



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 01.02.2022

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

Cr1.M.P.No.1031 of 2022

in Cr1.R.C.No.101 of 2022

V.Ramasamy

... Petitioner

..Vs..

E.Chandran

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Miscellaneous Petition filed under Section 397 & 401 of Cr.P.C, to suspend the sentence of imprisonment dated 15.12.2021 made in C.A.No.50 of 2021 on the file of the Special Court for Trial of cases registered under SC/ST (POA) Act, Namakkal, confirming the sentence dated 12.03.2021 made in C.C.No.130 of 2017 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate No.I, Namakkal sentencing the petitioner to undergo simple imprisonment for two years and to pay a compensation of Rs.24,00,000/- to the respondent.

For petitioner : Mr.K.S.Karthik Raja

For Respondent : Mr.D.Shivakumaran

ORDER

(This case has been heard through video conferencing)

This Criminal Miscellaneous Petition has been filed by the petitioner/accused, seeking suspension of sentence of imprisonment dated 15.12.2021 made in C.A.No.50 of 2021 on the file of the Special Court for Trial of cases registered under SC/ST (POA) Act, Namakkal, confirming the sentence dated 12.03.2021 made in C.C.No.130 of 2017 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate No.I, Namakkal sentencing the petitioner to undergo simple imprisonment for two years and to pay a compensation of Rs.24,00,000/- to the respondent.

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

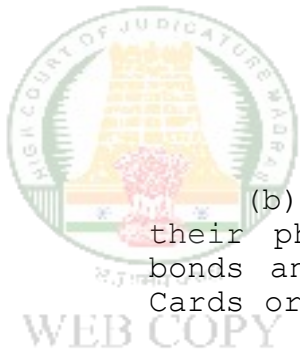


3. In the trial court judgment, for non-payment of the cheque amount in question, viz., Rs.12,00,000/- the petitioner/accused was convicted and sentenced for the offence under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, to undergo two years Simple Imprisonment and to pay the compensation of Rs.24,00,000/- to the respondent. The petitioner had filed appeal in C.A.No.50 of 2021 before the Special Court for Trial of cases registered under SC/ST (POA) Act, Namakkal and the Appellate Court by judgment dated 15.12.2021, had dismissed the appeal and confirmed the conviction and sentence, against which, the present revision has been filed.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that during the pendency of the appeal he had deposited Rs.2,40,000/- before the Trial Court on 27.10.2021. 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 enlarged on bail.

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 suspension of sentence and bail are granted on the following conditions:

(a) The petitioner/Accused shall deposit remaining **Rs.3,60,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Sixty Thousand 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 learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Namakkal, within 15 days from the date of commencement of the court's normal functioning, failing which the bail granted by this Court shall stand dismissed automatically and on further conditions that:



(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. This Criminal Miscellaneous Petition stands ordered accordingly. Post the matter after three weeks for reporting compliance.

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NAMAKKAL.

3 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
NAMAKKAL. [FOR INFORMATION]



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