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CRL MP(MD) No.2692 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 05-02-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ

CRL MP(MD) No.2692 of 2026

IN

CRL RC(MD) No.175 of 2026

S.Stellamary

Petitioner(s)
in both petitions

Vs

M.Ponnusamy

Respondent(s)
in both petitions

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.R.Narayanan

Prayer for Crl.M.P(MD)No.2692/2026:

To Suspend the Sentence imposed vide judgement in C.C.No.339/2019 dated 25.03.2024 passed by learned Judicial Magistrate, Fast Track Court at Magistrate Level, Karur and confirming the Criminal Appeal No.168 of 2024 vide judgment dated 06.10.2025 passed by the District and Sessions Judge, Karur and enlarge petitioner on bail pending disposal of the above Criminal Revision Case.

ORDER

Heard Mr.R.Narayanan, learned Counsel for the petitioner.



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2.Criminal Miscellaneous Petition has been filed praying to suspend the sentence imposed upon petitioner by Judicial Magistrate, Fast Track Court @ Magisterial Level, Karur in C.C.No.339 of 2019 dated 25.03.2024, which was confirmed by District and Sessions Court, Karur in Crl.A.No.168 of 2024, dated 06.10.2025.

3.Learned counsel for petitioner would submit that petitioner was convicted by Judicial Magistrate, Fast Track Court @ Magisterial Level, Karur for offence under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act in C.C.No.339 of 2019 dated 25.03.2024 and sentenced to undergo one year Simple Imprisonment and to pay compensation of Rs.6,00,000/- to respondent within a period of one month, in-default, to undergo one month simple imprisonment. Aggrieved, petitioner filed criminal appeal in Crl.A.No.168 of 2024 before District and Sessions Court, Karur and the lower Appellate Court, by the judgment dated 06.10.2025 dismissed the appeal by confirming the conviction and sentence passed by the trial Court. Aggrieved, petitioner filed Crl.R.C.(MD)No.175 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 and bail, 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 C.C.No.339 of 2019 dated 25.03.2024 on the file of Judicial Magistrate, Fast Track Court @ Magisterial Level, Karur, 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);

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



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(iii) On such deposit, petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail on her 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 @ Magisterial Level, Karur;

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 Judicial Magistrate, Fast Track Court @ Magisterial Level, Karur, on the first working day of every month at 10.30 a.m., until the disposal of the revision;

vi) In case, petitioner is not able to appear before the said Court on any day, she 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 said Court on any other day in lieu of the date of her absence, as directed by the said Court.

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

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1.The Judicial Magistrate, Fast Track Court @ Magisterial Level,
Karur.

2.The District and Sessions Judge,
Karur.



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