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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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Antil Pappa

... Petitioner

vs.

1.The Zonal Manager,
Union Bank of India,
(Previously Corporation Bank),
Vannarapettai, Tirunelveli District.

2.The Branch Manager,
Union Bank of India,
(Previously Corporation Bank),
Karumaavilai Junction,
Opposite to Karumaavilai C.S.I.Church,
Karungal Post, Kanyakumari District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to release the jewels pledged with the respondent bank bearing jewel loan account Nos. DCADL2000680, TLU042000177, DCADL2000904, TLU042000116 and DCADL2000854 after receiving the amount within a time frame that may be fixed by this Court.



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For Petitioner :Mr.S.C.Herold Singh
For Respondents :Mr.T.Govindasamy

ORDER

The petitioner is before this Court seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to release the jewels pledged with the respondent Bank under Jewel Loan Account Nos. DCADL2000680, TLU042000177, DCADL2000904, TLU042000116 and DCADL2000854.

2. Heard Mr. S.C. Herold Singh, learned counsel for the petitioner, and Mr. T. Govindasamy, learned counsel for the respondents.

3. The petitioner had availed loans by pledging jewels. According to the petitioner, despite repayment of the said loan amounts, the respondent Bank has refused to release the pledged jewels on the ground that the petitioner had availed another jewel loan bearing Account No. 560951010082366 by pledging spurious gold, and that a criminal case has been registered in this regard, in which a charge sheet has also been filed.



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4. The petitioner contends that the said criminal case has been registered against the Gold Appraiser of the respondent Bank, who is alleged to have availed loans in the names of the petitioner and several others by pledging spurious gold. The petitioner submits that he has been cited only as a witness in the said criminal proceedings. The petitioner further submits that he is willing to deposit the amount due under the said jewel loan bearing Account No. 560951010082366, subject to the outcome of the criminal case.

5. In view of the above, this Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to the second respondent to release the jewels pledged under Jewel Loan Account Nos. DCADL2000680, TLU042000177, DCADL2000904, TLU042000116 and DCADL2000854, subject to the petitioner closing the jewel loan account bearing No. 560951010082366.

6. It is made clear that the amount deposited by the petitioner in respect of Loan Account No. 560951010082366 shall be subject to the outcome of the pending criminal proceedings.



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7. The aforesaid exercise shall be completed within a period of two
(2) weeks from the date of closure of Loan Account No.
560951010082366.

8. There shall be no order as to costs.

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