



CRL MP(MD) NO. 14662 of 2026

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 19.08.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.KARTHIKEYAN

CRL MP(MD) NO. 14662 of 2026

in

CRL A(MD)No.846 of 2026

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Petitioner(s)

Vs

State rep. by,
The Inspector of Police,
Sedapatti Police Station,
Madurai District.
(In Crime No.85/2018)

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.R.Rajan

For Respondent(s):

Mr.G.Ganesh Kumar

Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

Prayer:

To suspend the order of conviction and sentence dated 30.04.2024 imposed upon the appellant herein by the learned 1st Additional Special Judge for NDPS Act cases, Madurai in C.C.No.159 of 2020 and thereby enlarge the petitioner on bail till the disposal of the Criminal Appeal.



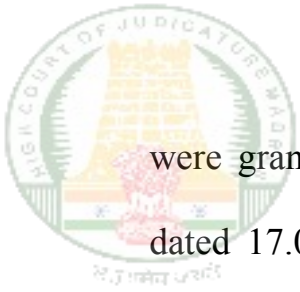
ORDER

The petitioner/appellant has come up with the present application seeking to suspend the sentence imposed on the petitioner by the I Additional Special Court for NDPS Act cases, Madurai, in C.C.No.159 of 2020 dated 30.04.2024 and grant bail.

2. The petitioner/appellant was tried for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(C), 25 and 29(1) of the NDPS Act. The Trial Court, after trial, found the petitioner guilty of the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(C) of the NDPS Act and convicted and sentenced to undergo ten years rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs.1,00,000/-, in default, to undergo 24 months simple imprisonment. He was found not guilty of the offences punishable under Sections 25 and 29(1) of the NDPS Act. The petitioner has preferred the present appeal and sought for suspension of sentence and bail.

3. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with four others were found in possession of 78 Kilograms of ganja and when the police tried to nab the accused, the petitioner and others managed to flee away from the scene of occurrence and absconded. Hence, the case.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the entire contraband was recovered on the date of occurrence, but it was produced before the Court belatedly. The petitioner/A4 is in incarceration since 05.07.2024 for about two years. He further submitted that the Co-Accused, namely, A1 and A5



were granted bail by this Court in CrI.M.P.(MD).Nos.9579 and 11204 of 2026 dated 17.06.2026 and that A3 was granted bail by this Court in CrI.M.P.(MD)

No.2196 of 2025 dated 08.04.2025. Therefore, the learned counsel prays for suspension of sentence and bail to the petitioner/appellant.

5. The learned Government Advocate (CrI.Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petitioner along with other Co-Accused were found in possession of 78 Kgs of ganja. The petitioner was charged for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(C), 25 and 29(1) of the NDPS Act and convicted for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(C) of the NDPS Act. Therefore, he strongly opposed to grant suspension of sentence and bail to the petitioner/appellant. However, he admits that Co-Accused have been enlarged on bail by this Court by suspending the sentence imposed by the Trial Court.

6. This Court has given its thoughtful consideration to the rival submissions put forth on either side.

7. Admittedly, the petitioner/A4 is in incarceration for about two years and the sentence imposed against the Co-Accused have already been suspended by this Court in CrI.M.P.(MD).Nos.9579 and 11204 of 2026 dated 17.06.2026 and CrI.M.P.(MD)No.2196 of 2025 dated 08.04.2025 and the contraband said to have been seized in this case has reached the Court belatedly. The petitioner has raised certain arguable points in the appeal. Considering all the above circumstances, this



Court is inclined to suspend the sentence imposed on the petitioner and grant bail to the petitioner/appellant.

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8. Accordingly, this Criminal Miscellaneous Petition is allowed and the substantive sentence of imprisonment alone is suspended pending disposal of the Criminal Appeal and the petitioner is ordered to be enlarged on bail on the following conditions:-

i. The petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two lakhs only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the I Additional Special Court for NDPS Act Cases, Madurai;

ii. The sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Trial Court may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank Pass Book to ensure their identity;

iii. The petitioner shall report before the Trial Court, daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

iv. The petitioner shall file an affidavit of undertaking before the respondent Police that he will not misuse the liberty granted by this Court and will not involve in any offence in future.



On violation of any of the above conditions by the petitioner, the respondent police shall move an application for cancellation of the bail.

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To

1.The I Additional Special Court for NDPS Act Cases,
Madurai.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Sedapatti Police Station,
Madurai District.

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

4.The Central Prison,
Madurai.



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