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Crl.MP No.23084 of 2025  
in Crl.RC No.2634 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02.12.2025

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**THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN**

**Crl.M.P.No.23084 of 2025**

**in**

**Crl.R.C.No.2634 of 2025**

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| Gandhimathi | .  | ... | Petitioner |
|             | Vs |     |            |
| Lakshmi     |    | ... | Respondent |

For Petitioner (s): Mr.C.Munusamy

### **ORDER**

This Criminal Miscellaneous Petition has been filed to suspend the sentence imposed by the Principal District and Sessions Judge, Kallakurichi in C.A.No.40 of 2024 dated 05.08.2025 confirming the judgement passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate (FTC), Kallakurichi in STC.No.36 of 2020 dated 10.10.2023 and enlarge the petitioner on bail pending disposal of the Criminal Revision Petition.

2. It is the case of the respondent that the petitioner had issued a



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cheque for Rs.6,00,000/- towards discharge of his liability and when the said cheque was presented for collection, it was returned for the reason “funds insufficient” and inspite of statutory notice, the petitioner did not make any payment.

3. The petitioner/Accused in S.T.C.No.36 of 2020 was convicted by the Trial Court for the offence under Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act and sentenced to undergo Simple Imprisonment for 1 year with compensation of a sum of Rs.6,50,000/-, in default, to undergo simple imprisonment for three months. Challenging the judgment of conviction and sentence imposed by the trial court, the petitioner has preferred an appeal in Crl.A No.40 of 2024 before the Principal District and Sessions Judge, Kallakurichi and the said appeal was dismissed, by judgment dated 05.08.2025. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner has filed the above Criminal Revision along with the instant miscellaneous petition seeking suspension of sentence.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner had rebutted the statutory presumption; that there are several



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arguable points in the above revision which requires consideration; and that to show his bonafides, the petitioner is willing to deposit Rs.4,00,000/- and prayed for suspension of sentence.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the records.

6. Considering the submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner that there are several arguable points in the above revision which requires consideration and the fact that the petitioner is willing to deposit Rs.4,00,000/-, this Court is inclined to suspend the sentence imposed on the petitioner by the trial court, subject to the following conditions, till the disposal of the above Criminal Revision :

**(i) The petitioner/accused is directed to deposit Rs.4,00,000/- [Rupees Four Lakhs only], within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order;**

(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



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the culmination of the Criminal Revision Case;

(iii) Thereafter, the sentence of imprisonment alone, imposed on the petitioner/accused shall be suspended, on his executing a bond a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- with two sureties each for a likesum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate (FTC), Kallakurichi ;

(iv) 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;

(v) The petitioner shall appear before the trial Court on the first working day of every month at 10.30 a.m. until the disposal of the revision 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; and

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

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Miscellaneous Petition is ordered.

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To

1. Principal District and Sessions Judge, Kallakurichi
2. Judicial Magistrate (FTC), Kallakurichi
3. The Public Prosecutor,  
High Court, Madras.



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