



W.P.Crl.No.753 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 11.06.2026

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CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE **G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN**

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J.Balamurugan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The State by Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Prohibition Enforcement Wing,
Erode.

2.Inspector of Police,
Vellode Police Station,
Erode.

3.The Manager,
IDFC First Bank Ltd,
First Floor, A.M.I. Midtown Building,
Door No.25-A-2,
D.B.Road,
R.S.Puram,
Coimbatore.

... Respondents

Prayer:

Writ Petition(Crl.) filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India praying to issue a WRIT OF MANDAMUS directing the Manager, IDFC First Bank Ltd, First Floor, A.M.I. Midtown Building, Door No.25-A-2, D.B. Road, R.S. Puram, Coimbatore-641002, the 3rd respondent herein to de-freeze the Petitioner's Bank Account bearing No.10162115399 and allowed him operate

For Petitioner : Mr.A.V.Arun
for Mr.R.Sidharth



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For Respondents

For R1 & 2 : Mr.R.Ganesh Kumar,
Counsel for Government
of Tamil Nadu (Criminal Side)

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed for direction to the third respondent to de-freeze the petitioner's Bank Account bearing No.10162115399 and to allow him to operate the same.

2. In pursuant to the registration of FIR in crime No.87 of 2024 for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(C) and 25 of NDPS Act on the file of the second respondent, the second respondent instructed the third respondent to freeze the bank account of the petitioner in Account No.10162115399 alleging that the petitioner paid money to the first accused to purchase 'ganja'. Now the entire investigation has been completed and the second respondent has filed final report and the same has been taken cognizance in CC.No.38 of 2025 on the file of the Special Court for Trial of Cases under EC & NDPS Act, Coimbatore.

3. On perusal of the charge sheet, it is revealed that the petitioner is arrayed as A25. Even according to the case of the

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prosecution, the petitioner paid money to purchase ganja by the first accused. It is not the case of the prosecution that the crime proceeds were deposited in the petitioner's bank account. That apart, what was the money paid by the petitioner is not stated anywhere. Further, now investigation has been completed and final report has been filed against the petitioner. As such, the petitioner is facing trial. Therefore, no purpose would be served if the petitioner is not permitted to operate his bank account since no crime proceeds were deposited in the petitioner's bank account.

4. In view of the above, the third respondent is directed to forthwith defreeze the petitioner's bank account in Account No.10162115399 and to permit him to operate the said bank account.

5. With the above direction, this writ petition stands allowed.
There shall be no order as to costs.

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- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras

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