



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 06.01.2022

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

Crl.M.P.Nos.14201 and 14202 of 2021

in

Criminal Revision Case No.1111 of 2021

K.S.Radhakrishnan

... Petitioner in both M.Ps.

..Vs..

N.Jayakamaraj

... Respondent in both M.Ps.

PRAYER: Criminal Miscellaneous petitions filed under Section 397(1) & 482 of Cr.P.C to to suspend the sentence imposed by the Learned Judicial District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Mettupalayam in C.C.No.17 of 2014 dated 19.02.2018 and confirming the judgment and sentence by the IV Additional District and Sessions Judge, Coimbatore in Crl.A.No.96 of 2018 dated 19.11.2021 pending disposal of the above revision and to exempt the petitioner from surrendering.

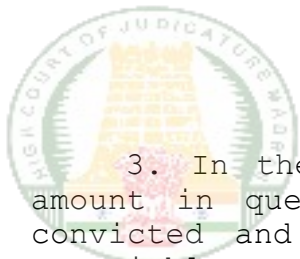
For Petitioner : Mr.J.Franklin in both M.Ps

ORDER

(The case has been heard through Video Conferencing)

These Criminal Miscellaneous Petitions have been filed by the petitioner/accused, seeking suspension of sentence of imprisonment imposed by the order dated 19.02.2018 by the learned Judicial District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Mettupalayam in C.C.No.17 of 2014 dated and confirmed by the learned IV Additional District and Sessions Judge, Coimbatore in Crl.A.No.96 of 2018 dated 19.11.2021 and seeking to exempt the petitioner from surrendering before the trial court.

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.3,50,000/- 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 cheque amount of Rs.3,50,000/- as compensation. The petitioner had filed appeal in C.A.No.96 of 2018 before the Learned IV Additional District and Sessions Judge, Coimbatore and the Appellate Court by judgment dated 19.11.2021, had dismissed the appeal and confirmed the conviction and sentence, against which, the present revision has been filed.

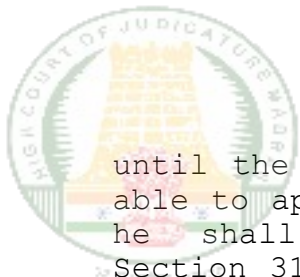
4. According to the learned counsel for the petitioner/accused, there are arguable points available in the Criminal Revision Case, which is not likely to be taken for final hearing in the near future and the petitioner/accused has got a fair chance of succeeding in the Criminal Revision Case and hence, 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 suspension of sentence, exemption from surrendering and bail are granted on the following conditions:

(a) The petitioner/Accused shall deposit 50% of the cheque amount (Rs.3,50,000/-), namely, Rs.1,75,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Five 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 District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Mettupalayam.

(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 stand ordered accordingly. Post the matter after three weeks for reporting compliance.

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

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1 THE DISTRICT MUNSIF CUM,
JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, METTUPALAYAM.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
COIMBATORE [FOR INFORMATION].

3 THE IV ADDITIONAL DISTRICT AND
SESSIONS JUDGE, COIMBATORE.

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

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