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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

Case No. : WP(C)/1882/2026

PRANABJYOTI BARMAN
SON OF LATE JOGEN BAMAN, AGED ABOUT 46 YEARS, RESIDENT OF
FLAT NO.SE-6, AMARAWATI PALACE, AMARAWATI PATH, CHRISTINAN
BASTI, GUWAHATI-781005

VERSUS

ICICI BANK LIMITED AND OTHERS
THROUGH ITS BRANCH MANAGER, OPPOSITE BLUE MOON HOTEL,
UZANBAZAR, GUWAHATI-781004

2:ICICI BANK LIMITED
THROUGH ITS ZONAL MANAGER
OHIO SHOPPING COMPLEX
1ST FLOOR
MG ROAD
FANCY BAZAR
GUWAHATI
ASSAM 781001.

3:THE UNION OF INDIA
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS MHA
NORTH BLOCK
GOVT OF INDIA
NEW DELHI-110001.

4:INDIAN CYBER CRIME
COORDINATION CENTRE
14C
5TH FLOOR
NDCC II BUILDING
JAI SINGH ROAD

NEW DELHI-11000

5:THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
KOZHIKODE RURAL CYBER POLICE STATION
RAM MOHAN ROAD
MEENCHANDA
KOZHIKODE
KERALA-673018.

6:THE OFFICER IN CHARGE
PERAMBRA POLICE STATION
NEAR KRISHNA GEETHA THEATRE
PERAMBRA
DIST. KOZHIKODE RURAL
KERALA 67352

For the Petitioner(s) : None appears

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. M. Sarma, Standing Counsel

**BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DEVASHIS BARUAH**

ORDER

Date : 01.04.2026

None appears on behalf of the petitioner on call.

2. Mr. M. Sarma, the learned Standing Counsel appears on behalf of the respondent Nos. 1 and 2.

3. The grievance of the petitioner herein is that the petitioner maintains a savings bank account bearing No. 332601501224 at the Uzanbazar Branch of the respondent No. 2.

4. It is the case of the petitioner herein that in the month of October, 2024, when the petitioner attempted to conduct a

transaction in the said savings bank account, an amount of Rs. 10,600.26p. was marked as lien. In addition to that, a further amount of Rs. 2,632.45p. was deducted from the petitioner's balance, which was already kept under lien. The grievance of the petitioner is that the said savings bank account has remained frozen for more than 1½ years, and it is under such circumstances, the petitioner has approached this Court.

5. Mr. M. Sarma, the learned Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of ICICI Bank Limited submitted upon instructions, that the amount of Rs. 10,600.26p. was proceeds of a cybercrime, and accordingly, the petitioner's account has been frozen.

6. This Court has also taken note of various orders passed by the learned Coordinate Benches of this Court, whereby directions have been issued for defreezing of accounts subject to keeping a lien over the amount which are proceeds of cybercrime. In the opinion of this Court, similar directions can be passed in the facts of the present case.

7. Accordingly, the instant writ petition stands disposed of with a direction to the respondent Nos. 1 and 2 to defreeze the petitioner's savings bank account bearing No. 332601501224 and allow the petitioner to operate the same.

8. However, it is observed that the amount of Rs. 10,600.26p.

shall be kept under lien and shall be subject to such instructions and directions as may be issued by the respondent Nos. 4 to 6.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant