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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision: 10.03.2026

Kuldip Kumari and others

...Petitioners

Versus

Union of India and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - Mr. Anirudh Gupta, Advocate and
Mr. Amardeep Singh, Advocate for the petitioners
Mr. Tapan Masta, Senior Panel Counsel and
Mr. Anirudh Kaushal, Advocate
for respondent Nos.1 to 3-Union of India
Mr. Indresh Goel, Advocate for respondent No.4
Mr. R.S. Bajaj, Advocate for respondent No.5
Ms. Madhu Dayal, Advocate for respondent No.6
Mr. M.S. Longia, Advocate for respondent No.9

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioners through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India are seeking de-freezing of their bank accounts.
2. The petitioners are claiming that they are part of Dev Hospital, Amritsar. Petitioner No.2-Dr. Rajiv Kumar Dev came across a website on Telegram App namely '*Cute Doll Site*'. The site enticed him to invest with a promise of significant return within a month. He invested ₹7,500/- which was deposited into the site's bank account from the account of petitioner No.3 i.e. Dr. Aanchal Sharma. As per site, invested amount purportedly grew to ₹25,868/-. This fact allured other staff members and they also made further deposits in the aforesaid account. They collectively deposited a sum



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of ₹10,80,385/-. They received a sum of ₹25,062/- in the joint account of petitioner Nos.1 and 2 at Axis Bank, Branch Batala Road, Amritsar. They were informed that their invested amount has grown to ₹48,00,000/- and they are required to deposit ₹14,00,000/- towards commission for getting said amount. They sensed fraud and did not deposit additional amount of ₹14,00,000/-. Different Enforcement Agencies have asked banks to freeze their accounts on account of receipt of credit of ₹25,062/-.

3. Learned counsel for the respondents concede that no criminal case has been registered against the petitioners. No other proceedings are pending against them. This Court vide order dated 24.02.2026 passed in ***CWP No.31234 of 2024, Labpreet Kaur v. Union of India and others*** has already ordered to de-freeze bank account in such circumstances.

4. Heard the arguments and perused the record.

5. From the perusal of record, it appears that petitioners are Doctors or staff members of Dev Hospital, Amritsar. They were enticed to invest in a fraudulent website. With an intent to get higher amount, they deposited ₹10,80,385/- in the fraudulent account. To convince them, the fraudsters deposited a sum of ₹25,062/- in their account. They are victim of fraud. The respondent-Enforcement Agencies and banks have attached their account because they received a sum of ₹25,062/- from fraudsters. Neither there appears fraud or misfeasance on the part of petitioners nor lapse or *mala fide* intention on the part of respondents.

6. The claim of petitioners is genuine and deserves to be allowed. Accordingly, respondent-banks are hereby directed to de-freeze their bank accounts within three days from today.

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7. It is made clear that this order shall not legalize any act or omission on the part of petitioners, if at any stage, any one of the petitioners is found involved in the commission of any offence or violation of provision of any law in force.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

10.03.2026*Mohit Kumar*

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No