



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Wednesday, the Twenty Eighth day of June Two Thousand and Twenty
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PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice K.MURALI SHANKAR

CRL MP(MD) No.9127 of 2023

in

CRL RC(MD) No.648 of 2023

SETHU @ SETHUPATHI

... PETITIONER/PETITIONER

Vs

1 State Rep.by
THE SUB DIVISIONAL MAGISTRATE /
REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER,
PATTUKOTTAI,
THANJAVUR DISTRICT.

2 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
TOWN POLICE STATION,
PATTUKOTTAI,
THANJAVUR DISTRICT.

... RESPONDENTS/RESPONDENTS

Petition filed praying that in the circumstances stated therein and in the petition filed therewith the High Court may be pleased to suspend the detention imposed by the Learned Sub Divisional Magistrate, Pattukottai, Thanjavur District made in M.C.No.232/2022/A3 dated 01.06.2023 pending disposal of the above Revision Petition.

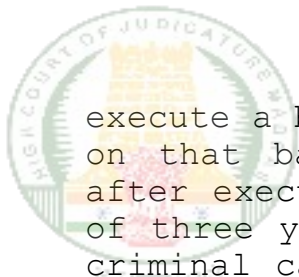
Prayer in CRL RC(MD).648/2023 :

To call for the records pertaining to the impugned order dated 01.06.2023 made in M.C.No.232/2022/A3 passed by the learned Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Pattukottai, Thanjavur District and set aside the same and allow the revision petition.

Order : This petition coming up for orders on this day, upon perusing the petition filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of M/S.JAMEEL ARASU B, Advocate for the petitioner and of MR.R.SIVAKUMAR, Government Advocate (Crl.Side) on behalf of the Respondents the court made the following order:-

This Criminal Miscellaneous Petition has been filed to suspend the sentence imposed on the petitioner by the learned Sub Divisional Magistrate/Revenue Divisional Officer, Pattukottai, Thanjavur District, in M.C.No.232/2022/A3, dated 01.06.2023, till the disposal of this Criminal Revision.

2. The first respondent, on the basis of the report of the
<https://www.mhcn.gov.in/judis> second respondent, conducted enquiry and ordered the petitioner to



execute a bond under Section 110 Cr.P.C., on the same day. On that basis, the petitioner has been bound over and released, after executing a bond, for maintaining good behaviour for a period of three years viz., from 13.12.2022 to 12.12.2025. Subsequently, a criminal case was registered against the petitioner in Crime No.368 of 2023, for the offences punishable under Sections 452, 294(b), 323, 506(i) and 147 IPC, and the petitioner was arrested on 16.05.2023 and remanded to judicial custody on the same day. The second respondent, by alleging that the petitioner violated/breached the bond executed by him, has sent a communication, requesting the first respondent to initiate necessary action under Section 122(1) (b) Cr.P.C. Based on the said report of the second respondent, the first respondent issued a show cause notice to the petitioner and directed them to produce the petitioner on 01.06.2023. The first respondent after enquiry, has passed the impugned order, dated 01.06.2023, cancelling the security bond executed by the petitioner and ordered to detain him in prison until the expiry of the period of bond viz., 12.12.2025. Aggrieved by the said order, the petitioner has preferred the present revision along with the present miscellaneous petition seeking suspension of sentence.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the impugned order has been passed without following the procedure laid down by this Court, that the first respondent has not conducted proper enquiry as prescribed in the law, that the petitioner's right to get legal assistance was denied, that no opportunity was given to the petitioner to get the documents, that the first respondent has failed to supply all the documents mentioned in the impugned order, that the learned Magistrate has no power to invoke Section 122(1)(b) Cr.P.C for the violation of the bond executed under Section 110 Cr.P.C and that the personal liberty of the petitioner was seriously affected by the impugned order passed by the first respondent.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondents would submit that the petitioner is the habitual offender.

5. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would further submit that the Division Bench of this Court has pronounced a judgment dated **13.03.2023** in **Cr1.R.C. (MD)No.137 of 2018** Batch, wherein, the Division Bench of this Court has specifically observed that an Executive Magistrate cannot authorize imprisonment under Section 122(1)(b) for violation of a bond under Section 107 Cr.P.C. and further observed that a person who has violated the bond executed before the Executive Magistrate under the said provision will have to be challenged or prosecuted before the Judicial Magistrate for enquiry and punishment under Section 122(1)(b) Cr.P.C.



6. Considering the above, this Court is of the view the petitioner herein is entitled to the relief of suspension of sentence.

7. Accordingly, the relief of suspension of sentence and bail 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 Sub-Divisional, Magistrate, Pattukottai, Thanjavur District ;

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

(iii) The petitioner shall appear before the first respondent as and when required.

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

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1 THE SUB DIVISIONAL MAGISTRATE / REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICE,
PATTUKOTTAI, THANJAVUR DISTRICT.

2 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE, TOWN POLICE STATION,
PATTUKOTTAI, THANJAVUR DISTRICT.

3 THE SUPERINTENDENT, CENTRAL PRISON, TRICHY.

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

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