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Crl.MP.No.10805 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 13.06.2025

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE **G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN**

Crl.M.P.No.10805 of 2025

in

Crl.A.No.607 of 2025

Manikandan

...Petitioner

Vs.

The State rep. By
The Inspector of Police,
Vaazhapadi Police Station,
Salem District
crime No.56 of 2022

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Miscellaneous Petition filed under Section 430(1) of BNSS Act, to suspend the sentence passed by the learned Sessions Judge, Principal POCSO Court, Salem in Special SC.No.56 of 2022 dated 29.04.2025, pending disposal of the appeal.

For Petitioner : Mr.F.Wellington

For Respondent : Mr.S.Raja Kumar,
Additional Public Prosecutor



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ORDER

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This Criminal Miscellaneous Petition has been filed praying to suspend the sentence passed by the learned Sessions Judge, Principal POCSO Court, Salem in Special SC.No.56 of 2022 dated 29.04.2025, pending disposal of the aforementioned criminal appeal.

2. The petitioner is the accused in Special SC.No.56 of 2022 on the file of the learned Sessions Judge, Principal POCSO Court, Salem. He was found guilty of the offences under Section 341 of IPC and Section 7 r/w 8 of POCSO Act and he has been convicted and sentenced as under:

S.No.	Conviction	Sentence
1	Section 341 of IPC	to pay fine of Rs.500/-, in default to undergo one month rigorous imprisonment
2.	Section 7 r/w 8 of POCSO Act	to undergo five years rigorous imprisonment and to pay fine of Rs.1,000/-, in default to undergo one year rigorous imprisonment

Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner has filed criminal appeal along with the present miscellaneous petition.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner/accused would submit that there are arguable points available in the Criminal Appeal and the



petitioner/accused has got a fair chance of succeeding in the Criminal Appeal and hence, the substantive sentence imposed against the petitioner/accused may be suspended. He would submit that the petitioner is ready to abide the condition imposed by this Court.

4. Per contra, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent/State raised serious objection for allowing this petition. Further, he would contend that the evidences recorded from the prosecution witnesses would prove the case of the prosecution beyond reasonable doubt. According to him, interference of this Court is not necessary in the findings arrived at by the trial Court.

5. Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and also perused the materials placed on record.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case coupled with the quantum of punishment imposed upon the petitioner, also by considering the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner and the



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learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent police, further this criminal appeal is not likely to be taken for final hearing in the near future, this Court is of the view that the substantive sentence of imprisonment alone can be suspended on certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, till the disposal of the Criminal Appeal, the substantive sentence of imprisonment imposed by the learned trial Judge is alone suspended and bail are granted on the following conditions:

(a) The petitioner/accused is ordered to be released on bail, on his executing 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 Sessions Judge, Principal POCSO Court, Salem

(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 daily at 10.30 a.m. for a period of 30 days and thereafter 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



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Criminal Appeal 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.

8. With the above directions, this Criminal Miscellaneous Petition is ordered.

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To

- 1.The learned Sessions Judge, Principal POCSO Court, Salem
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Vaazhapadi Police Station,
Salem District
- 3.Central Prison, Salem
- 3.The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court.

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