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Crl.M.P.Nos.24403 & 24404 of 2025
in Crl.R.C.No.2807 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 18.12.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

Crl.M.P.Nos.24403 & 24404 of 2025

in

Crl.R.C.No.2807 of 2025

Kuppala Surya Rao

...Petitioner

-VS-

1.Naidu Narayana
2.The State rep. By
The Public Prosecutor,
Puducherry.

...Respondent

PRAYER in Crl.M.P.No.24403 of 2025: Criminal Miscellaneous Petition filed under Section 430(1) of BNSS, praying to suspend the execution of sentence dated 29.08.2025 made in C.A.No.55 of 2024 by the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Puducherry confirming the conviction and sentence passed by the learned Assistant Sessions Judge cum Judicial Magistrate, Yanam, dated 10.10.2024 made in STC.No.1 of 2019.

PRAYER in Crl.M.P.No.24404 of 2025: Criminal Miscellaneous Petition filed under Section 528 of BNSS, praying for exemption from surrender by the



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petitioner before the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Puducherry Crl.Appeal No.55 of 2024 dated 29.08.2025 on the file of the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Puducherry by confirming the order passed in STC.No.1 of 2019 on the file of the learned Assistant Sessions Judge cum Judicial Magistrate, Yanam dated 10.10.2024, pending disposal of the above Criminal Revision Petition.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Kesavan

COMMON ORDER

The petitioner has preferred the above revision challenging the judgment passed by the learned , in C.A.No.55 of 2024 dated 29.08.2025, confirming the judgment of the learned Magistrate convicting the petitioner for the offence under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, and sentenced him to undergo four months Simple Imprisonment and to pay compensation of Rs.1,00,000/-, in default, to undergo further Simple Imprisonment for two months. The instant petitions have been filed to suspend the sentence imposed on the petitioner and to exempt the petitioner from surrendering before the Trial Court, pending disposal of the above revision.



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2. It is the case of the respondent that the petitioner had issued a cheque for a sum of Rs.6,00,000/- towards discharge of liability; that when the said cheque was presented for collection, it was returned for the reason 'Funds Insufficient'; that in spite of the statutory notice, the petitioner did not make the payment; and hence liable for the said offence.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has raised substantial grounds in the above revision; that the petitioner has rebutted the statutory presumption; that the judgment of the Courts below are liable to be set aside; and that, to show his bona fides, the petitioner is willing to deposit Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs only) to the credit of S.T.C.No.1 of 2019 before the trial Court..

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

5. Having regard to the submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner that there are substantial grounds raised in the above revision which



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require consideration, and the fact that the petitioner is willing to deposit Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs only), this Court is inclined to grant suspension of sentence and exempt the petitioner from surrendering before the Trial Court, subject to the following conditions:

(i) The petitioner is ordered to be enlarged on bail, on condition that the petitioner shall deposit Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs only) of the cheque amount to the credit of STC.No.1 of 2019 on the file of the learned Assistant Sessions Judge – Cum - Judicial Magistrate, Yanam, 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 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 Trial Court.



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(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 a 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 that 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.

(vi) 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.

6. Accordingly, these Criminal Miscellaneous Petitions are ordered

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