



Crl.M.P.No.6706 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16.04.2026

CORAM:

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

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in

Crl.A.No.450 of 2026

1. B.Pratheek

2. B.Arivukili

3. P.Chinnapappa

...Petitioners

Vs.

State rep. by,
The Superintendent of Police,
CBI, ACB, Chennai.

...Respondent

Criminal Miscellaneous Petition is filed under Section 430 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, seeking to suspend the sentence of imprisonment passed by the trial court, namely the Court of XI Additional Special Judge for CBI cases relating to Banks and Financial Institutions, Chennai in C.C.No.48 of 2011 dated 27.02.2026 and release of the petitioners/appellants/A-3, 4 & A-7 on bail pending disposal of the appeal.

For Petitioners : Mr.T.Sivananthan
for Ms.M.Anitha

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



ORDER

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This criminal miscellaneous petition has been filed seeking suspension of sentences of imprisonment, imposed by the learned XI Additional Special Judge for CBI Cases relating to Banks and Financial Institutions, Chennai, in C.C.No.48 of 2011, vide judgment dated 27.02.2026.

2. The conviction and sentence imposed on the petitioners (A3, 4 & 7), vide impugned judgment are as follows:-

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

3. The submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioners are as follows:-

3.1. The petitioners are innocent and they have been arrayed as A3, 4 & 7 in C.C.No.48 of 2011.



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3.2. 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 petitioners have a fair chance of succeeding in the appeal.

3.3. The trial Court, suspended the sentences imposed on the petitioners till 28.03.2026 and this Court, in a case involving the offences of similar nature, vide order dated 07.04.2026 made in Crl.M.P.No.6200 of 2026 in Crl.A.No.415 of 2026, suspended the sentence imposed on the accused therein. Hence, the sentences imposed on the petitioners also may be suspended.

4. Learned Special Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent opposed for suspension of sentences imposed on the petitioners stating that the petitioners, in collusion with other accused, by forging and falsifying the documents, 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 petitioners guilty and convicted and sentenced them, as stated above, which cannot be said to be erroneous.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials on record.



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6. 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 petitioners. Accordingly, till the disposal of the appeal, the relief of suspension of sentence is granted to the petitioners, subject to the following conditions:-

“(i) The petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) each, with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the XI Additional Special Judge for CBI Cases relating to Banks and Financial Institutions, Chennai;

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

(iii) In the event of the petitioners not being able to appear before the trial Court on the specified date, they shall be duly represented by their counsel, who shall file an application under Section 317 Cr.P.C before the trial Court and the petitioners shall appear before the trial Court on such other date(s) as directed by the trial Court.”



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7. Accordingly, this criminal miscellaneous petition stands ordered.

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To:

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



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