HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
BENCH AT JAIPUR

S. B. Civil Writ Petition No. 7988/2026
URN: CW / 17535U / 2026

Mukesh Kumar Kumawat Son of Shri Ramswaroop Kumawat, aged about 40 years, R/o Ward No.17, Bihari Marg, Sikar, District Sikar.

----Petitioner

Versus

1. Reserve Bank of India, through its Regional Director, having its office at Rambagh Circle, Tonk Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan.
2. Bank of Baroda, Baroda Bhawan 7th Floor, R.C. Dutt Road, Badora, Gujrat-390007 through Chief Branch Manager.
3. Bank of Baroda, Station Road, Tehsil Sikar, District Sikar Through Branch Manager.
4. Deputy Inspector General of Police, Cyber Crime Police Headquarter, Jaipur (Raj.).

----Respondents

For Petitioner	:	Mr. Fatehchand Saini Advocate.
For Respondents	:	Mr. Munendra Singh Fauzdar Advocate on behalf of Mr. Somitra Chaturvedi Deputy Government Counsel. Mr. Laxmikant Sharma Advocate and Ms. Shivani Paliwal Advocate on behalf of Mr. Ram Naresh Vijay Advocate.

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANAND SHARMA

Judgment

09/07/2026

1. This writ petition has been filed by the petitioner seeking issuance of directions against Respondent No. 3-Bank of Baroda to defreeze his bank account and has made following prayers:

> *"It is, therefore, most humbly and respectfully prayed that the present writ petition may kindly be allowed and by an appropriate writ, order or direction:-*
>
> *A. The impugned action of the respondent No. 3 whereby the account of the petitioner has been frozen may kindly be quashed and set-aside;*

> *B. The respondents may kindly be directed to active/unfreeze the daily routine transaction in the Saving Bank Account No. 10290100026918 of the petitioner in the interest of justice.*
>
> *C. Any other appropriate order or direction which this Hon'ble Court deems fit and proper may kindly be passed in favour of the petitioner."*

2. Facts of the case in brief are that the petitioner is bonafide holder of Bank Account No. 10290100026918 (the said bank account shall be hereinafter referred to as 'the bank account in question') maintained with Respondent No. 3-Bank of Baroda, Station Road, Tehsil Sikar, District Sikar. However, when the petitioner was not able to operate his bank account, he contacted bank officials and he was informed that the bank account in question has been freezed. The bank account in question has been freezed by the respondent-bank on account of alleged transactions of Rs. 10,000/- (the said amount shall be hereinafter referred to as 'the amount in question'). The petitioner has not been served with any FIR or lawful directive which shows petitioner's involvement in any wrongful act. The petitioner made all endeavours to defreeze the bank account in question, but he was unable to get any relief. Left with no other option, the petitioner has filed instant writ petition praying for the aforesaid relief.

3. Learned counsel for the parties are in agreement that the issue involved in the instant writ petition is no more *res-integra* and squarely covered by order dated 30.06.2026 passed by this Court in the case of **Jinat Bano vs. State Bank of India & Another (S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 5036/2026)**.

4. The identical issue of freezing of bank account came up for consideration of this Court in the case of **Jinat Bano (supra)**, wherein after considering the rival submissions, writ petition was disposed of by this Court with following directions:

"(i) Respondent-bank shall forthwith remove the debit freeze/restriction imposed upon the bank account in question and permit the petitioner to operate the bank account in question in the ordinary course.

(ii) Respondent-bank shall, however, continue to maintain a lien or restraint only to the extent of the amount in question, which is alleged to be connected with the transaction under investigation and the petitioner shall not be entitled to withdraw, transfer or otherwise deal with the amount in question without permission of the competent authority.

(iii) The petitioner shall extend full cooperation to the investigating agency and appear before the concerned authorities as and when called upon to do so for the purpose of investigation.

(iv) The petitioner shall maintain the bank account in question in active status and shall not close, surrender or otherwise discontinue the same without prior intimation to and permission from the investigating agency till conclusion of the investigation.

(v) It is clarified that the present order shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the allegations under investigation. The investigating agency shall remain at liberty to proceed in accordance with law and take such action as may be warranted on the basis of material collected during investigation.

(vi) In the event, the investigation ultimately reveals the petitioner's involvement in the alleged offence or establishes that the amount in question constitutes proceeds of the unlawful transaction, it shall be open for the competent authority to deal with the amount in question and take consequential action strictly in accordance with law.

(vii) It shall further be open to Respondent-bank and the investigating agency to deal with or transfer the amount in question in accordance with any lawful direction issued by the competent authority having jurisdiction in the matter."

5. Thus, in view of consensus arrived at between learned counsel for the parties, this petition is also disposed of in the same terms and with same directions as given by this Court in order dated 30.06.2026 passed in the case of **Jinat Bano (supra)**.

6. Pending applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(ANAND SHARMA),J

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