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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 2465/2026 & CM APPL. 12015/2026,**
SAHIL DAVIDPetitioner

Through: Mr. Rohit Saraswat, Mr. Pururaj
Aggarwal, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents

Through: Mr. Amit Tiwari, CGSC with Ms.
Ayushi Srivastava, Mr. Ayush
Tanwar, Mr. Arpan Narwal, Mr.
Kushagra Malik, Advs.
Mr. Dhaval Mehrotra, Ms. Aditi
Desai, Advs. for R-4/RBI

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASMEET SINGH

ORDER

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20.02.2026

1. This is a writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking the following prayers :-

“a. Issue a Writ or Order or Direction, in the nature of Mandamus, to Respondent No. 2 to immediately remove the ‘No-Debit freeze’ and release the bank account of the Petitioner.

b. Issue a Writ or Order or Direction, in the nature of Mandamus, directing Respondent No.3 to expeditiously complete the verification regarding the Petitioner’s account and transmit the necessary instructions to Respondent No.2 to unfreeze the release the bank account of the Petitioner.

c. Issue a Writ or Order or Direction, in the nature of Mandamus, directing Respondent No.4 to formulate and



issue a comprehensive Guidelines to all banks, mandating that in cases of cyber-crime investigations, the freezing of accounts must be restricted strictly to the disputed amount (lien) and not result in a total freeze of the account, to protect innocent account holders from undue hardship.

d. Issue Writ or Order or Direction to Respondent No.4 to ensure strict compliance by banks with the SOPs regarding the freezing of accounts, ensuring that entire accounts are not frozen for minor disputed amounts.

e. Direct the Respondent No.2 to compensate to the Petitioner for the mental agony and financial hardship caused due to the arbitrary freezing of the account, despite repeated requests to put lien and proceed in accordance with law...”

2. After serving the advance notice, the account of the petitioner has been defreezed.
3. For the said reasons, the petition has become infructuous and is disposed of accordingly, along with all the pending applications, if any.
4. Needless to add, if the petitioner is aggrieved by any other action, he shall be at liberty to revive and/or file fresh petition.

JASMEET SINGH, J

FEBRUARY 20, 2026/sp