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WP No. 36378 of 2



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 36378 of 2024

AND

WMP NO. 39247 OF 2024

S Saffiya Sultana
W/o.Kalanther Sheriff, 72/43 Mosque Street,
Arakonam, Vellore, Tamilnadu 631001.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Indian Bank Limited Represented By Its Branch
Manager,
Arakkonam Branch 98 Sholingur Road,
Arakkonam, Vellore District 631001.
2. Canara Bank Limited Represented By Its
Branch Manager,
No.4 Tirumalai Achari Street, Arakkonam,
Vellore District 631001
3. Station House Officer,
Lonikand Police Station, Perne Phata Pune
Nagar Road, Haveli, Pune District,
Maharashtra 412216.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of writ of Mandamus directing the 1st respondent to defreeze the petitioner bank Account Number 991005884 and consequently direct the 2nd respondent to defreeze the petitioners bank account number 110137230796.

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.Leeban

For Respondent(s):

M/s. T.Hemalatha for R2

No appearance for R1 and R3



Order

This writ petition has been filed to the 1st respondent to defreeze the petitioner's bank Account.

2. The case of the petitioner is that she is working as a Nurse at Primary Health Centre, Arakkonam on contract basis. Her husband is working in Dubai as an Automobile Technician and he usually transfers his salary amount to the petitioner's Bank account through Foreign Exchanges. While so on 22.08.2024, an amount of Rs.1,00,000/- was given as loan by the petitioner's husband to his friend upon the promise that the amount borrowed would be paid back within a week. Thereafter, his friend returned the amount in the petitioner's Bank Account after a week and in turn the petitioner transferred the said amount to his own Canara Bank Account.

3. While the matter stood thus, on 01.09.2024, the petitioner was informed through a mail from the 2nd respondent Bank that the account has been blocked due to a complaint received from the 3rd respondent and the disputed amount has been frozen. When the petitioner communicated to the bank about the freeze, no proper response was given by the officials. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner is before this Court.



4. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the disputed amount is originally received from an account unknown to the petitioner as a return of debt lend by a friend of her husband. Without considering the petitioner's case, the 2nd respondent has blocked the account. Therefore, this Court may issue appropriate direction to defreeze the bank account of the petitioner.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the respondents would submit that based on the complaint given by the 3rd respondent, only the disputed amount of Rs.40,514/- has been frozen in the petitioner's bank account. The petitioner may be permitted to operate the account insofar as the balance amount is concerned.

5. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and learned counsel appearing for the respondents.

6. In view of the fair submission made by the learned counsel for the 2nd respondent, this Court, without going into the merits of the case, directs the respondents 1 and 2 to withhold only the disputed amount of Rs.40,514/- in the petitioner's bank account and permit the petitioner to operate the account in respect of the remaining balance amount.



7. With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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