



WP CRL.(MD). No.188 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

Dated : 28/01/2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Cyber Crime Wing,
Rajasthan..
2. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Cyber Crime Police Station,
Kota City,
Rajasthan - 324008..
3. The Inspector of Police,
Cyber Crime Police Station,
Dindigul,
Tamilnadu..
4. The Branch Manager,
Icici Bank Ltd,
Main Branch,
Dindigul - 624 001..

... Respondents



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PRAYER :- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to forthwith revoke and withdraw the lien/freezing marked on the ICICI Bank Savings Acoount No.601301503019 belonging to the petitioner and consequently direct the bank to permit free and unhindered operation of the said account.

For Petitioner : Mr.Y.Prakash,
For R3 : Mr.A.S.Abul Kalaam Azad,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)
For R4 : Mr.S.Krishnaa

ORDER

The present Writ Petition has been filed for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to forthwith revoke and withdraw the lien/freezing marked on the ICICI Bank Savings Acoount No.601301503019 belonging to the petitioner and consequently direct the bank to permit free and unhindered operation of the said account.

2. The facts leading to the filing of the petition are as follows:

(a) The petitioner is holding a current account bearing A/c No. 601301503019 at Icici Bank Ltd, Main Branch, Dindigul - 624 001.



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(b) The petitioner came to know that his account had been frozen.

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3. The learned Counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is not an accused in any criminal case; the act of the fourth respondent freezing the entire account is illegal and violates the fundamental rights of the petitioner; that though pursuant to the alleged communication sent by the Cyber Police Coordination Cell, the fourth respondent was obliged to obey the directions, the fourth respondent ought to have informed the petitioner about the action taken thereon; and that having failed to do so, it has breached the contract with the petitioner.

4. The learned Counsel appearing for the fourth respondent would submit that the account of the petitioner was frozen on the basis of the communication from the Cyber Police Coordination Cell.

5. On perusal of the records, it is clear that there is nothing on record to show that the Cyber Police Coordination Cell had requested the



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fourth respondent to freeze the entire account. The fact is that account has been frozen and the petitioner is unable to operate the account.

6. It is seen that in similar circumstances, this Court had observed that when the alleged fraudulent amount is quantified, the freezing of the whole account would not be justified. Similar view was taken by the learned Single Judge of this Court in W.P.(MD).No.15684 of 2024 dated 15.07.2024, wherein, it was held that:

“3. The respondent is permitted to retain the aforesaid sum by marking lien on the petitioner's account. Subject to such marking of lien, the petitioner is permitted to operate their bank account. The freezing effected on the petitioner's bank account is lifted to the aforesaid extent. This writ petition stands allowed . No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.”

7. Accordingly, this writ petition is disposed of on the following directions:

(a). The Fourth respondent / Bank shall mark a lien only for the quantified sum and permit the petitioner to operate the account forthwith.



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(b). The petitioner is at liberty to move to the concerned Jurisdictional Magistrate for recall of the lien marked over the quantified amount, if he is so advised.

8. With the above observations and directions, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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