



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12.03.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

CRL.O.P No.5981 of 2024

M/s.VGM Developers
Rep. by its Proprietor
Mr.A.Vijay @ Vagaiventhan
No.C-14, Thirumalai Complex
ICF Link Road,
Villivakkam,
Chennai – 600 049.

...Petitioner

Vs.

S.Saravanan

...Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code, to set aside the order dated 29.02.2024 passed in Crl.M.P.No.6529 of 2024 in C.A.No.161 of 2024 passed by the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Chennai.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.P.Meenakshi Sundharam

ORDER

This criminal original petition has been filed challenging the order passed by the Court below in Crl.M.P.No.6529 of 2024 in C.A.No.161 of 2024 dated 29.02.2024, dismissing the application filed by the petitioner seeking for suspension of sentence.



2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and carefully perused the materials available on record.

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3. The petitioner was convicted for offence under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act and was sentenced to undergo one year simple imprisonment and to pay double the cheque amount as fine within one month and in default to undergo three months simple imprisonment, by judgment passed by the learned Metropolitan Magistrate, FTC-I, Egmore in S.T.C.No.2906 of 2022. Even while passing this judgment, the sentence was suspended for 30 days.

4. The petitioner aggrieved by the above judgment, filed C.A.No.161 of 2024 before the Court below. Along with the appeal, the petitioner also filed an application for suspension of sentence pending disposal of the appeal. This application was dismissed by the Court below by an order dated 29.02.2024 on the ground that the suspension of sentence application was moved after the expiry of thirty days time granted by the Trial Court while suspending the sentence. Aggrieved by the same, the present criminal original petition has been filed before this Court.

5. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and the ground that has been raised by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to dispose of this criminal original petition with the following directions:



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a)The petitioner is directed to surrender before the Principal Sessions Judge, Chennai and file a bail application on or before 20.03.2024.

b)On such surrender, the Court below shall grant interim bail to the petitioner for a period of sixty days by directing the petitioner to deposit 20% of the compensation amount that was fixed by the Trial Court.

c)If the petitioner deposits the amount within the time frame fixed by the Court below, the bail order shall be made absolute by imposing necessary conditions, and

d)If the petitioner fails to deposit the amount within the time frame fixed by the Court below, the interim bail shall be cancelled and the petitioner shall be secured and made to undergo the sentence imposed by the Trial Court.

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To

1.The Principal Session Judge, Chennai.

2.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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