



CRL MP(MD) No.6155 of 2025

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DATED: 30-04-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K.MURALI SHANKAR

CRL MP(MD) No.6155 of 2025
in
CRL RC(MD) No.552 of 2025

R.Ramesh

Petitioner

Vs

M.Murugappan

Respondent

For Petitioner: Mr.S.Gurumoorthy, Advocate

This Criminal Miscellaneous Petition filed praying to suspend the sentence imposed on the petitioner by judgment dated 02.04.2025 made in CrI.A.No.169 of 2024 passed by learned Additional District and Sessions Judge, FTC, Kumbakonam confirming the judgment dated 24.07.2024 made in S.T.C.No.2065 of 2019 passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate No.1, Kumbakonam, pending disposal of the present criminal revision petition.



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ORDER

The Criminal Miscellaneous Petition has been filed to suspend the sentence and compensation imposed on the petitioner/sole accused by the learned Judicial Magistrate No.1, Kumbakonam, in S.T.C.No.2065 of 2019, dated 24.07.2024, which was confirmed by the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge, Fast Track Court, Kumbakonam, in Crl.A.No.169 of 2024, dated 02.04.2025.

2. The case of the respondent/complainant is that the petitioner borrowed a loan of Rs.7,00,000/- from the respondent on 03.03.2015 agreeing to repay the same within three months and had given a promissory note, that when the respondent asked the petitioner to repay the amount, the petitioner issued a post-dated cheque dated 03.06.2015 for Rs.7,00,000/-, that when the respondent has presented the cheque for collection on 03.06.2015, the same was returned with reason "Funds insufficient" on 04.06.2015, that the respondent has sent legal notice on 11.06.2015 to the petitioner demanding repayment of the amount covered by the cheque and the same were received by the petitioner on 16.06.2015, that the petitioner has returned the legal notice with hand written letter on 18.06.2015 and that therefore, the respondent has filed a private complaint for the offence under Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act against the petitioner.



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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.2065 of 2019 for the alleged offence punishable under Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act and sentenced to undergo Simple Imprisonment for a period of 2 years and also directed to pay a compensation of Rs.7,00,000/-, in default, to undergo Simple Imprisonment for a period of 6 months. Challenging the above said conviction and sentence, the petitioner has filed an appeal in Crl.A.No.169 of 2024 on the file of the Additional District and Sessions Court (FTC), Kumbakonam and the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge, 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. He would further submit that the petitioner has already deposited Rs.1,40,000/- being 20% of the compensation amount before the Court below and that the petitioner is ready to deposit some portion of the remaining compensation amount as directed by this Court.



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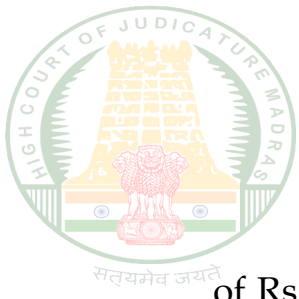
5. This Court has carefully considered the contentions put forth by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and also perused the materials available on record.

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 deposit 50% of the remaining compensation amount on or before 10.06.2025 to the credit of S.T.C.No.2065 of 2019 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate No.1, Kumbakonam, failing which the sentence suspended shall automatically be dismissed and the concerned jurisdictional police is at liberty to execute the sentence imposed by the trial Court against the petitioner in the manner known to law;

(ii) On such deposit, the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum



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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 (Fast Track Court), Kumbakonam;

(iii) 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

(iv) The petitioner shall appear before the trial Court once in a month i.e., on the first working day of every English calendar month 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.

8. Post the matter on 11.06.2025 'for reporting compliance'.

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(C.S. I / II / III / IV)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.



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To

- 1.The Additional District and Sessions Judge (Fast Track Court),
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2. The Judicial Magistrate No.1,
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3. Do through the Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Thanjavur District at Kumbakonam.

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