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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision:16.01.2026

GURPREET RAI

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present: Mr. Himanshu Chhabra, Advocate for
Mr. Aman Mittal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India
(through VC) with
Mr. Arvind Seth, Senior Panel Counsel,
for respondent No.1-UOI.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J.

1. Mr. Ajay Partap Sehgal, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondents No.2 and 3 and has filed Vakalatnama, which is taken on record.
2. This petition has been filed, inter alia, for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondent No.2-bank to defreeze petitioner's Savings Account maintained at HDFC Bank Ltd., Grain Market Branch, Bathinda-respondent No.2.
3. Counsel for the petitioner states that petitioner maintains Savings Account No.50100482419247 with respondent No.2-Bank, which has been frozen. He submits that petitioner was informed that the freeze was pursuant to a communication received from the Cyber Cell. Counsel has made a categorical assertion that there is no allegation of fraud against the petitioner, nor has the petitioner been named as an accused in any criminal proceeding.

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4. Upon instructions, counsel for respondent No.2-Bank states that the disputed amount involved is Rs.10,000/- and that the freeze was applied on the basis of information received from the Cyber Police Station, Pune City, Maharashtra. He has placed on record copies of communications received from cyber police.

5. I have heard counsel for the parties and considered their respective submissions.

6. A perusal of the communications received by bank show that vide letter dated 06.01.2026 from Cyber Police Station, Pune City, bank has been asked to transfer the frozen amount of Rs.10,000/- to complainant in compliance of order dated 24.12.2025 passed by Judicial Magistrate First Class, Pune.

7. Keeping in view the observations made by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in ***CWP-3464-2024*** titled as **Jaspreet Singh Versus Union of India and others**, decided on 05.07.2024, writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-bank to defreeze Savings Account No.50100482419247, after remitting the disputed amount, i.e. Rs.10,000/-, in deference to the order passed by learned Judicial Magistrate, Pune. Petitioner would be at liberty to utilize the remaining balance amount lying in its account, without prejudice to any other attachment order or any order freezing the account.

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(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

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