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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

CRL MP No. 1578 of 2026

in

CRL RC No. 227 of 2026

Sagunthala

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

Selvarajan

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: This criminal miscellaneous petition has been filed under Section 389 of Cr.P.C seeking to suspend the sentence of conviction imposed upon the petitioner by the learned Judicial Magistrate (FTC) Tiruchengode, as confirmed by the learned II Additional District and Sessions Judge, Tiruchengode, in C.A.No. 162 of 2024 dated 11.07.2025, pending disposal of the Criminal Revision Petition.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.Senthil Vadivu

ORDER

The petitioner has preferred the above revision challenging the judgment passed by the learned II Additional District and Sessions Judge, Tiruchengode, in C.A.No.162 of 2024 dated 11.07.2025, 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 one year Simple Imprisonment and to pay compensation of Rs.7,90,000/-, in default, to undergo further Simple Imprisonment for one month. The instant petition has been filed to suspend the sentence imposed on the petitioner.

2. It is the case of the respondent that the petitioner had issued a cheque for a sum of Rs.7,90,000/- 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 her bona fides, the petitioner is willing to deposit a sum of Rs.2,50,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only).

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 require consideration, and the fact that the petitioner is willing to deposit a sum



of Rs.2,50,000/- to the credit of S.T.C.No.41 of 2023, this Court is inclined to suspend the sentence imposed on the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

(i) The petitioner/Accused shall deposit a sum of Rs.2,50,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only) to the credit of S.T.C.No.41 of 2023 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate (Fast Track Court), Tiruchengode, 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 her executing a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- with two sureties each for a likesum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate (Fast Track Court), Tiruchengode;

(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 she 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 her 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.

6. Accordingly, this Criminal Miscellaneous Petition is ordered.

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate (FTC) Tiruchengode
2. The II Additional District and Sessions Judge, Tiruchengode



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