



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Wednesday, the Thirteenth day of July Two Thousand and Twenty Two

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PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice K.MURALI SHANKAR

Crl.M.P(MD)No.5845 of 2022

in

Crl.A.(MD)No.273 of 2022

M.DANIEL RAJ

... PETITIONER / APPELLANT

Vs

THE STATE REP.BY,
THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
THENIKARAI POLICE STATION,
THENI DISTRICT.

... RESPONDENT / RESPONDENT

Petition filed praying that in the circumstances stated therein and in the petition filed therewith the High Court may be pleased to Suspend the Sentence imposed against the Petitioner in Spl.S.C.No.77/2019 dated 18.11.2021 passed by the Learned Mahila Fast Track Judge, Theni and enlarge the petitioner on bail pending disposal of the above appeal.

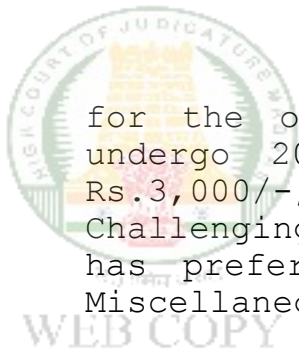
Prayer in Crl.A.(MD)No.273 of 2022:

To call for the records in Spl.S.C.No.77/2019 dated 18.11.2021 passed by the Learned Mahila Fast Track Court, Theni in and to set aside the same.

Order : This petition coming up for orders on this day, upon perusing the petition filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Mr.G.KARUPPASAMY PANDIYAN, Advocate for the petitioner and of MR.B.NAMBI SELVAN, Additional Public Prosecutor on behalf of the Respondent, the court made the following order:-

This petition has been filed to suspend the sentence passed in Spl.S.C.No.77 of 2019, dated 18.11.2021, on the file of the learned Mahila Fast Track Judge, Theni, till the disposal of this Criminal Appeal.

2.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the trial Court convicted the petitioner in Spl.S.C.No.77 of 2019, dated 18.11.2021, on the file of the learned Mahila Fast Track Judge, Theni, for the offence under Section 366 IPC and sentenced him to undergo two years Rigorous Imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs.2,000/- in default to undergo six months Simple Imprisonment and



for the offence under Section 6 of POCSO Act sentenced to undergo 20 years Rigorous Imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs.3,000/-, in default, to undergo 6 months Simple Imprisonment. Challenging the above said conviction and sentence, the petitioner has preferred the present Criminal Appeal along with the above Miscellaneous Petition seeking suspension of sentence.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner further submitted that there existed love affair between the petitioner and victim girl and that she was aged about 18 years on the date of occurrence. He further submitted that since the petitioner was in judicial custody for 90 days, he was granted statutory bail. He further submitted that there are several infirmities in the prosecution case and further there are contradictions in material particulars between the evidence of the prosecution witnesses.

4.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the prosecution has produced the Transfer Certificate, wherein, the date of birth of the victim has been shown as 04.10.2001 and she was only 17 years and 9 months at the time of alleged occurrence. He further submitted that there are enough materials available on record against the petitioner and hence, he strongly opposed to grant suspension of sentence.

5.This Court has carefully considered the rival contentions put forward by either side and also perused the materials available on record.

6.The learned counsel for the petitioner pointed out that certain infirmities and inconsistencies in this case and also certain contradictions in material particulars. The fact remains that there are arguable points involved in this criminal appeal and further the criminal appeal is not likely to be taken up for final hearing in the near future and as such, this Court is of the considered view that the petitioner herein is entitled to the relief of grant of suspension of sentence.

7.Accordingly, the relief of suspension of sentence is granted to the petitioner on the following conditions:-

i) The petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Mahila Fast Track Judge, Theni.

(ii) The sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the trial Court may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank Pass Book to ensure their identity; and



(iii) The petitioner shall appear before the concerned Court on all working days at 10.30 a.m., until further orders 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 of 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.

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Sub-Assistant Registrar (C.S.)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

TO

1 THE MAHILA FAST TRACK JUDGE,
THENI.

2 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
THENIKARAI POLICE STATION, THENI DISTRICT.

3 THE SUPERINTENDENT, CENTRAL PRISON, MADURAI.

4 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.

+1. C.C. to M/S.KARUPPASAMY PANDIYAN.G Advocate SR.No.7092.

ORDER

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