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CRL MP(MD) No.579 of 2026
BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 09-01-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ

CRL MP(MD) No.579 of 2026

in

CRL RC(MD) No.44 of 2026

S.Raja

Petitioner(s)

Vs

M. Balamurugan

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.S.Ramasamy

Prayer for Crl.M.P(MD)No.579/2026:

To enlarge the petitioners on bail by suspending the sentence imposed by the Fast Track Judicial Magistrate Court, Srivilliputur in S.T.C. No. 632/2022 by Judgement dt. 25.08.2023 which was confirmed by the Principal District and Sessions Judge, Virudhunagar District at Srivilliputhur in Crl.A.No.128 of 2023 by judgement dated 27.10.2025, pending disposal of the Criminal Revision Petition.

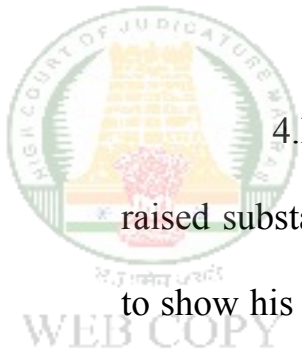
ORDER

Heard Mr.S.Ramasamy, learned Counsel for the petitioner.



2.Criminal Miscellaneous Petition has been filed praying to suspend the sentence imposed upon petitioner by Judicial Magistrate Fast Track Court, Srivilliputhur in S.T.C.No.632 of 2022 dated 25.08.2023, which was confirmed by Principal District and Sessions Judge, Virudhunagar District at Srivilliputhur in Crl.A.No.128 of 2023, dated 27.10.2025.

3.Learned counsel for petitioner would submit that petitioner was convicted by Judicial Magistrate Fast Track Court, Srivilliputhur for offence under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act in S.T.C.No.632 of 2022 dated 25.08.2023 and sentenced him to undergo one year Simple Imprisonment and to pay fine of Rs.5,000/-, in default to undergo two months simple imprisonment. Aggrieved, petitioner filed criminal appeal in Crl.A.No.128 of 2023 before Principal District and Sessions Judge, Virudhunagar District at Srivilliputhur and the lower Appellate Court, by the judgment dated 27.10.2025 dismissed the appeal confirming the conviction and sentence passed by the trial Court. Aggrieved, petitioner filed Crl.R.C.(MD)No.44 of 2026 before this Court along with the instant miscellaneous petition seeking suspension of sentence and bail.



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.

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 heard¹, this Court is inclined to grant suspension of sentence, bail to the petitioner, 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.632 of 2022 dated 25.08.2023 on the file of Judicial Magistrate Fast Track Court, Srivilliputhur, 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 be enlarged on bail on his executing 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 Judicial Magistrate Fast Track Court, Srivilliputhur;

¹ Atul Alias Ashutosh vs State of Madhya Pradesh, (2024) 3 SCC 663



iv) Petitioner and sureties shall affix their photographs and Left 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 Judicial Magistrate Fast Track Court, Srivilliputhur, 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 any 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.

6. Accordingly, this Criminal Miscellaneous Petition is **ordered**.

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To

1.The Principal District and Sessions Judge,
Virudhunagar District at Srivilliputhur.

2.The Judicial Magistrate Fast Track Court, Srivilliputhur.

3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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