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AT CHANDIGARH**

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**CWP-8899-2026 (O&M)**

**Date of Decision: 24.03.2026**

Baljinder Kaur Lehra

...Petitioner

Versus

Reserve Bank of India Through Its Authorized Officer and Others

...Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL**

Present:- Mr. Ashish Pal Kaushal, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

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**JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (ORAL)**

1.            The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking direction to respondent to permit her to operate her husband's as well as mother-in-law's bank accounts maintained with State Bank of India & Punjab and Sind Bank.

2.            The petitioner claims that her husband has passed away. She is a Non-Resident Indian. She is primarily residing in U.S.A. She is authorized to operate bank account of her husband. She is also authorized to operate bank account of her mother-in-law, however, aforesaid banks are not permitting her to operate bank accounts as well as locker. She has made representation to Ombudsman, Reserve Bank of India but to no avail.

3.            In view of limited prayer, this Court without seeking response of respondents finds it appropriate to direct Ombudsman, Reserve Bank of India to look into the matter and pass an appropriate order on petitioner's representation (Annexure P-7) within two weeks

from today.

4.

***Disposed of.***
5.

The Registry is directed to send copy of this Court to  
Ombudsman, Reserve Bank of India.
6.

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

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)  
JUDGE

24.03.2026  
*Prince Chawla*

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| Whether Speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether Reportable        | Yes/No |