



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

(236-2)

CWP-12003-2024

Date of decision:- 25.02.2026

GOYANI KRISHNA JITESHBHAI

... Petitioner

Versus

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Ferry Sofat, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Tapan Masta, Advocate
Senior Panel Counsel with
Mr. Anirudh Kaushal, Advocate
for respondent-UI.

Mr. Deepak Vashisht, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Nitin Thatai, Advocate
for respondent No.8-HDFC Bank
(through video conferencing).

SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (ORAL)

1. This petition has been filed, *inter alia*, for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondent No.8- bank to defreeze petitioner's bank account maintained with HDFC Bank, Branch Surat. Further, a direction has been sought to the official-respondents to withdraw the order issued by respondents No.5 and 6 whereby, petitioner's bank account with respondent



No.8 has been frozen.

2. Petitioner has a bank account with HDFC Bank, Branch Surat. This Court lacks territorial jurisdiction to issue a direction to respondent No.8.

3. In response to notice issued by this Court, a short reply has been filed on behalf of respondents No.4 to 6, wherein it has been stated that an FIR No.34 dated 03.02.2024, has been lodged under Section 420 IPC at PS Cyber East, Gurugram, on a complaint filed by Priyanka Jain Banerjee alleging that she has been defrauded by a scamster. During investigation, it has been found that an amount of Rs.50,000/- has been transferred from complainant's account to that of the petitioner, who is sibling of the main accused Urmit Goyani. The aforesaid respondents have stated that a communication, Annexure R-2, has been addressed to HDFC Bank to remove the debit freeze on petitioner's bank account and mark a lien of Rs.50,000/- on the said account till the time the investigation is concluded. It has been further deposed as under:-

“11. That as mentioned above, the account no. 50100338994755 of the petitioner has been got de-frozen except for a lien of Rs.50,000 which is the part of the amount involved in the present fraud. The said lien has been marked as the investigation of the present FIR is going on and if the said amount of Rs. 50,000/- is withdrawn by the petitioner or her brother, then it will become difficult to recover the said amount. It is in the interest of investigation and also in the interest of justice, to keep a lien of Rs. 50,000/- in the account no. 50100338994755 of the petitioner. Thus, the account no. 50100338994755 of the petitioner does not deserve to be completely de-frozen and the present petition deserves to be dismissed.”



4. In view of the stand taken by respondents No.4 to 6 which shows that petitioner’s account has been defreezed except for a lien of Rs.50,000/-, writ petition is disposed of.

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

25.02.2026
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No