



Crl.M.P.Nos.8683 and 8868 of 2026 in Crl.R.C.No.1099 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27-05-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ

CRL MP NOS.8683 and 8868 of 2026

in CRL RC No.1099 of 2026

Venkatesan

... Petitioner

Vs

Vijaya

... Respondent

Prayer in Crl.M.P.No.8683 of 2026: To suspend the sentence and conviction imposed upon the petitioner by judgment dated 07.02.2026 made in Crl.A.No.30 of 2025 on the file of the Additional District and Sessions Judge, Dharmapuri, confirming the Judgment dated 20.12.2024 passed in S.T.C. No.144 of 2022 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate Fast Track Court, Dharmapuri.

Prayer in Crl.M.P.No.8868 of 2026: To exempt the petitioner from surrender pursuant to the conviction and sentence imposed upon him in S.T.C. No.144 of 2022 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate Fast Track Court, Dharmapuri dated 20.12.2024, which had been confirmed in Crl.A.No.30 of 2025 on the file of the Additional District and Sessions Judge, Dharmapuri by judgment dated 07.02.2026 pending disposal of the main criminal revision case.

For Petitioner(s)

: M/s. Rajeswari Karthikeyan

COMMON ORDER



Heard M/s. Rajeswari Karthikeyan, learned Counsel for petitioner.

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2. Criminal Miscellaneous Petitions have been filed praying to suspend the sentence imposed upon petitioner by the Judicial Magistrate Fast Track Court (ML), Dharmapuri in S.T.C. No.144 of 2022 dated 20.12.2024, which was confirmed by the Additional District and Sessions Judge, Dharmapuri in Crl.A.No.30 of 2025, dated 07.02.2026 and to exempt the petitioner from surrendering before the Court below.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner would submit that petitioner was convicted by Judicial Magistrate Fast Track Court (ML), Dharmapuri for offence under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act in S.T.C.No.144 of 2022 dated 20.12.2024 and sentenced him to undergo one year Simple Imprisonment and to pay the cheque amount of Rs.8,50,000/- as compensation to the complainant u/s. 357(3) of Cr.P.C within a period of 2 months from 20.12.2024, failing with the petitioner has to undergo default sentence of simple imprisonment of 6 months. Aggrieved, petitioner filed criminal appeal in Crl.A.No.30 of 2025 before Additional District and Sessions Judge, Dharmapuri and the lower Appellate Court, by the judgment dated 07.02.2026 dismissed the appeal confirming the conviction and sentence passed by the trial Court. Aggrieved, petitioner filed



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Crl.R.C.No.1099 of 2026 before this Court along with the instant miscellaneous petitions seeking suspension of sentence and exemption from surrender.

4. Learned Counsel for petitioner would further submit that petitioner has raised substantial grounds in the above revision, which requires consideration; and that to show his bonafides, petitioner is willing to deposit 50% of the cheque amount, before the trial Court. Hence, he prayed for granting suspension of sentence to the petitioner and exempting the petitioner from surrendering before the Trial Court .

5. Considering the fact that there are arguable points raised in revision and taking into consideration, facts and circumstances of the case and that it is likely to take a while before the revision is finally heard, this Court is inclined to grant suspension of sentence and exempt the petitioner from surrendering before the trial court, on the following conditions, till the disposal of the above Criminal Revision:

(i) Petitioner is directed to deposit 50% of cheque amount to the credit of S.T.C.No.144 of 2022 dated 20.12.2024 on the file of Judicial Magistrate (Fast Track Court), Magisterial Level, Dharmapuri within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt



of a copy of this order, failing which the sentence suspended shall stand automatically vacated and respondent is at liberty to execute the sentence imposed by the trial Court against the petitioner in the manner known to law;

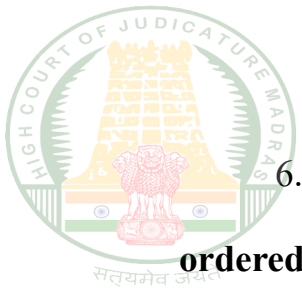
(ii) Any amount already paid shall be deducted while reckoning 50% of cheque amount directed in clause (i);

(iii) On such deposit, petitioner is directed to 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 Judicial Magistrate (Fast Track Court), Magisterial Level, Dharmapuri;

(iv) Petitioner and sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the bond and the above said Court may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

(v) Petitioner shall appear and sign before the trial Court, on the first working day of every month at 10.30 a.m., until the disposal of the revision;

(vi) In case, if petitioner is not able to appear before the trial Court on that day, he shall make arrangements to file an application under Section 317 Cr.P.C. (corresponding to 355 B.N.S.S) 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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6. Accordingly, these Criminal Miscellaneous Petitions are
ordered.

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To

1. The Additional District and Sessions Judge, Dharmapuri.
2. The Judicial Magistrate (Fast Track Court), Magisterial Level, Dharmapuri.

MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ, J.

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3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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