

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P.UBAID

THURSDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015/30TH MAGHA, 1936

CrI.MC.No. 1022 of 2015 ()

IN CMP 422/2015 of CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE COURT,THRISSUR

PETITIONER(S)/COMPLAINANT:

**M/S. NACHSH TRADING COMPANY
G 289, 1ST FLOOR, KALLARACKAL ENCLAVE
MAIN AVENUE, PANAMPILLY NAGAR, KOCHI - 6
REPRESENTED BY ITS MANAGING PARTNER SUFFERULLAH E.
S/O.ILLIYASU KUNJU, RESIDING AT IB
ABAD CLOUD NINE APARTMENTS, VIDYANAGAR, ERNAKULAM
KOCHI - 682 020.**

BY ADV. SRI.R.SUDHIR

RESPONDENT(S)/ACCUSED AND STATE:

**1. GOPALAKRISHNAN K.
270, KUNNATHU HOUSE, NEAR L.P.SCHOOL
CHAZHOOR
THRISSUR - 680 001 (WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ANTHIKAD POLICE STATION
TRICHUR)**

**2. STATE OF KERALA,
REPRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT OF KERLA, ERNAKULAM - 682 031.**

R2 BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR SMT. S. HYMA

**THIS CRIMINAL MISC. CASE HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 19-02-2015, THE
COURT ON THE SAME DAY PASSED THE FOLLOWING:**

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APPENDIX

PETITIONER(S)' EXHIBITS

ANNEXURE A1: A TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER DATED 20/12/2014 OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE COURT (E.O.), ERNAKULAM IN C.C. NO.360/2014.

ANNEXURE A2: CERTIFIED COPY OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN CMP NO.422/2015 DATED 20/01/2015.

RESPONDENT(S)' EXHIBITS: NIL

/TRUE COPY/

PA TO JUDGE
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P.UBAID, J.

Crl. M.C No. 1022 of 2015

Dated this the 19th day of February, 2015.

O R D E R

The petitioner herein is the complainant in a prosecution brought under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act. It was brought originally before the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Court, (E.O), Ernakulam. The learned Magistrate returned the complaint on 20.12.2014 on the ground of territorial jurisdiction in view of the position recently settled by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Dashrath Rupsing Rathod Vs. State of Maharashtra** and another. The complaint was accordingly taken back by the petitioner, and he represented it before the Chief Judicial Magistrate Court, Thrissur on 20.1.2015. The learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Thrissur returned the complaint again on the ground that there is delay. The complaint was in fact represented on the 31st day. The question is whether the period of one month granted by the court will expire on 19.1.2015 or 20.1.2015. The learned counsel relies on the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **the State of Himachal Pradesh Vs. Himachal Techno**

Engineers [2010 (3) KLT 575 (SC)]. Here the complaint was returned in December 2014, and was represented in January 2015. Both these months are English months having 31 days. In paragraph 9 of the judgment in the reported case the Hon'ble Supreme Court has clarified that a month does not refer to a period of 30 days always, but refers to the actual period of a calendar month. Applying this decision of the Hon'ble supreme Court it can be found here that the complaint here was represented by the petitioner on the day of expiry of the period of one month. Both the months having 31 days, the period of one month will have to be reckoned as period of 31 days, applying the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Accordingly, I find that the complaint was in fact represented by the petitioner on the last day of the period of one month.

In the result, this petition is allowed. The impugned order passed by the Chief Judicial Magistrate Court, Thrissur on 20.1.2015 (Annexure 2) returning the petitioner's complaint will stand set aside. Now it is submitted that the petitioner has filed an application to condone the delay. The

application filed by the petitioner can very well be considered by the court below. Even otherwise I find that the complaint was in fact represented on the expiry of the period of one month.

P.UBAID,
JUDGE

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