



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27-10-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

**CRL MP NO. 19789 OF 2025
IN CRL RC No. 2129 of 2025**

1. SABARINATHAN

S/o.Kanakaraj, Territory Sales Manager,
Reliance Communication Ltd., 152/2,
First Udaya Colony, Opp.Telephone
Exchange, Kangayam Taluk, Tiruppur-
638 701.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. A.Venkateshkumar

S/o.Arthanani, Distributor Reliance
Communication Ltd., Office at - 9,
Vamalai Street, Brough Road, Erode-
638 001.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER

To suspend the sentence imposed on the petitioner in S.T.C.No. 86/2017 dt. 22.02.2019 on the file of Learned Judicial Magistrate, Fast Track Court-I, Erode as confirmed by the judgment of learned I Additional Sessions Judge, Erode in



C.A.No. 70/2019 dt. 31.01.2025 and enlarge the petitioner on bail pending disposal of the above Criminal Revision Petition.

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For Petitioner(s): C.Ramkumar
S.N.Arunkumar
P.Narayana Prasadh

For Respondent:

ORDER

This petition has been filed to suspend the sentence imposed on the petitioner in S.T.C.No. 86/2017 dated 22.02.2019 on the file of Learned Judicial Magistrate, Fast Track Court-I, Erode as confirmed by the judgment of learned I Additional Sessions Judge, Erode in C.A.No. 70/2019 dated 31.01.2025 and enlarge the petitioner on bail pending disposal of the above Criminal Revision Petition.

2. The petitioner herein is the accused in **S.T.C No. 86 of 2017 on the file of Learned Judicial Magistrate, Fast Track Court-I, Erode**. He was found guilty of the offence under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act and he has been convicted and sentenced to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of one **month** and awarded to pay the cheque amount of



Rs.7,00,000/-, in default of payment of compensation, the petitioner shall undergo a simple imprisonment for a period of **one month** as default sentence.

Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner had filed an appeal in **C.A.No. 70/2019** , before the I Additional Sessions Judge, Erode, which had dismissed the above appeal, confirming the judgment and sentence imposed by the trial Court. Aggrieved by the same, the present revision has been filed.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner/accused would submit that the petitioner has issued the cheque for security purpose, which was misused by the respondent herein. Further, the Trial Court failed to consider the evidence of P.W.1, who admits both are rendering service to the Reliance Communication Pvt. Ltd., Kangeyam, and also admits that the petitioner was moved the Court to declare himself as insolvent. Hence, there are arguable points available in the Criminal Revision Case and the petitioner/accused has got a fair chance of succeeding in the Criminal Revision Case and hence, the substantive sentence imposed against the petitioner/accused may be suspended. He would submit that the petitioner is ready to abide any condition to be imposed by this Court.



4. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and also perused the materials placed on record.

5. Considering the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, coupled with the quantum of punishment imposed upon the petitioner and taking into consideration the fact that this criminal revision 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. Accordingly, till the disposal of the Criminal Revision Case, the reliefs of suspension of sentence and bail are granted on the following conditions:

(i) the petitioner shall deposit a sum of **Rs.5,00,000/-** to the credit of **S.T.C No. 86 of 2017** on the file of **Learned Judicial Magistrate, Fast Track Court-I, Erode**, within a period of four weeks from today. Failing which, the order passed by this Court shall stand automatically cancelled.



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(ii) On such deposit being made, the trial Court shall redeposit the said amount in a Fixed Deposit Account, in any one of the Nationalized Banks, renewable thereafter periodically. The disbursal of this amount shall be decided at the culmination of the Criminal Revision Case;

(iii) On the failure of the petitioner/accused depositing the above said amount, it is open to the trial Court to commit the petitioner/accused into custody for undergoing the sentence.

(iv) On the petitioner depositing the amount as stated clause (i) supra, the sentence of imprisonment alone, imposed on the petitioner/accused, shall be suspended, on his execution of a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- with two sureties, each for a likesum to the satisfaction of the trial court;

(v) The petitioner and 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 and mobile numbers to ensure their identity;

(vi) The petitioner shall appear before the Trial Court on the first working day of every English Calendar month at 10.30



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a.m., until the disposal of the revision petition 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 355 of BNSS, 2023 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;

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

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Internet: Yes

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

To

1. The I Additional Sessions Judge, Erode.
2. The Judicial Magistrate, Fast Track Court-I, Erode.
2. The Public Prosecutor, High Court, Madras.



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