



CRL MP(MD) Nos.4926 and 4930 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 27.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ

CRL MP(MD) Nos. 4926 and 4930 of 2026

IN

CRL RC(MD) NO. 398 of 2026

P.K.Ravichandran

Petitioner(s)

Vs

**M/s.Ambikapathy Auto Finance,
Represented by its Working Partner,
R.Kathiresan.**

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.N.Mohideen Basha

Prayer in Crl.M.P.(MD).No.4926 of 2026:

To Suspend the Sentence imposed in the judgment passed by the Judicial Magistrate (Fast Track Court at Magisterial Level), Karur in C.C.No.458 of 2017 dated 21.10.2024, which was confirmed by the District and Sessions Court, Karur in C.A.No.213 of 2024 dated 03.02.2026 and enlarge the petitioner on bail pending disposal of the above said Criminal Revision Petition.

Prayer in CRL MP(MD).No.4930 of 2026 :

To exempt the petitioner from surrender in view of his conviction in Judicial Magistrate (Fast Track Court at Magisterial Level), Karur in C.C.No.458 of 2017 dated 21.10.2024, which was confirmed by the District and Sessions Court, Karur in C.A.No.213 of 2024 dated 03.02.2026.

ORDER

Heard Mr.N.Mohideen Basha, learned counsel for the petitioner.



2. Criminal Miscellaneous Petitions have been filed praying to suspend the sentence imposed upon petitioner by Judicial Magistrate (Fast Track Court at Magisterial Level), Karur in C.C.No.458 of 2017 dated 21.10.2024, which was confirmed by District and Sessions Court, Karur in C.A.No.213 of 2024 dated 03.02.2026 and to exempt the petitioner from surrendering before Court below.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner would submit that petitioner was convicted by Judicial Magistrate (Fast Track Court at Magisterial Level), Karur for offence under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act in C.C.No.458 of 2017 dated 21.10.2024 and sentenced to undergo one year simple imprisonment and to pay compensation of Rs.12,00,000/- to the respondent within one month, in default, to undergo simple imprisonment for one month. Aggrieved, petitioner filed criminal appeal in Criminal Appeal in C.A.No.213 of 2024 before District and Sessions Court, Karur and the lower Appellate Court by judgment dated 03.02.2026 dismissed the appeal confirming the conviction and sentence passed by the trial Court. Challenging the above conviction and sentence, petitioner filed CrI.R.C. (MD)No.398 of 2026 before this Court along with the instant miscellaneous petitions seeking suspension of sentence, bail 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.

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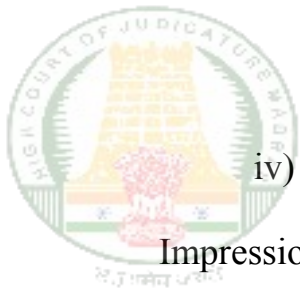
5. Considering the fact that there are arguable points raised in revision and taking into consideration, facts and circumstances of the case and that it is likely to take a while before the revision is finally heard¹, this Court is inclined to grant suspension of sentence, bail and exempt the petitioner 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 C.C.No.458 of 2017 dated 21.10.2024 on the file of Judicial Magistrate (Fast Track Court at 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);

(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 at Magisterial Level), Karur;

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



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 passbook to ensure their identity;

v) Petitioner shall appear and sign before Judicial Magistrate (Fast Track Court at 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, 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 said Court on any other day in lieu of the date of his absence, as directed by the said Court.

6. Accordingly, these Criminal Miscellaneous Petitions are **ordered**.

27.02.2026

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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate,
(Fast Track Court at Magisterial Level),
Karur.

2.The District and Sessions Court,
Karur District.

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