



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT DHARWAD

DATED THIS THE 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAVI V.HOSMANI

WRIT PETITION NO. 103509 OF 2026 (GM-RES)

BETWEEN:

ASHWAMEDHA ENGINEERING,
R/BY PROPRIETOR,
SRI ISMAYIL A. MANIYAR,
S/O ABDULGANISAB MANIYAR,
AGE. MAJOR, OCC. BUSINESS,
OFFICE AT PLOT NO.B-25,
NEAR AQUA DEEP SIP,
GAMANAGATTI INDUSTRIAL ESTATE,
HUBBALLI, DISTRICT DHARWAD.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI SACHIN C. ANGADI, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. KARNATAKA BANK LTD.,
REPRESENTED BY ITS BRANCH MANAGER,
GOKUL ROAD BRANCH, HUBBALLI.
IFSC CODE: KARB0000330.
2. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
THROUGH POLICE INSPECTOR,
CITY CRIME WITH, HUBBALLI-DHARWAD.
3. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
THROUGH STATION HOUSE OFFICER,
HUBBALLI SUB URBAN POLICE STATION,
HUBBALLI, DHARWAD DISTRICT.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT.NANDINI B. SOMAPUR, AGA FOR R2 AND R3;
SRI UMESH P. HAKKARAKI, ADVOCATE FOR
SRI HC HEMANTH KUMAR, ADVOCATE FOR R1)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227
OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT OF
CERTIORARI OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE WRIT AND QUASH THE





COMMUNICATION ORDER DATED 27/11/2025, ISSUED BY RESPONDENT NO.2 DIRECTING FREEZING OF PETITIONER ACCOUNT NO.0330202500001601 MAINTAINED WITH RESPONDENT NO.1 KARNATAKA BANK LTD., GOKUL ROAL BRACH, HUBBALLI IT THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE. THE COPY OF THE IMPUGNED NOTICE PRODUCED HEREWITH ANNEXURE-D & ETC.

THIS WP COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING IN 'B' GROUP, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:
CORAM: THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAVI V.HOSMANI

ORAL ORDER

Challenging 'Freeze Account' Notice dated 27.11.2025 at Annexure-D issued by respondents no.2 and 3 to respondent no.1 to freeze petitioner's account bearing no.0330202500001601, this writ petition is filed.

2. Relying upon decision of Division Bench of High Court of Allahabad in case of ***Khalsa Medical Store v. Reserve Bank of India*** reported in ***2026 SCC OnLine 164***, learned counsel submitted that a blanket notice for freezing of account would not be tenable besides contending that particulars of crime number and name shown would not pertain to petitioner.

3. On other hand, Sri HC Hemanthkumar, learned counsel submits that account was frozen on intimation issued by respondents no.2 and 3.



4. Smt.Nandini B. Somapur, learned AGA for respondents no.2 and 3 would submit that there was inadvertence in mentioning Crime no.138/2024 instead of Crime no.138/2025 and complainant's name as Shailendra s/o Gopal Gaonkar instead of Pawan s/o Sudhakar Katti. Same would not however materially favour petitioner as 'Freeze Account' notice was issued in view of impending investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel and perused material on record.

6. At outset, it is seen that impugned notice merely intimates bank that an investigation is pending and seeks for freezing of entire account of petitioner. Division Bench of Allahabad in ***Khalsa Medical Store's*** case has held issuance of blanket notice for freezing of account would not be justified even in extreme cases where Investigating Officer would require to seek for such seizure, account would require to be frozen only to extent of amount on which lien is sought to be created. In instant case, no such amount is mentioned nor any reasons in detail are assigned. Annexure-D would require to be quashed on no further ground. Ordered accordingly.



7. For aforesaid reasons, writ petition stands disposed of. Annexure-D dated 27.11.2025 is hereby quashed.

8. Liberty is however reserved to respondents no.2 and 3 to proceed in accordance with law.

9. Respondent no.1 to take note of above order and defreeze account.

**Sd/-
(RAVI V.HOSMANI)
JUDGE**

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