



CRL MP(MD) No.9109 of 2025

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 15.07.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

CRL MP(MD) No.9109 of 2025

in

CRL RC(MD) No.857 of 2025

P.Senthamarai

... Petitioner

Vs

R.Dhanasekaran

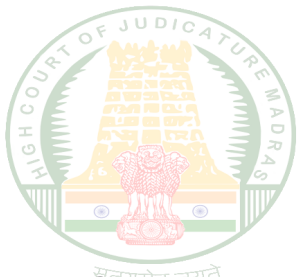
... Respondent

For Petitioner : Mr.B.Jeyakumar, Advocate

For Respondent : Mr.M.Sivakumar, Advocate

Prayer in CRL MP(MD).9109 of 2025 :

This Criminal Miscellaneous Petition filed under Section 432 of B.N.S.S. praying to pass an order suspending the sentence imposed on the petitioner by the Learned JM, Bodinayakkanur, Theni District made in S.T.C.No.2148 of 2019 dated 16.03.2023 as confirmed subsequently by the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge, (FTC), Theni made in C.A.No.62 of 2023, dated 23.10.2023 pending disposal of the above revision.

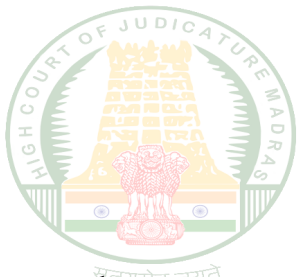


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This Criminal Miscellaneous Petition has been filed to suspend the sentence imposed on the petitioner by the Learned Judicial Magistrate, Bodinayakkanur, Theni District made in S.T.C.No.2148 of 2019 dated 16.03.2023 as confirmed subsequently by the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge, (FTC), Theni made in C.A.No.62 of 2023, dated 23.10.2023 pending disposal of the above revision.

2. The case of the respondent/complainant is that the petitioner borrowed a loan of Rs.7,00,000/- from the respondent on 12.04.2019 agreeing to repay the same within two months and had given cheque, dated 12.06.2019 bearing number 193101000000544 for an amount of Rs.7,00,000/-. When the respondent has presented the cheque for collection on 12.06.2019, the same was returned informing “kindly conduct drawer” and when the same was presented for collection on 17.06.2019, the same was returned with reason “Insufficient funds”, that the respondent has sent legal notice on 29.06.2019 to the petitioner demanding repayment of the amount covered by the cheque and the same was received by the petitioner on 01.07.2019. Despite receiving the notice, the petitioner neither replied to the notice nor repaid the amount. Therefore, the respondent has filed a private complaint for the offence under Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act against



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3. It is seen from the records that the petitioner has been convicted by the Trial Court in S.T.C.No.2148 of 2019 for the alleged offence punishable under Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act and sentenced to undergo Simple Imprisonment for a period of 18 months and also directed to pay a compensation of Rs.7,00,000/- within a period of 6 months, in default, to undergo Simple Imprisonment for a period of 3 months. Challenging the above said conviction and sentence, the petitioner has filed an appeal in Crl.A.No.62 of 2023 on the file of the Additional District and Sessions Judge (FTC), Theni and the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge (FTC), Theni by confirming the conviction and sentence, dismissed the appeal. Being dissatisfied with the dismissal of the appeal, the petitioner has preferred the present Criminal Revision Case along with the above miscellaneous petition seeking suspension of sentence.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that there are several infirmities in the prosecution case and further there are contradictions in material particulars between the evidence of the prosecution witnesses.



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5. This Court has carefully considered the contentions put forth by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and also perused the materials available on record.

6. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner pointed out that certain infirmities and inconsistencies in this case and also certain contradictions in material particulars. The fact remains that there are arguable points involved in this criminal revision and further the criminal revision is not likely to be taken up for final hearing in the near future and as such, this Court is of the considered view that the petitioner herein is entitled to the relief of grant of suspension of sentence.

7. In the result, the Criminal Miscellaneous Petition is ordered. Accordingly, the relief of suspension of sentence is granted to the petitioner on the following conditions:-

- (i) The petitioner shall execute 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 Additional District and Sessions Judge (FTC), Theni;



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(ii) 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 to ensure their identity; and

(iii) The petitioner shall appear before the Trial Court on all working days at 10.30 a.m., until further orders 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 B.N.S.S. (Section 317 of 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.

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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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1.The Additional District and Sessions Judge (FTC),
Theni.

2.The Judicial Magistrate,
Bodinayakanur.

3.Do through the Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Theni District.

+1 CC to M/s.B.JEYAKUMAR, Advocate (SR-7638[I] dated 16/07/2025)

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