



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE G.K. ILANTHIRAIYAN

CRL MP No. 13894 of 2026

IN

CRL A NO. 940 OF 2026

1. S.Karunakar Sanjeevi Dass
S/o.Selvadoss,
Correspondent,
Vitva Ratna Villa,
Aided Primary School,
Ranipet, Ranipet District.
Residential Address
C.S.I.Diocese,
St.Marys Church,
Ranipet, Ranipet District.
2. S.Alice Thabithal Vijayakumari
W/o.Thomas,
Head Mistress,
Vitva Ratna Villa,
Aided Primary School,
Ranipet, Ranipet District.
Residential Address,
No.18/19, Kellies Road,
Navalpur, Ranipet,
Ranipet District.
Appellants confined at
Central Prison, Vellore.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu, Represented by Inspector
of Police,
Vigilance and Anti Corruption,
Vellore.
Crime No.20 of 2012

..Respondent(s)



PRAYER: Criminal Miscellaneous Petition filed under Section 389(1) of Cr.P.C., to suspend the order of sentence passed by the Learned Principal District and Sessions Judge, Ranipet in Special Calendar Case No.07 of 2025 dated 27.07.2026, pending enlarge the petitioners on bail, pending disposal of the above appeal and thereby render justice.

For Petitioner(s): M/s.G.Jeremiah

For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Ganesh Kumar
Counsel for Government

ORDER

This Criminal Miscellaneous Petition has been filed by the petitioner, seeking suspension of sentence imposed by the learned Principal District and Sessions Judge, Ranipet, in Spl.S.C.No. 07 of 2025 dated 27.07.2026, and enlarge the petitioner on bail pending disposal of the above appeal.

2. The petitioners herein is the accused in Spl.S.C.No. 07 of 2025 on the file of the learned Principal District and Sessions Judge, Ranipet. They were found guilty of the offences under Sections 120(B), 409, 420, 465, 468, 471, 477(A) of IPC and 13(2) read with Section 13(1)(c) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and they have been convicted and sentenced for the offence under Sections 120(B), 409, 420, 465, 468, 471, 477(A) of IPC to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of four years and to pay fine of Rs.5,000/-, in default

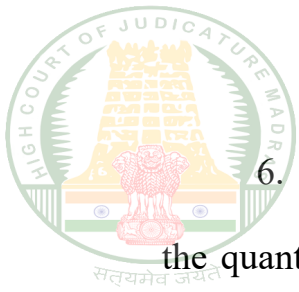


to undergo simple imprisonment for 3 months and the substantive sentences shall run concurrently. Aggrieved against the same, the petitioners have filed an appeal along with the present miscellaneous petition.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner/accused would submit that there are arguable points available in the Criminal Appeal and the petitioner/accused have got a fair chance of succeeding in the Criminal Appeal and hence, the substantive sentence imposed against the petitioner/accused may be suspended. He would submit that the petitioners is ready to abide the condition imposed by this Court.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Counsel appearing for the respondent/State raised serious objection for allowing this petition. Further, he would contend that the evidences recorded from the prosecution witnesses would prove the case of the prosecution beyond reasonable doubt. According to him, interference of this Court is not necessary in the findings arrived at by the trial Court.

5. Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and also perused the materials placed on record.



6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case coupled with the quantum of punishment imposed upon the petitioners, also by considering the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police, further this criminal appeal is not likely to be taken for final hearing in the near future, this Court is of the view that the substantive sentence of imprisonment alone can be suspended on certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, till the disposal of the Criminal Appeal, the substantive sentence of imprisonment imposed by the learned trial Judge is alone suspended and bail are granted on the following conditions:

(a) The petitioner/accused are ordered to be released on bail, on their executing a separate bond **for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)** with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Special Judge, Erode

(b) The petitioners/accused and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impressions in the surety bonds and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar Cards or Bank Pass Books to ensure their identities.

(c) The petitioners shall appear before the Trial Court on the first working day of every English



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Calendar month at 10.30 a.m., until the disposal of the appeal and if she is not able to appear before the trial Court on any day, she shall make arrangements to file an application under Section 317 Cr.P.C. and shall appear before the trial Court on any other day in lieu of the date of his absence, as directed by the trial Court.

8. With the above directions, this Criminal Miscellaneous Petition is ordered.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

1. Inspector of Police,
Vigilance and Anti Corruption,
Vellore.
2. Principal District and Sessions Judge, Ranipet.
3. The Public Prosecutor, Madras High Court.



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