

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DEVAN RAMACHANDRAN

WEDNESDAY, THE 22ND DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023 / 1ST AGRAHAYANA, 1945

WP(C) NO. 35268 OF 2023

PETITIONER:

BABU JOSEPH, AGED 60 YEARS,
S/O. JOSEPH, KOCHANTHONY PURAYIDOM,
ANJALI NAGAR-22, PALLITHOTTAM P.O.,
KOLLAM DISTRICT, PIN - 691006.

BY ADVS.
AMRIN FATHIMA
MICKY ANTONY ROHAN

RESPONDENTS:

- 1 THE ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE,
CYBER CRIME WING, CRIME INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT,
FIRST FLOOR, MANGALAGIRI, GUNTUR URBAN DISTRICT,
ANDHRA PRADESH, PIN - 522503.
- 2 THE MANAGER, THE HDFC BANK LTD,
WILLINGTON ISLAND BRANCH, KOCHI,
ERNAKULAM, PIN - 682003

BY ADV.SRI.PRADEESH CHACKO

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON
22.11.2023, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

JUDGMENT

The facts involved in this case are covered by the judgment of this Court in W.P.(C).No.12960/2023 and connected matters. Since the learned counsel for the parties are *ad idem* on this, I allow this writ petition in terms of the said judgment.

Consequently, I order this Writ Petition with the following directions:

(a) The respondent Bank arrayed in this case, is directed to confine the order of freeze against the accounts of the petitioner, only to the extent of the amounts mentioned in the order/requisition issued to them by the Police Authorities. This shall be done forthwith, so as to enable the petitioner to deal with his account, and transact therein, beyond that limit.

(b) The respondent - Police Authorities concerned are hereby directed to inform the Bank as to whether freezing of accounts of the petitioner in this Writ Petition will require to be continued even in the afore manner; and if so, for what further time, within a period of eight months from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment.

(c) On the Bank receiving the afore information/intimation from the Police Authorities, they will adhere to the same and complete necessary action - either continuing the freeze for such period as mentioned therein; or withdrawing it, as the case may be.

(d) If, however, no information or intimation is received by the Bank in terms of directions (b) above, the petitioner will be at full liberty to approach this Court again; for which purpose, all his contentions in this Writ

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Petition are left open and reserved to him, to
impel in future.

Sd/-

DEVAN RAMACHANDRAN

JUDGE

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