

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Wednesday, the Fifth day of July Two Thousand Seventeen

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr Justice N. AUTHINATHAN

CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS PETITION No.7920 of 2017

IN CRL A.360/2017

R.VENKATESAN,

[PETITIONER/APPELLANT/ACCUSED]

Vs

THE STATE REP. BY ITS,
THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KANJANUR POLICE STATION,
VILLUPURAM DISTRICT.
CR.NO.24 OF 2015

[RESPONDENT]

Petition praying that in the circumstances stated therein and in the Memorandum of Grounds in Criminal APPEAL No.360 OF 2017 on the file of the High Court, the High Court will be pleased to Suspend the execution of this sentence dated 20.06.2017 passed in S.C.No.10 of 2016 on the file of the Sessions Judge, Magalir Meethi Mandram (Fast Track Mahila Court), Villupuram against petitioner/Appellant in pending of the above Crl.A.No.360/2017.

Order : This petition coming on for orders upon perusing the petition and the Memorandum of Grounds in Crl.A.No.360 of 2017 on the file of the High Court and upon hearing the arguments of M/S.E.C.RAMESH, Advocate for the petitioner and of Mr.K.MATHAN, Government Advocate (Crl.Side) on behalf of the Respondent the court made the following order:-

Heard both sides.

2. The petitioner seeks suspension of sentence pending disposal of the appeal.

3. The petitioner/appellant herein is the first accused in S.C.No.10 of 2016 on the file of the learned Sessions Judge, Magalir Neethi Mandram [Fast Track Mahila Court], Villupuram. He was convicted and sentenced to undergo three years Rigorous Imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs.5,000/-, in default, to undergo further period of three months Simple Imprisonment for an offence under Section 498[A] IPC and sentenced to undergo six months Rigorous Imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs.1,000/-, in default, to undergo further period of one month Simple Imprisonment for the offence under

Section 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act. The sentence of imprisonment was ordered to run concurrently.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that there are several flaws committed by the Investigating Officer, that the Trial Court, without proper appreciation of the materials available on record, convicted the accused, that the ingredients of the offence were not proved and that therefore, it is a fit case to suspend the sentence.

5. Learned Government Advocate [Criminal Side] appearing for the respondent would submit that the petitioner has been rightly convicted by the Trial Court and there is no ground to suspend the sentence.

6. I have perused the grounds of appeal and the judgment of the Trial Court. The appeal raises several points of fact and law. The appeal has been preferred without any delay. There is no fear that he would abscond and would not be available to undergo sentence if the Appellate Court affirms the order passed by the Trial Court. The appellant has already paid the fine amount. In these circumstances, it may not be right to expect the petitioner to serve the sentence during the pendency of the appeal. Taking all these factors into consideration, I am inclined to suspend the sentence of imprisonment alone till the disposal of the appeal and grant bail subject to stringent condition.

7. Hence, the sentence of imprisonment imposed on the petitioner by the lower Court alone is hereby suspended till the disposal of the appeal and the petitioner is ordered to be enlarged on bail on his executing a bond for Rs.5,000/- [Rupees Five Thousand only] with two sureties each for a likesum to the satisfaction of the learned Sessions Judge, Magalir Neethi Mandram [Fast Track Mahila Court], Villupuram, within a period of two weeks from the date of this order and on further condition that the petitioner shall report before the trial Court once in a week on every Monday at 10.30 a.m. until further orders.

-sd/-
05/07/2017

This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

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TO

1 THE SESSIONS JUDGE,
MAGALIR NEETHI MANDRAM
(FAST TRACK MAHILA COURT),
VILLUPURAM.

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KANJANUR POLICE STATION,
VILLUPURAM DISTRICT.

+1 C.C. to M/S.E.C.RAMESH Advocate on payment of necessary
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Order

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