



**CRL MP(MD). No.5901 of 2026**

**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

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**Dated : 30/03/2026**

**CORAM**

**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH  
AND  
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN**

**CrI.M.P(MD). No.5901 of 2026**

**in**

**CrI.A(MD).No.20 of 2026**

Muthupandi

... Petitioner

**Vs**

The Inspector of Police,  
Thiruverumbur Police Station,  
Tiruchirappalli District.  
In Crime No.221/2022.

... Respondent

PRAYER :- To suspend the sentence and conviction made in S.C.No.104 of 2023 on the file of the learned II Additional District and Sessions Judge, Tiruchirappalli, dated 30.10.2025 pending disposal of the instant Criminal Appeal.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Ananda Kumar

For Respondent : Mr.E.Antony Sahaya Prabahar  
Additional Public Prosecutor



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## **ORDER**

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**[Order of the Court was made by N.ANAND VENKATESH, J.]**

This petition has been filed seeking suspension of the sentence of imprisonment imposed on the petitioner by the learned II Additional District and Sessions Judge, Tiruchirappalli, in S.C.No.104 of 2023, by judgment dated 30.10.2025, to enlarge the petitioner on bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the accused developed relationship with a women residing in the same area, which was questioned by the deceased. On the fateful day, i.e., on 29.06.2022, the accused is said to have gone to the house of that woman and there was a wordy quarrel between the deceased and the accused, during which the accused is said to have inflicted cut and stab injuries on the deceased. As a result, the deceased died. An FIR came to be registered in Crime No. 221 of 2022 for the offence under Section 302 IPC.

3. The Trial Court, on considering the facts and circumstances of the case and upon appreciation of oral and documentary evidence, came



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to the conclusion that the prosecution had proved the case beyond reasonable doubt and accordingly convicted the petitioner for the offence under Section 302 IPC and sentenced him to undergo life imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs.1,000/-, in default, to undergo 6 months simple imprisonment.

4. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent.

5. P.W.1 to P.W.4 are the eyewitnesses examined on the side of the prosecution. P.W.1 and P.W.2 are the parents of the deceased. P.W.3 and P.W.4 are the neighbours. The main ground that was urged by the learned counsel for the petitioner is that PW1 and PW2 could not have been present at the scene of occurrence and that their very presence is questionable. Insofar as PW3 and PW4 are concerned, even according to them, there was a wordy altercation between the accused and the deceased, which ultimately led to the accused attacking the deceased.



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6. In our considered view, even if the prosecution has made out a case that it was the accused, who had attacked the deceased and caused his death, it must be seen, on the basis of the evidence of the witnesses, whether this case can be brought within any of the exceptions to Section 300 IPC.

7. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor, on instructions, submitted that there are no previous cases against the petitioner. A *prima facie* case has been made out and the petitioner has been in incarceration from 30.08.2025.

8. Considering the fact that there are no previous cases against the petitioner and that it will take some more time for this Court to take up the appeal for final hearing, this Court is inclined to grant suspension of sentence by suspending the sentence imposed on the petitioner. Accordingly, this petition is allowed subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail on executing a bond for Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only)



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with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned II Additional District and Sessions Judge, Tiruchirappalli.

ii. The sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Trial Court may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank passbook to ensure their identity.

iii. The petitioner shall appear and sign before the trial Court at 10.30 a.m., on the first working day of every English calender month, till the disposal of the Criminal Appeal.

**[N.A.V., J.] & [K.K.R.K., J.]**

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NCC : Yes / No

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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,  
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