



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30-04-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 16817 of 2026 and WMP.No.18077 of 2026

Jenitha Indira Kumari

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Indian overseas bank
Rep. by its chairman and chief
executive officer, central office,
No.763, Anna salai, chennai - 600 002.

2.The Principal Nodal Officer,
Indian Overseas Bank, Customer
service Department, central office,
Door No.763, Anna Salai,
Chennai - 600002.

3.The Branch Manager
Indian Overseas Bank, Chintamani
Branch, Anna Nagar 1st Avenue,
Chennai - 600 102.

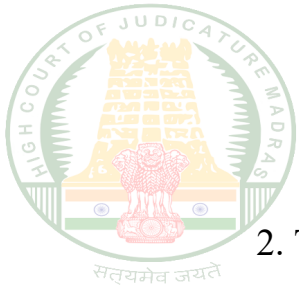
Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, calling for the records relating to the impugned communication issued by the 3rd respondent dated 08.04.2026, quash the same and consequently direct the 3rd respondent to forthwith remove the lien/restriction and restore savings bank account operations in respect of the petitioners savings bank account No.027001000033434, maintained with the 3rd respondent branch, unless the respondents are able to produce a valid court order or garnishee order authorising such restrictions.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.H.Sekaran

ORDER

Since no adverse order is passed against the respondents, notice to the respondents is dispensed with. Considering the relief sought for in this writ petition, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.



2. This writ petition has been filed challenging the communication issued by the 3rd respondent dated 08.04.2026, quash the same and consequently direct the 3rd respondent to forthwith remove the lien/restriction and restore savings bank account operations in respect of the petitioners savings bank account No.027001000033434, maintained with the 3rd respondent branch, unless the respondents are able to produce a valid court order or garnishee order authorising such restrictions.

3. It is the case of the petitioner that the petitioner's account was frozen and the petitioner filed a representation dated 12.11.2025 which was not considered, hence, the petitioner filed a writ petition in WP.No.8679 of 2026. In pursuant to the order passed in the above writ petition, the impugned communication is passed rejecting the request of the petitioner's account. Challenging the order, the present writ petition is filed.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that on the basis of the arbitral award dated 30.05.2024, the petitioner's account is frozen, hence, the petitioner may be permitted to challenge the award before the appropriate forum. Hence, seeks for a direction.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the materials



placed on record. In view of the submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner is granted liberty to challenge the award in the manner known to law. Accordingly, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition stands closed.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Internet: Yes

To

1. The Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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