondents.

(ii) The fifth respondent, following the SOP evolved by the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCCRP), shall communicate to the first and third respondents and enquire if the Law Enforcing Authorities are extending the liens that have been created. In case there is no such order, following Clause 10 of the SOP evolved by the NCCRP, the fifth respondent shall lift the liens.

(iii) Clause (i) of this order shall come into force immediately. Insofar as the exercise under Clause (ii) is concerned, it shall be completed within a period of two weeks from the date of communication to the first and third respondents.

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