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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M. NIRMAL KUMAR

CRL RC Nos.291 & 1137 of 2021

In Both Crl.R.C.'s:-

1. R.M.Venugopal
2. V.Sujatha Venugopal

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

M/s.R.N.Textiles, A Partnership Firm, Rep By Its
Partner, K.Shanmugasundaram, No.6,
M.G.Colony, Vadavalli, Coimbatore-41.

..Respondent(s)

In both Cr.I.R.C's:-

For Petitioner(s): Mr.K.Rajkumar for
Mr.R.Bharath Kumar

For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Srinivasan (in VC)

Prayer in Crl.R.C.No.291 of 2021:- Criminal Revision Case is filed under Section 397 and 401 of Cr.P.C. pleaded to call for the records on the file of IV Additional District and Sessions Judge, Coimbatore, in Crl.A.No.124 of 2019 dated 15.03.2021 confirming the judgment and sentence passed in C.C.No.356 of 2017 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate ML (Fast Track Court II), Coimbatore, dated 08.03.2019 and set aside the same by allowing the above Crl.R.C.

Prayer in Crl.R.C.No.1137 of 2021:- Criminal Revision Case is filed under Section 397 and 401 of Cr.P.C. pleaded to call for the records on the file of IV Additional District and Sessions Judge, Coimbatore, in Crl.A.No.125 of 2019 dated 15.03.2021 confirming the judgment and sentence passed in C.C.No.355 of 2017 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate ML (Fast Track Court II), Coimbatore, dated 08.03.2019 and set aside the same by allowing the above Crl.R.C.



COMMON ORDER

Both the Criminal Revision Cases arises out of conviction of the petitioners / accused imposed by the trial Court in C.C.Nos.355 & 356 of 2017 for the offence under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act and sentence imposed on the petitioners / accused to undergo simple imprisonment for six months and to pay the cheque amount of Rs.3,00,000/- and Rs.2,27,000/ respectively as compensation with 6% interest from the date of cheque to the respondent / complainant, in default to undergo simple imprisonment for three months. Aggrieved against the same, appeals had been preferred before the Sessions Court in C.A.Nos.124 & 125 of 2019. Both the appeals dismissed on 15.03.2021, confirming the conviction of trial Court. Hence, the present Criminal Revision Cases have been filed before this Court.

2.In the meanwhile, the petitioners preferred petitions in Crl.M.P.Nos.5744 & 14469 of 2021 seeking suspension of sentence imposed. This Court vide order dated 06.05.2021 in Crl.M.P.No.5744 of 2021 suspended the sentence, directed the petitioners to deposit a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- to the credit of C.C.No.356 of 2017 before the learned Judicial Magistrate (Fast Track Court II), Coimbatore. In Crl.M.P.No.14469 of 2021 on 07.01.2022, this Court suspended the sentence. Further in Crl.M.P.No.5744 of 2021 directed the petitioners to deposit a sum of Rs.1,13,500/- before the learned Judicial Magistrate (Fast Track Court II), Coimbatore.



3.The learned counsel for petitioners / accused submitted that the petitioners approached the respondent who agreed to receive the cheque amount and to compound the case. The petitioners paid a sum of Rs.2,00,000/- to the respondent vide Demand Draft Cheque No.919558 dated 11.11.2025, drawn on Bank of Baroda, Thudiyalur Branch. The petitioners paid a sum of Rs.50,000/- to the respondent vide Demand Draft Cheque No.919582 dated 12.01.2026, drawn on Bank of Baroda, Thudiyalur Branch. Further, the petitioners paid a sum of Rs.1,70,000/- to the respondent vide Demand Draft Cheque No.919588 dated 29.01.2026, drawn on Bank of Baroda, Thudiyalur Branch. Thereafter, the petitioners paid a sum of Rs.1,07,000/- to the respondent vide Demand Draft Cheque No.919596 dated 10.02.2026, drawn on Bank of Baroda, Thudiyalur Branch. Thus, the petitioners paid the entire amount of Rs.5,27,000/- to the respondent.

