Item No.- 30
17.11.2026
Court No. 25
Rohan

In the High Court at Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

WPA 5873 of 2026

Abdur Rab
Vs.
Union of India & Ors.

Mr. Sourav Koley
Ms. Jenifar Alam Megha
... for the Petitioner

Mr. Debabrata Das
Mr. A. Sarkar
Mr. Pratik Acharjee
... for the R.B.I.

1. The petitioner has filed the present writ application praying for a direction upon the respondent No. 5, i.e., the Branch Manager, State Bank of India, Beldanga Branch to allow the petitioner to operate the current account No. 40304544802 having IFSC Code SBIN0011376.

2. This Court finds that on the earlier occasion, the petitioner has filed the affidavit of service but in spite of service of notice, none appeared on behalf of the respondents. By order dated 10th June, 2026, this Court further directed to issue notice upon the respondents informing the next date of hearing and in terms of the order, the petitioner again issued notice informing the next date of hearing and filed affidavit of service but in spite of service of notice, none appears for the respondents.

3. The petitioner submits that the Bank has freezed the account of the petitioner by disputing an amount of Rs. 37,75,000/-. The petitioner submits that the respondent/Bank has freezed the account of the petitioner on receipt of a report from the Cyber Crime Police Station, Vadodara City, Gujarat.

4. When the matter is taken up for hearing, the petitioner handed over the notice dated 21st September, 2026 issued by the Police Inspector, Cyber Crime Police Station, Vadodara City to the learned advocate-on-record of the petitioner, wherein, it was informed that the account of the petitioner falls under the third layer and no further information is presently required from the side of the Bank. In the said letter, it was further informed that the lien amount of Rs. 37,75,000/- marked on the petitioner's Bank account, is ordered to be removed with effect from 21st September, 2026. The petitioner submits that on receipt of the said letter, the Bank has also sent a WhatsApp message to the petitioner informing the petitioner that the Bank has removed the lien amount of Rs. 37,75,000/- but the Bank is not allowing the petitioner to operate the Bank account due to pendency of the present writ application.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner. Perused the materials on record and the communication made by the Police Inspector, Cyber Crime Police Station,

Vadodara City as well as the WhatsApp message of the Bank to the petitioner.

6. There was a disputed amount of Rs. 37,75,000/-. On receipt of the report from the Cyber Crime Police Station, Vadodara City, the Bank has kept the said amount in lien but subsequently, by a letter dated 21st September, 2026, the investigating authority had removed the lien and accordingly, the Bank has already removed the lien.

7. In view of the above, this Court finds that the lien amount of Rs. 37,75,000/- has already been removed by the investigating authority as well as the Bank and as such, the Bank is directed to de-freeze the account of the petitioner and allow the petitioner to operate the bank account.

8. With the above direction, WPA 5873 of 2026 stands disposed of.

9. Urgent Photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties upon compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Krishna Rao, J.)