



Crl.M.P.(MD)No.9776 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 07.05.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

CRL MP(MD) No.9776 of 2026

in

CRL A(MD) No.557 of 2026

R.Jeganathan

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State Of Tamil Nadu,
Rep by The Inspector of Police,
Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Unit,
Tiruchirappalli,
Tiruchirappalli District.
Crime No.19 of 2009.

... Respondent

PRAYER:-

To enlarge the petitioner on bail by suspending the sentence imposed upon in Special Case No.82 of 2012 on the file of the Learned Special Judge for Vigilance and Anti Corruption cases, Tiruchirappalli, Tiruchirappalli District by Judgment dated 30.03.2026 pending disposal of the criminal appeal.

For Petitioner : M/s.M.Shunmalar

For Respondent : Mr.A.S.Abul Kalaam Azad
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)



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ORDER

This criminal miscellaneous petition has been filed, praying to suspend the sentence imposed upon the petitioner by the learned Special Judge for Vigilance and Anti Corruption cases, Tiruchirappalli, Tiruchirappalli District in Spl.C.No.82 of 2012 dated 30.03.2026.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner was convicted by the learned Special Judge for Vigilance and Anti Corruption cases, Tiruchirappalli, Tiruchirappalli District for the offences punishable under Sections 7, 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 in Spl.C.No.82 of 2012 dated 30.03.2026 and sentenced as follows:-

- (i) to undergo two years rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs.5,000/-, in default to undergo three months simple imprisonment, for offence under Section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988;
- (ii) to undergo two years rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs.5,000/-, in default to undergo three months simple imprisonment, for offence under Section 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988;



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3. Challenging the above conviction and sentence, petitioner has filed Criminal Appeal in Crl.A(MD)No.557 of 2026 before this Court along with the instant miscellaneous petition seeking suspension of sentence and bail.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that there are several infirmities in the prosecution case and also there are contradictions in material particulars between the evidence of the prosecution witnesses. He further submitted that the trial Court has already suspended the sentence for a period of one month by an order dated 30.03.2026 in Cr.M.P.No.141 of 2026 and was further extended till 15.05.2026 by an order dated 30.04.2026 in Crl.M.P.No. 187 of 2026.

5. This Court has carefully considered the rival contentions put forward by either side and also perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the fact that there are arguable points raised in appeal and taking into consideration, facts and circumstances of the case and that it is likely to take a while before the appeal is finally heard, this Court is inclined to grant suspension of sentence and bail, on the following conditions:-



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i) The petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)** with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the Special Judge for Prevention of Corruption Act Cases, Tiruchirappalli;

ii) 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;

iii) Petitioner shall appear and sign before the learned Special Judge for Vigilance and Anti Corruption cases, Tiruchirappalli, Tiruchirappalli District, on the first working day of every English calendar month at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

iv) 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.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Miscellaneous Petitions is ordered.

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1. Special Judge for Vigilance and Anti Corruption cases,
Tiruchirappalli, Tiruchirappalli District
2. The Inspector of Police,
Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Unit,
Tiruchirappalli,
Tiruchirappalli District.
Crime No.19 of 2009.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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