4.The respondent/complainant agreed and received the amount of Rs.5,27,000/-. In total, respondent / complainant is satisfied with the sum of Rs.5,27,000/-. In confirmation to the same, the petitioners and respondent filed a Joint Memo of Compromise dated 16.02.2026 and the same is scanned hereunder:-



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No.207, Tex Spares Towers,
19/30, Cox Street,
Coimbatore - 09.
2. Sant.V.Sujatha Venugopal,
W/o. Venugopal,
Authorised Signatory of M/s.Sree Padma Balaji Industries
No.207, Tex Spares Towers,
19/30, Cox Street,
Coimbatore - 09.

...Petitioners

Vs

M/s. R.N.Textiles,
A Partnership Firm
Represented by its partner
K. Shanmugasundaram,
No.6, M.G.Colony,
Vadavalli,
Coimbatore - 41.

...Respondent

JOINT MEMO FILED ON BEHALF OF BOTH THE PARTIES

1. It is submitted that the above Criminal Appeals have been filed before this Hon'ble Court as against the Judgments dated 15.03.2021 passed in Crl.A.No. 124 & 125 of 2019, on the file of the IV Additional District and Sessions Judge, Coimbatore.
2. It is submitted that pending the above Crl.RC both the parties have decided to settle the dispute amicably and the respondent agreed to receive the total cheque amount of Rs.5,27,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Seven Thousands only) as full and final settlement to resolve the disputes between both of them.



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Accordingly the petitioners had paid the entire Rs.5,27,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Seven Thousands only) to the respondent herein through four number of Demand Drafts and the respondent had also executed a receipt/acknowledgment to that effect and the same is enclosed herewith. The details of the demand drafts is as follows;

S. No.	Date	Amount in Rs.	Details of DD
1.	11.11.2025	2,00,000/-	919558 drawn on Bank of Baroda, Thudiyalur Branch.
2.	12.01.2026	50,000/-	919582 drawn on Bank of Baroda, Thudiyalur Branch.
3.	29.01.2026	1,70,000/-	919588 drawn on Bank of Baroda, Thudiyalur Branch.
4.	10.02.2026	1,07,000/-	919596 drawn on Bank of Baroda, Thudiyalur Branch.
Total :-		5,27,000/-	(Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Seven Thousands only)

Under these circumstances, it is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to record this memo and pass suitable orders and thus render justice.

Dated at Chennai on this the 16th day of February, 2026.

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... Petitioners

-Vs-

M/s. R.N.Textiles,
A Partnership firm,
Represented by its partner,
K.Shanmugasundaram,
No.6, M.G.Colony,
Vadavalli, Coimbatore - 41

... Respondent

RECEIPT

Received Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two Lakhs only) from the
Appellant through Demand Draft No:919558, dated 11.11.2025 drawn
on Bank of Baroda, Thudiyalur Branch in favour of the respondent
towards part payment of the cheque's amount involved in the above
Crl.R.C.No.291 & 1137 of 2021.

[Signature]
Respondent

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Respondent

(K.Shanmugasundaram)

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A Partnership Firm,
Represented by its Partner
K.Shanmugasundaram
No.6, M.G.Colony
Vadavalli, Coimbatore - 41 -- Respondent

RECEIPT

Received Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) from the Appellant through Demand Draft No.919582, dated 12.01.2026 drawn on Bank of Baroda, Thudiyalur Branch in favour of the respondent towards part payment of the cheque's amount involved in the above Crl.R.C.No.291 & 1137 of 2021.

