



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CWP-7479-2026

Date of Decision: 19.03.2026

MALKEET SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present:- Mr. Aman Sapiaah, Advocate for petitioner

Mr. Aman Dhir, D.A.G., Punjab

Mr. Gaurav Goel, Advocate (through V.C.)
For respondent No.2-Bank

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking directions to defreeze his Bank Account No.659410110005620 maintained with respondent No.2-Bank of India.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner's account has been frozen pursuant to communication issued in connection with Crime No.122/2026 registered at Cyber Crime Police Station, Chikkaballapura, Karnataka. The petitioner is neither named as an accused nor shown to have any *prima facie* nexus with the alleged offence. There is no order of Magistrate in terms of Section 107 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita ('BNSS'), thus, attachment of account is bad in the eye of law. There is no FIR against him. He is not involved in any criminal activity. The respondent has mechanically attached his amount.



3. Learned counsel for respondent No.2-Bank submits that account has not been frozen whereas a sum of Rs.1,13,740/- on the direction of Law Enforcement Agencies has been freezed. He concedes that no civil or criminal proceedings qua amount involved are pending against the petitioner.

4. Heard the arguments and perused the record.

5. From the perusal of record and arguments of both sides, it is evident that no FIR has been registered against the petitioner. No order of attachment under Section 107 of BNSS has been passed by the Magistrate. The respondent has not freezed account whereas a sum of Rs.1,13,740/- has been freezed. Thus, no order qua de-freezing is warranted.

6. The petitioner is at liberty to approach Bank or Police Authorities and point out source of frozen amount. The Bank would positively consider his request if he is able to prove that he has legitimately received aforesaid amount.

7. It is made clear that this order shall not legalize any act or omission on the part of petitioner, if at any stage, petitioner is found involved in the commission of any offence or violation of provision of any law in force.

8. Disposed of in above terms.

9. Pending Misc. application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

19.03.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No