



Crl.MP(MD) No.7727 of 2025 in
Crl.A(MD) No.676 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED :08.04.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

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in

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Ranjith

... Petitioner

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep. by the Inspector of Police,
Viruveedu Police Station,
Dindigul District.

... Respondent

Prayer :- This Criminal Miscellaneous Petition is filed under Section 430(3) of BNSS, 2023 to suspend the sentence imposed by the learned Fast Track Mahila Court, Dindigul in Spl.SC No.29 of 2024, dated 02.05.2025 and enlarge him on bail pending appeal.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Muniyandi
For Respondent : Mr.S.Prabhu
Government Advocate (Crl.side)



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ORDER

The petitioner is the sole accused in Spl.SC No.29 of 2024 on the file of the Fast Track Mahila Court, Dindigul. He was tried for the offence under Sections 450 & 366 of IPC and Section 6 of POCSO Act, 2012. The trial Court has found the petitioner guilty, convicted and sentenced as under:-

Sl.No	Sections	Punishment	Fine amount	Default
1.	366 IPC	7 years Rigorous imprisonment	Rs.5,000/-	Three months simple imprisonment
2.	Section 6 of POCSO Act	20 years Rigorous imprisonment	Rs.5,000/-	Six months simple imprisonment

As against the conviction and sentence imposed by the trial Court in Spl.SC No.29 of 2024, dated 02.05.2025, the petitioner has filed a Criminal Appeal in Crl.A(MD) No.676 of 2025 and the same was admitted by this Court today. Along with the appeal, the petitioner has moved this petition, seeking suspension of sentence.



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2.The case of the prosecution is that a case in Crime No.101 of 2023 has been registered on 19.12.2023, on the complaint of the parents of the victim girl that she was missing. Subsequently, she was rescued from this petitioner. She has stated that the petitioner has sexually assaulted her by giving false promise to marry and made her pregnant. The child was aborted. It was proved by the prosecution that this petitioner was the biological father of the child through DNA test. Hence, the case.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that it is only a love affair between the petitioner and the victim girl. Without realizing the consequences and the exact age of the victim girl, the petitioner had physical relationship with the victim girl. He further submits that the petitioner has truly loved the victim girl and even now, he is prepared to marry her.



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4.In view of the above submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, and due to passage of time and that the victim girl might have crossed the age of 18 at present, this Court has suggested the respondent police to ascertain from the victim girl as to whether she is willing to marry the petitioner. The victim girl has stated that she is not willing to marry the petitioner.

5.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant suspension of sentence to this petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the substantive sentence of imprisonment alone is suspended pending disposal of the criminal appeal and the petitioner is ordered to be enlarged on bail on the following conditions:-

- i. The petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) with two sureties each for a like



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sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judge, Fast Track
Mahila Court, Dindigul.

- ii. The persons, who are offering surety to the petitioner must file an affidavit of undertaking before the respondent police, ensuring that the petitioner would not visit the occurrence village and he will be available during the final hearing of the appeal. The petitioner shall also file an affidavit to that effect.
- iii. The petitioner shall stay at Chennai and report before the Inspector of Police, F2 Egmore Police Station, Chennai, daily at 10.30 a.m, until further orders.
- iv. In the event, if there is any change in address of the petitioner, the same shall be duly informed to the respondent police without fail.



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v. If the petitioner violates any of the above conditions, it is open to the respondent police to file an application to cancel the bail granted to him.

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To

1.The Fast Track Mahila Court, Dindigul

2.The Inspector of Police,
Viruveedu Police Station,
Dindigul District.

3.The Inspector of Police,
F2 Egmore Police Station,
Chennai.

4.The Superintendent,
Central Prison,
Madurai.

Copy to

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



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