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K. Shanmugasundaram

Respondent
(K.Shanmugasundaram)



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19/20, Cox Street,
Coimbatore - 09.
- Petitioners

VS

M/s.R.N.Textiles,
A Partnership Firm,
Represented by its Partner,
K.Sharmugasundaram,
No.6, M.G.Colony
Vadavalli, Coimbatore - 41

-- Respondent

RECEIPT

Received Rs.1,70,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Thousand only) from the Appellant through Demand Draft No.919588, dated 29-01-2026 drawn on Bank of Baroda, Thudiyalur Branch in favour of the respondent towards part payment of the cheque's amount involved in the above Crl.R.C.No.291 & 1137 of 2021.

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Respondent
(K. Sharmugasundaram)



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K.Shanmugasundaram,
No.6, M.G.Colony,
Vadavalli, Coimbatore - 41

...Respondent

RECEIPT

Received Rs.1,07,000/- (Rupees One lakh seven thousand only)
from the Appellant through Demand Draft No:919596, dated
10.02.2026 drawn on Bank of Baroda, Thudiyalur Branch in favour of
the respondent towards part payment of the cheque's amount involved
in the above Crl.R.C.No.291 & 1137 of 2021.

[Signature] 11.02.26

Respondent

(K.Shanmugasundaram)

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Bank of Baroda
THUDIALUR BRANCH - PARTIAL
ACCOUNT NO. BARODATHUD
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Pay to the order of K. SHANMUGASUNDRAM
On Demand Pay Rs. One Lakh Seventy Thousand only***
Rupees

For Bank of Baroda
THUDIALUR BRANCH

FOR VALUE RECEIVED
Not Over INR. 1,70,000.00
Purchaser Name: SUJATHA VE
SERVICE BR
COIMBATORE
BRANCH / Branch Manager
OD/2025GH
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Bank of Baroda
THUDIALUR BRANCH - PARTIAL
ACCOUNT NO. BARODATHUD
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DEMAND 2 0 0 1 2 0 2 6
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Pay to the order of K. SHANMUGASUNDRAM
On Demand Pay Rs. One Lakh Seven Thousand only***
Rupees

For Bank of Baroda
THUDIALUR BRANCH

FOR VALUE RECEIVED
Not Over INR. 1,07,000.00
Purchaser Name: SUJATHA VE
SERVICE BR
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BRANCH / Branch Manager
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5.Today, both the petitioners and the respondent appeared together through video conferencing from Advocate Chamber in Coimbatore and their identity is not disputed and confirmed the compromise arrived at between



them. The learned counsel for petitioner and the respondent filed a Petition under Section 147 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 in Crl.M.P.No.3576 of 2026 for compounding the offence, which was signed by the petitioners and the respondent and by their respective counsels and the same is ordered.

6. In view of the compromise arrived at between the parties and considering the petition under Section 147 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, the offence under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act in C.C. Nos.355 & 356 of 2017 is compounded.

7. In view of the same, the Joint Memo of Compromise dated 16.02.2026 is taken on file. The Criminal Revision Case is allowed in terms of the Joint Memo of Compromise dated 16.02.2026. The conviction and sentence imposed on the petitioners vide judgment dated 15.03.2021 made in Crl.A.Nos.124 & 125 of 2019 on the file of the learned IV Additional District and Sessions Judge, Coimbatore, confirming the judgment dated 08.03.2019 made in C.C.Nos.355 & 356 of 2017 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Fast Track Court, Magisterial level II, Coimbatore, is set aside and the revision petitioners are acquitted of the offence under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act.

8. The learned counsel for the petitioners / accused submitted that the entire amount has been paid as stated above. The amount paid at the time of



suspension of sentence before the trial Court if any, the same can be returned to the petitioners along with accrued interest. The learned counsel for the respondent / complainant has got no objection. In view of the above, the trial Court is directed to return the amount along with the accrued interest, if any to the petitioners / accused on production of this order. Dispensing notice to the respondent / complainant.

9. Accordingly, the Criminal Revision Cases are allowed.

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To:-

- 1.IV Additional District and Sessions Judge, Coimbatore,
- 2.Judicial Magistrate ML (Fast Track Court II), Coimbatore,

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