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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

CRL MP No. 12906 of 2026
in
Crl.A.No.887 of 2026

Raja
S/o.Manoharan,
Sentheeban Complex,
Near by Anitha Garden,
By-pass,
Keelakkottai,
Chinnalapatti,
Dindigul District – 624 301.

Now confined as convicted prisoner at
Central Prison,
Coimbatore.

...Petitioner/Appellant

Vs

The State
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
Economic Offences Wing-II,
Salem District.
Crime No.2 of 2010.

...Respondent/Respondent

Prayer : The Criminal Miscellaneous Petition is filed under Section 430(1) of BNSS, to suspend the sentence imposed on the petitioner in C.C.No.4 of 2021, Dated 21.09.2021, passed by the learned Special Judge, Special Court under TNPID Act, Coimbatore and enlarge the petitioner on Bail pending disposal of the main Criminal Appeal.

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For Petitioner: Mr.N.Sathish Babu

For Respondent: Mr.R.Thirumoorthy
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The appeal challenges the Judgment passed in C.C.No.4 of 2021 holding the petitioner guilty of the offences under Sections 420, 465 and 468 of the IPC (each 69 counts) and Section 5 of TNPID Act (69 counts) and sentencing him as follows;

Conviction under Section	Sentence imposed
420 of IPC (69 counts)	To undergo three years RI and to pay a fine of Rs.1,00,00/- (each count) (i.e., Rs.69,00,000/- in total) (id) to undergo six months RI for each count.
465 of IPC (69 counts)	To undergo two years RI and to pay a fine of Rs.1,00,00/- (each count) (i.e., Rs.69,00,000/- in total) (id) to undergo six months RI for each count.
468 of IPC (69 counts)	To undergo seven years RI and to pay a fine of Rs.1,00,00/- (each count) (i.e., Rs.69,00,000/- in total) (id) to undergo one and half years RI for each count.
5 of TNPID Act (69 counts)	To undergo ten years RI and to pay a fine of Rs.1,00,00/- (each count) (i.e., Rs.69,00,000/- in total) (id) to

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	undergo two years RI for each count.

The sentences were ordered to run concurrently.

2. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner along with six others had collected deposits from the general public on the promise that they would double the deposit amount in ten days; that they had collected a total of Rs.4,96,30,862/- from 86 depositors and had not returned the deposits. It is seen that the case against the other accused was split up, and they were tried separately.

3. The Trial Court found the petitioner guilty and sentenced him as stated above.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has been in custody since 21.09.2021 and has suffered half of the maximum sentence imposed by the Trial Court; and that his properties were also seized by the respondent, and pursuant to the attachment proceedings, it was also sold for a sum of Rs.5,54,306/-; and hence, prayed for suspension of sentence.

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5. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor, on instructions, confirms that the petitioner has been in custody for more than five years; and that the properties seized from the petitioner fetched a sum of Rs.5,54,306/-.

6. Considering the fact that the petitioner has been in custody for more than 5 years, has served more than half the sentence of imprisonment imposed by the Trial Court, and the appeal is not likely to be taken up in the near future, this Court is inclined to grant the relief of suspension of sentence to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, this criminal miscellaneous petition stands allowed, and the sentence imposed on the petitioner is suspended till the disposal of the above criminal appeal, and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on the following conditions:

> (a).The petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only), with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Special Judge, Special Court under TNPID Act, Coimbatore;

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(b).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; and

(c).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 appeal 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.

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To

1. The Special Judge,
Special Court under TNPID Act,
Coimbatore.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Economic Offences Wing-II,
Salem.

3. The Superintendent of Prison,
Central Prison, Coimbatore.

4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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