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CrI.O.P.No.790 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 19.01.2026**

CORAM:

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

**CrI.O.P.No.790 of 2026**

K.Karthik

... Petitioner

Vs.

B.Priya

... Respondent

**PRAYER** : Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita/Section 482 of Cr.P.C., to set aside the order of the lower appellate Court dated 18.12.2025 passed in CrI.M.P.No.2 of 2025 in CrI.A.No.1505 of 2025 on the file of the XVIII Additional District Judge, City Civil Court, Chennai, namely the direction to the petitioner to deposit 20 % of the compensation amount.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Suresh Kumar

**ORDER**

The present Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking to set aside the order passed by the XVIII Additional District Judge, City Civil Court, Chennai, dated 18.12.2025, in CrI.M.P.No.2 of 2025 in CrI.A.No.1505 of 2025.



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2. The brief facts of the case are as follows :-

2.1. A complaint under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act was filed by the respondent against the petitioner before the learned XXXV Metropolitan Magistrate, FTC-II, Egmore, Allikulam, Chennai, in S.T.C.No.9714 of 2025.

2.2. On 30.07.2025, the trial Court found the petitioner/accused guilty, convicted him and sentenced him to undergo one year simple imprisonment and further directed him to pay the cheque amount of Rs.16,00,000/- as compensation, in default to undergo two months simple imprisonment.

2.3. Against the said judgment, the petitioner preferred an appeal in Crl.A.No.1505 of 2025 along with a petition in Crl.M.P.No.2 of 2025 seeking suspension of sentence. On 18.12.2025, the XVIII Additional District Judge, City Civil Court, Chennai, while suspending the sentence imposed on the petitioner, directed him to deposit 20 % of the compensation amount before the trial Court within sixty days from the date of the said order. Aggrieved by the same, the present petition has been filed.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is not in a position to mobilize such a huge amount. He further submitted that the petitioner has a good and meritorious case in appeal.

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Therefore, he prayed that the condition directing the petitioner to deposit 20 % of the compensation amount may be set aside.

4. Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the materials available on record, this Court is of the view that the appellate Court, while holding that the petitioner/appellant has made out arguable points in the main appeal, has suspended the sentence and imposed certain conditions. However, taking into account the facts and circumstances of the case and the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner that there are arguable grounds in the appeal and that he has a good case on merits, this Court is inclined to modify condition imposed by the appellate Court in Crl.M.P.No.2 of 2025 in Crl.A.No.1505 of 2025 vide order dated 18.12.2025. Accordingly, the condition to deposit 20 % of the compensation amount is hereby modified to 10 %. It is also made clear that all other conditions remain unaltered.

5. At this juncture, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner prayed that some reasonable time may be granted to the petitioner to comply with the said condition.



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6. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to deposit 10 % of the compensation amount before the trial Court within a period of **four weeks** from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

7. With the above directions, this Criminal Original Petition stands disposed of.

**19.01.2026**

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

To

1. The XVIII Additional District Judge, City Civil Court, Chennai.
2. The XXXV Metropolitan Magistrate,  
FTC-II, Egmore, Allikulam, Chennai,



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**A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA, J.**

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