

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Monday, the Fifth day of February Two Thousand Eighteen

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr. Justice M.V.MURALIDARAN

CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS PETITION No.12417 of 2017

IN CRL RC.1284/2017

M.S.KRISHNAKUMAR,

[PETITIONER]

Vs

S.MATHESWARAN,

[RESPONDENT]

Petition praying that in the circumstances stated therein and in the Memorandum of Grounds in Criminal RC. No.1284 OF 2017 on the file of the High Court, the High Court will be pleased to suspend the sentence of imprisonment imposed on the petitioner in the judgment dated 08.09.2017 made in C.A.No.172 of 2016 on the file of the learned IV Additional District and Sessions Court, Erode District at Bhavani confirming the judgment dated 15.09.2016 made in STC No.70 of 2015 on the file of the learned Second Additional District Munsif, Bhavani and enlarge the petitioner on bail pending disposal of the above CRL.RC.NO.1284/2017.

Order : This petition coming on for orders upon perusing the petition and the Memorandum of Grounds in Crl.RC.No.1284 of 2017 on the file of the High Court and upon hearing the arguments of MR.N.MANOKARAN, Advocate for the petitioner the court made the following order:-

Petitioner was convicted for offences under Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act and sentenced to one year S.I and to pay a fine of Rs.5,000/-, i/d to undergo 3 months S.I. by learned II Additional District Munsif, Bhavani, Erode District, under judgment in S.T.C.No.70 of 2015 dated 15.09.2016. The appeal preferred by petitioner in C.A.No.172 of 2016 on the file of learned IV Additional Sessions Judge, Bhavani came to be dismissed under judgment dated 08.09.2017. Hence, petitioner seeks suspension of sentence.

2. Learned counsel for petitioner submits that there are several infirmities and inconsistencies found in the prosecution case. It is contended that there are contradictions in the material particulars between the evidence of the prosecution witnesses. It is further represented that there is no precondition requiring the petitioner's surrender or being in confinement in availing the relief of suspension of sentence under Section 397 Cr.P.C. in exercise of revisional powers by this Court. The decisions of the Honourable Apex Court in **BIHARI PRASAD SINGH VS STATE OF BIHAR AND ANOTHER (2000**

SCC (Cri) 1380) and that of the **IBRAHIM VS STATE OF KERALA (1979 KLT 857)** are relied upon in this regard.

3. Heard, the learned counsel for petitioner.

4. The above decisions have been relied upon time and again by this Court towards reaching the conclusion that in moving a revision against conviction, the accused need not surrender and undergo confinement before seeking the relief of suspension of sentence pending disposal of the Criminal Revision.

5. Therefore, in view of the fact that there are several infirmities in the prosecution case and there are arguable points involved in the revision as contended by learned counsel for petitioner and further the revision is not likely to be taken up for final hearing in the near future, this Court is of the considered view that the petitioner herein is entitled to the relief of grant of suspension of sentence.

6. Accordingly, the substantive sentence of imprisonment alone is suspended and the petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond in a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Bhavani, and also the petitioner shall appear before the said Court on the first working day of every month at 10.30 a.m. pending revision.

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05/02/2018

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

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TO

1 THE IV, ADDL. DISTRICT AND
SESSIONS COURT, ERODE DISTRICT AT
BHAVANI.

2 THE II, ADDL. DISTRICT MUNSIF
BHAVANI.

3 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
BHAVANI.

4 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
ERODE. [FOR INFORMATION]

C.C. to M/S.N.MANOKARAN Advocate on payment of necessary
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Order

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