

W.P.(MD)No.6697 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 06.04.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR**

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J.Saravanan

... Petitioner

vs.

1.The Regional Director,
Reserve Bank of India,
Fort Glacis, No. 16, Rajaji Salai,
Chennai - 600 001.

2.The Branch Manager,
ICICI Bank,
R.R.Plaza No.102,
Virudhunagar Branch,
Katcheri Road, Madurai Main Road,
Virudhunagar District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the 1st respondent to direct the 2nd respondent bank to forthwith de-freeze the petitioner's Current Account No. 0529006786 and permit the petitioner to operate the same without any restriction.



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For Petitioner :Mr.M.Iniyavan
For R1 :Mr.K.R.Laxman
For R2 :Mr.S.Krishna
for M/s.Acuity Law Associates

ORDER

The petitioner is before this Court seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the second respondent to forthwith defreeze the petitioner's current account bearing No. 0529006786 and permit the petitioner to operate the same without any restriction.

2. Heard Mr. M. Iniyavan, learned counsel for the petitioner; Mr. K.R. Laxman, learned counsel, who accepts notice on behalf of the first respondent; and Mr. S. Krishna, learned counsel, who accepts notice on behalf of the second respondent.

3. The petitioner's bank account has been frozen by the second respondent pursuant to instructions received from the jurisdictional police, stating that a certain amount had been fraudulently transferred into the petitioner's current account.



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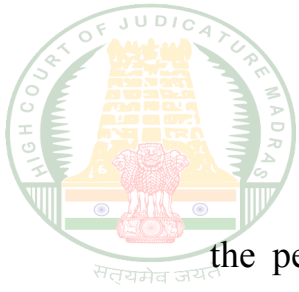
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4. The grievance of the petitioner is that, instead of marking a lien for the said amount, the second respondent has frozen the entire bank account, thereby preventing the petitioner from operating the same. It is submitted that the account is used for running a petrol outlet and that the freezing of the account has adversely affected the day-to-day operations of the business.

5. I have considered the submissions made on either side.

6. It is not in dispute that the bank account has been frozen on the allegation that certain amounts have been fraudulently transferred to the petitioner's account. In such circumstances, it would suffice if the petitioner is permitted to operate the account, subject to the respondent marking a lien over the disputed amount.

7. In view of the above, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the second respondent to mark a lien over the sum alleged to have been fraudulently transferred to the petitioner's account and permit



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the petitioner to operate the account insofar as the balance amount is concerned.

8. There shall be no order as to costs.

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