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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. 2700 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012408692026}

AND

WP CRL. NO. 2714 OF 2026

M/s Event 360
Represented by its Proprietor Mr. Hariprasad,
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No.12/207B,
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..Petitioner

Vs

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7. The Branch Manager
   Utkarsh Small Finance Bank,
   Thudiyalur Branch,
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To issue an order or direction or Writ, more particularly writ in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, directing the 7th respondent bank to forthwith de-freeze and restore the operation of the petitioners bank account bearing Account No.1761020000000044 based on his representation dated 05-06-2026.

WP Crl. No. 2714 of 2026

To issue an order or direction or Writ, more particularly Writ in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS, directing the 6th Respondent Bank to forthwith de-freeze and restore the operation of the petitioners bank account bearing Account No.A2602270810527490 based on his representation dated 05.06.2026.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Abishek Kumar

For Respondents : Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar,
Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu
(for R1 To R6 in W.P.(Crl.).No.2700 of 2026 and
for R1 to R5 in W.P(Crl.).No.2714 of 2026)

Common Order

The petitioner is a proprietor for an institution titled "Event 360". For the said purpose, he has been maintaining current accounts with the sixth

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respondent in W.P.(Crl).No.2714 of 2026 and the seventh respondent in WP. (Crl).No.2700 of 2026.

2. The petitioner claims that a sum of Rs.48,581/-was the subject matter of dispute for which lien had been created over his bank account by the seventh respondent in W.P.Crl.No.2700 of 2026. Similarly, he states that lien had been created by the sixth respondent in W.P.Crl.No.2714 of 2026. The amount involved in W.P.No.2714 of 2026 is Rs.17,979/-. As the entire accounts had been frozen, despite the best efforts of the petitioner, as no action had been initiated, he is before this Court.

3. I called upon Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar to take notice and get instructions from the official respondents. I had further directed the Commissioner of Police, Coimbatore, to serve notice on the seventh respondent in W.P.(Crl.).No.2700 of 2026 and on the sixth respondent in W.P(Crl.).No.2714 of 2026.

4. Despite service of notice, no one represents the seventh respondent in W.P.(Crl.).No.2700 of 2026 and the sixth respondent in W.P(Crl.).No.2714 of 2026.

5. The debit freeze has been created by the seventh respondent on 23.04.2026 and by the sixth respondent on 12.03.2026.

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6. Taking into consideration that disputes regularly arise on account of such orders of debit freeze, the Supreme Court had called upon the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal to evolve an SOP to resolve the disputes. National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal had also evolved an SOP. It directs the banks and the police officials to keep the debit freeze order alive for 90 days and on the expiry of the said period, left it open to the banks to de-freeze the account, if no further orders had been issued by the law enforcing agency or by the court.

7. A perusal of the papers indicate that the account had been frozen in the first writ petition on 23.04.2026 and in the second writ petition on 12.03.2026. More than 7 months have elapsed and no further intimation had been given as regards the further orders to be passed. Keeping the debit freeze lien beyond the period prescribed by the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal cannot be considered as legal.

8. Apart from that, the amount involved in W.P(Crl.).No.2700 of 2026 is Rs.48,581/- and the amount involved in W.P(Crl.).No.2714 of 2026 is Rs.17,979/-. When there is an excess of amount in the respective accounts more than that involved in the debit freeze order, the banks ought to have permitted

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the operation of the accounts, retaining the lien to the extent of the amount involved in the debit freeze orders. Unfortunately, it has not been done so.

9. Hence, these writ petitions are ordered in the following terms:

(i) The seventh respondent in W.P.No.2700 of 2026 and the sixth respondent in W.P.No.2714 of 2026 shall retain the lien for a sum of Rs.48,581/- and Rs.17,979/- respectively. They shall defreeze the accounts and permit the petitioner to operate the same, insofar as the balance is concerned. This action shall be done forthwith.

(ii) The aforesaid banks shall get in touch with the authorities who had imposed the debit freeze orders and wait for a period of two weeks. If there is no fresh intimation from the law enforcing agency as regards any new orders with respect to the debit freeze, they shall permit the petitioner to operate the accounts without any lien.

(iii) The first clause of this paragraph shall come into force immediately. The second clause of this paragraph will come into force within a period of two weeks from the date the respondent banks contact the law enforcing agency.

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