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Crl.MP.No.12395 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27.06.2025

CORAM:

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

Crl.M.P.No.12395 of 2025

in

Crl.A.No.385 of 2025

Shankar

...Petitioner

Vs.

The State Rep by the Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Katpadi, Vellore
In cr.no.4 of 2022

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Miscellaneous Petition filed under Section 430 of BNSS Act, praying to suspend the sentence imposed on him by the Special Court for Exclusive Trial of Cases under POCSO Act, at Vellore, in Special SC.No.174 of 2022 dated 25.02.2025 and enlarge him on bail, pending disposal of the above criminal appeal.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.P.Sivamohan

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

ORDER



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This Criminal Miscellaneous Petition has been filed praying to

suspend the sentence imposed on him by the Special Court for Exclusive Trial of Cases under POCSO Act, at Vellore, in Special SC.No.174 of 2022 dated 25.02.2025 and to enlarge him on bail pending disposal of the aforementioned criminal appeal.

2. The petitioner herein is the accused in Special SC.No.174 of 2022 on the file of the Special Court for Exclusive Trial of Cases under POCSO Act, at Vellore. He was found guilty of the offences under Sections 7 and 8 of POCSO Act and Section 11(iv) and 12 of POCSO Act and he has been convicted and sentenced as under:

S.No.	Conviction	Sentence
1	Sections 7 and 8 of POCSO Act	to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of five years and to pay a fine of Rs.20,000/-, in default to undergo one year rigorous imprisonment
2	Section 11(iv) and 12 of POCSO Act	to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of three years and to pay a fine of Rs.5,000/-, in default to undergo two months simple imprisonment

Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner has filed appeal along with the present



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miscellaneous petition.

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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.

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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 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 Special Court for Exclusive Trial of Cases under POCSO Act, at Vellore

(b) The petitioner/accused and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impressions in the surety



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bonds and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar Cards or Bank Pass Books to ensure their identities.

(c) The petitioner shall report before the Trial Court daily at 10.30 a.m. for 30 days and thereafter report before the trial court on the first working day of every English Calendar month at 10.30 a.m., until the disposal of the 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. Special Court for Exclusive Trial of Cases under POCSO Act, at Vellore
- 2.All Women Police Station,
Katpadi, Vellore
- 3.Central Prison, Vellore
4. The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court,
Chennai.

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