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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 3704/2026 & CM APPL. 18076/2026**
ROHIT GUPTAA

.....Petitioner
Through: Mr. Shikhar Aggarwal, Mr. Ashutosh Shukla, Mr. Indronil Choudhry, Mr. Pradyuman Singh, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Respondents
Through: Mr. Neeraj Kumar, CGSC with Mr. Sumit Ranjan, GP for R-1
Mr. Dhaval Mehrotra, Ms. Aditi Desai, Advs. for R-3/RBI

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASMEET SINGH

% **ORDER**
23.03.2026

CM APPL. 18077/2026

Exemption granted, subject to all just exceptions.

The application stands disposed of.

W.P.(C) 3704/2026

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

“A. Issue a writ of mandamus or any other writ, order or direction to Respondent No. 4, to remove the freeze and



forthwith release the subject bank account of the Petitioner, without any further restrictions;

B. Issue a writ of mandamus or any other writ, order or direction to Respondent No. 2 to provide a copy of the complaint based upon which the complete freeze was imposed on the subject bank account operated by the Petitioner;

C. Issue a writ of mandamus or any other writ, order or direction to Respondent No. 1 to pay adequate compensation to the Petitioner of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) for undue hardship caused by the arbitrary freezing of his bank account and the resultant violation of his fundamental right against non-arbitrariness under Article 14 and fundamental right to livelihood under Article 21 of the Constitution of India; and/or ...”

2. The brief facts of the case are that the account of the petitioner has been freezed by respondent No. 4, presumably on the complaint of respondent No. 2 in connection with a credit of Rs. 1,500/- in petitioner's account.
3. Mr. Aggarwal, learned counsel for the petitioner, draws my attention to an email dated 18.03.2026 received from State Cyber Crime Cell, CID Crime, Gandhinagar, Gujarat wherein it has been confirmed that the respondent No. 2 has already directed to unfreeze the account of the petitioner. However, the same has not been done till date.
4. For the said reasons, issue notice.
5. Ms. Desai, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.



3/RBI and Mr. Kumar, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1/ Union of India.

6. There is nobody appearing on behalf of respondent Nos. 2 or 4.
7. In view of the email dated 18.03.2026 and if the account is not been frozen for any reason other than those stated in the petition the respondent No. 4 is directed to de-freeze the account in terms of the email dated 18.03.2026, expeditiously and in any case, not later than 5 days from today.
8. In the view of the aforesaid, prayers A and B stand satisfied.
9. As regards compensation is concerned, the petitioner is at liberty to file a civil suit in this regard, which shall be adjudicated in accordance with law.
10. With these directions, the petition is disposed of.
11. The email dated 18.03.2026 handed over in court today is taken on record.
12. *Dasti.*

JASMEET SINGH, J

MARCH 23, 2026/sp