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Crl.M.P.No.5905 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06.04.2026

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

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in

Crl.A.No.390 of 2026

V.Kannan

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Superintendent of Police,
CBI/ACB/Chennai.

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Miscellaneous Petition is filed under Section 430 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, to suspend the sentence of imprisonment passed by the learned XI Additional Special Judge for CBI Cases relating to Banks and Financial Institutions, Chennai, in C.C.No.51 of 2011 dated 03.03.2026 (wrongly stated in the petition as 03/04/2026) and release the petitioner/appellant/A2 on bail pending disposal of the criminal appeal.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Sivananthan

For Respondent : Mr.K.Srinivasan
Special Public Prosecutor (CBI)

ORDER

This Criminal Miscellaneous Petition has been filed seeking suspension of sentence of imprisonment, passed by the learned XI Additional Special Judge for CBI Cases relating to Banks and Financial



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Institutions, Chennai, in C.C.No.51 of 2011, vide judgment dated 03.03.2026.

2. At the outset, it needs to be pointed out that the date of the impugned judgment passed by the trial Court has been wrongly stated in the prayer as “03.04.2026” instead of “03.03.2026”. Hence, this Court has corrected the date of the impugned judgment in the prayer portion and also in the preceding paragraph.

3. The conviction and sentence imposed against the petitioner/appellant (A2), vide impugned judgment are as follows:-

<i>Under Section</i>	<i>Sentence</i>
120B r/w 420 IPC and under Section 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act	one year of rigorous imprisonment and fine of Rs.1,000/-, in default, to undergo three months simple imprisonment.
420 of IPC	one year of rigorous imprisonment and fine of Rs.1,000/-, in default, to undergo three months simple imprisonment.
13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act	one year of rigorous imprisonment and fine of Rs.1,000/-, in default, to undergo three months simple imprisonment.
The sentences were ordered to run concurrently.	



4. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner/appellant submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that there are arguable points available in the Criminal Appeal, which is unlikely to be taken up for final hearing in the near future and the petitioner/appellant has a fair chance of succeeding in the appeal. He also submitted that the fine amount has been paid by the petitioner/appellant on 03.03.2026. He further submitted that the trial Court has already suspended the sentence imposed on the petitioner/appellant till 03.04.2026. He also submitted that the petitioner is a sexagenarian having age-related ailments. Hence, the sentence imposed on the petitioner/appellant may be suspended and he may be enlarged on bail.

5. Learned Special Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent opposed the grant of suspension of sentence stating that the petitioner/A2, who was working as a Branch Manager in Union Bank of India, had entered into a criminal conspiracy with the other accused and by forging and falsifying the documents such as chitta/adangal, valuation certificates, FMB copies and encumbrance certificates, cheated the bank and caused a huge financial loss. He further submitted that the trial Court, after taking into consideration the oral and documentary evidence produced



by the prosecution, rightly found the petitioner/appellant guilty and convicted and sentenced him, as stated above.

6. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner/appellant and Special Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent and perused the materials on record.

7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side, this Court is inclined to suspend the sentence of imprisonment imposed on the petitioner. Accordingly, till the disposal of the appeal, the relief suspension of sentence is granted to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:-

“(i) The petitioner/appellant 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 learned XI Additional Special Judge for CBI Cases relating to Banks and Financial Institutions, Chennai;

(ii) The petitioner/appellant shall appear before the trial Court on the first working day of every English calendar month at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.”



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8. It is made clear that in the event of the petitioner/appellant not being able to appear before the trial Court on the specified date, he shall be duly represented by his counsel, who shall file an application under Section 317 Cr.P.C before the trial Court and the petitioner/appellant shall appear before the trial Court on such other date(s) as directed by the trial Court.

9. Accordingly, this Criminal Miscellaneous Petition stands ordered.

06.04.2026

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To

1. The Sessions Judge,
XI Additional Special Judge for CBI Cases
relating to Banks and Financial Institutions,
Chennai.
2. The Inspector of Police,
CBI/ACB/Chennai.
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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