

CrIMP(MD)No.10087 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 28.07.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

**CrIMP(MD)No.10087 of 2026
in
CrIA(MD)No.605 of 2026**

K.Annakodi

...Petitioner

Vs

**The State rep by
the Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Keeranur,
Pudukottai District**

... Respondent

PRAYER: Petition filed under Section 430(1) of BNSS, to suspend the sentence imposed on the petitioner by judgment dated 18.08.2025 passed in SplSC.No.68 of 2022 on the file of the Mahila Judge, Pudukottai and enlarge the petitioner on bail, pending disposal of the criminal appeal.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Kamesh

For Respondent : Mr.V.Shathurthi Raja

Government Advocate (Crl Side)



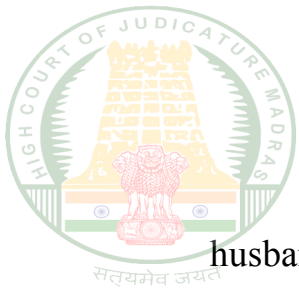
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ORDER

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The petitioner is accused No.2 in SplSC.No.68 of 2022 on the file of the learned Mahila Judge, Pudukottai. She was prosecuted along with two others for the offence under Section 75 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. By judgment dated 18.08.2025, the petitioner was found guilty for the offence under Section 75 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for 4 years and to pay a fine of Rs.25,000/-, in default, to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of four months. Challenging the judgment of conviction and sentence, the petitioner has filed an appeal in CrI.A.(MD)No.605 of 2026 and the same was admitted by this Court on 03.06.2026. This petition is filed by the petitioner seeking to suspend the sentence imposed by the trial Court pending the appeal.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was working as a Helper cum Cook in an Anganwadi at Vennamuthanpatti Village, Pudukottai District and a case has been registered as against the petitioner, her husband and the Teacher of the Anganwadi that A1



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husband of this petitioner has abused the minor children in the said Anganwadi.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there is no specific overt act as against this petitioner. Admittedly this petitioner was not present at the time of occurrence. Though the petitioner was away from the place of occurrence at the relevant point of time, she has also been added as an accused along with other accused. He further submits that the accused No.1 is the main accused and he is no more. The petitioner / A2 and A3 have been charged for the offence under Section 75 of the JJ Act and the trial court found the petitioner guilty, convicted and sentenced the petitioner as stated supra.

4.The learned counsel further submits that she has not committed any offence and any offence committed by A1, was without the knowledge of this petitioner. He also submits that this court has suspended the sentence imposed on A3 in CrIMP(MD)No.13418 of 2025 in CrIA(MD)No.1034 of 2025 vide order dated 17.10.2025. The petitioner is in jail for nearly one year.



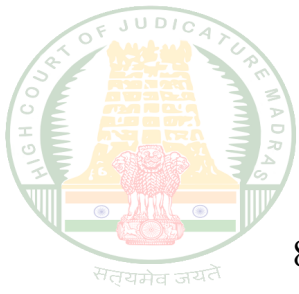
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5. The learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondent submits that the petitioner is the Helper cum Cook of the said Anganwadi Centre and this petitioner's husband / A1 had played mischief and committed offence and she has facilitated A1 to commit the offence. Therefore, he opposes to grant bail to the petitioner.

6. This court has considered the rival submissions made.

7. The petitioner is A2. She was prosecuted along with A3 that they had facilitated A1 to commit the offence. The charge as against the petitioner is that she was also not present in the anganwadi centre at the time of commission of offence. A3 has also been granted bail by this court. The petitioner has raised certain arguable points, which can be considered only during the final hearing. However, the appeal could not be taken up immediately for want of time. Considering the period of incarceration, the appeal could not be taken up immediately for hearing and co-accused has also been granted bail by this court, this court is inclined to inclined to allow this petition.



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8. Accordingly this petition is allowed and the substantive sentence of imprisonment imposed on the petitioner alone is suspended pending disposal of the criminal appeal on the following conditions:

(i) The petitioner is ordered to be enlarged on bail on executing a bond for Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Sessions Judge, Mahila Court, Pudukottai.

(ii) The petitioner shall report before the Mahila Court, Pudukottai on the first working day of every week.

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To

1. The Sessions Judge,
Mahila Court,
Pudukottai.

2. The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Keeranur,
Pudukottai District

3. The Superintendent,
Central Jail (Women),
Trichy.



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The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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