



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Friday, the Tenth day of December Two Thousand Twenty One

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr Justice A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS PETITION NOS.12845 AND 12846 of 2021

IN CRL.R.C.NO.931 of 2021

N.RAGUVARAN

[PETITIONER
IN BOTH PETITIONS]

Vs

N.SANKAR

[RESPONDENT
IN BOTH PETITIONS]

Petition praying that in the circumstances stated therein and in the affidavit filed therewith the High Court will be pleased to

(i) Suspend the Sentence imposed in the Judgment dated 11.10.2021 made in CA.No.49/2021 on the file of the Special Court for Trial of Case Under SC/ST (POA) Act, Namakkal Confirming the Judgment dated passed in STC.No.540/2017 dated 26.02.2021 on the file of Judicial Magistrate (Fast Track Court) at Tiruchengode. CRL.MP.NO.12845/2021 IN CRL.R.C.NO.931 of 2021.

(ii) Grant exemption to the petitioner from surrendering before the trial court in pursuance to the judgment dated 11.10.2021 made in CRL.A.NO.49/2021 on the file of Special Court for Trial of case under SC/St (POA) Act, Namakkal Confirming the judgement dated passed in S.T.C.No.540/2017 dated 26.02.2021 on the file of the Learned Judicial Magistrate (Fast Track Court) at Tiruchengode pending disposal of main CRL.R.C.NO.931 of 2021 IN CRL.MP.NO.12846/2021.

Order : This petition coming on for orders upon perusing the petition and the filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of M/S M.SUBASH, Advocate for the Petitioner [IN BOTH PETITIONS] the court made the following order:-

These Criminal Miscellaneous Petitions have been filed by the petitioner/accused, seeking suspension of sentence of imprisonment imposed by the order dated 26.02.2021 in S.T.C.No.540 of 2017 passed by the Judicial Magistrate (FTC) Tiruchengode and confirmed by the judgment dated 11.10.2021 in C.A.No.49 of 2021 on the file of the Special Court for trial of case under SC/ST (POA).



2. This Court heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and also perused the materials placed on record.

3. In and by both the impugned judgments, for non-payment of the cheque amount in question, viz., Rs.4,00,000/- the petitioner/accused was convicted and sentenced for the offence under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, to undergo six months Simple Imprisonment and to pay a sum of Rs.4,00,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Only) as compensation to the respondent/complainant within a period of one month in default to undergo one month S.I. The petitioner had filed appeal in C.A.No.49/2021 before the Special Court for trial of case under SC/ST(POA) and the Appellate Court by order dated 11.10.2021, had dismissed the appeal and confirmed the conviction and sentence, against which, the present revision has been filed.

4. According to the learned counsel for the petitioner/accused, there are arguable points available in the Criminal Revision Case, which is not likely to be taken for final hearing in the near future and the petitioner/accused has got a fair chance of succeeding in the Criminal Revision Case and hence, the substantive sentence imposed against the Petitioner/Accused may be suspended and the Petitioner may be exempted from surrendering before the Trial Court.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court is of the view that the substantive sentence of imprisonment alone can be suspended on certain conditions. Accordingly, till the disposal of the Criminal Revision Case, the reliefs of exemption from surrender before the Trial Court, suspension of sentence and bail are granted on the following conditions:

(a) The petitioner/Accused shall deposit 50% of the cheque amount (Rs.4,00,000/-), namely, Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Only) before the Trial Court, within two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and on such deposit being made, the Trial Court shall redeposit the said amount in a fixed deposit account in any nationalized bank, so that the amount accrues interest. The disbursal of this amount shall be decided at the culmination of the Criminal Revision Case. Thereafter, the petitioner/accused is ordered to be released on bail, on his executing a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) with two sureties, of whom, one should be a blood relative, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the Judicial Magistrate, (FTC), Tiruchengode.

(b) The petitioner/accused and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impressions in the surety bonds and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar Cards or Bank Pass Books to ensure their identities.

(c) The petitioner shall appear before the Trial Court on the first working day of every English Calendar month at 10.30 a.m., until the disposal of the revision petition and if he is not able to appear before the Trial Court on any day, he shall make



arrangements to file an application under Section 317 Cr.P.C and shall appear before the Trial Court on any other day in lieu of the date of his absence, as directed by the Trial Court.

(d) On the failure of the Petitioner/Accused, depositing the said amount, it is open to the Trial Court to commit the petitioner/accused into custody for undergoing the sentence.

6. These Criminal Miscellaneous Petitions stands ordered accordingly.

7. Notice to the respondent returnable on 24.12.2021.

8. Post the matter after three weeks for reporting compliance.

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10/12/2021

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

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TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
(FAST TRACK COURT), TIRUCHENGODE.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
NAMAKKAL [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE SPECIAL COURT FOR TRIAL OF CASE UNDER SC/ST (POA),
NAMAKKAL.

C.C. to M/S M.SUBASH Advocate on payment of necessary charges

Order

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CRL MP.NOs.12845&12846/2021

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CRL.RC.931.2021

Date :10/12/2021

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