

**IN THE XVII ADDITIONAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS COURT AT
CHENNAI**

**Present : Tr. E. Bakthavachalu, B.A., M.L., D.C.F.Sc.,
XVII Additional District and Sessions Judge,
Wednesday, the 25th day of February 2026**

Crl.M.P. No.01/2026

in

Crl.A. No.255/2026

Against

S.T.C. No.790/2022

**(On the file of the XXXVII Metropolitan Magistrate, Fast Track Court-
IV, George Town, Chennai)**

S. Baskar, M/Age 37,
S/o. Sekar

... Appellant / Accused

... Vs ...

Baranidharan, M/Age 43,
S/o. Ramalingam

... Respondent / Complainant

This petition is coming on this day before me for hearing in the presence of M/s. S. Jeganathan, R. Dinesh Kumar, M. Shankar Kumar, S. Gnanaprakash, D. Priyadarshini and N. Parimala, counsel for the Appellant / Accused and upon hearing the petitioner side and on perusal of records, this Court delivers the following :

ORDER

The Petitioner seeks suspension of sentence pending disposal of the appeal.

2. The Appellant / Accused herein is the accused in S.T.C. No.790/2022 on the file of the XXXVII Metropolitan Magistrate, Fast Track Court-IV, George Town, Chennai. On 23.01.2026 Judgment was pronounced in the above case and the Appellant / Petitioner was found guilty U/s.138 of N.I. Act and sentenced to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of 8 months and to pay the cheque amount Rs.36,00,000/- as compensation to the complainant in default, shall undergo simple imprisonment for four months.

3. The Learned counsel for the Appellant submits that there are substantial grounds in the appeal and he has a fair chance of success in the appeal. The learned trial court already suspended the sentence till 20.02.2026.

4. Considering the grounds of appeal and the arguments of the counsel for the Appellant, this court inclines to suspend the sentence imposed by the learned XXXVII Metropolitan Magistrate, Fast Track Court-IV, George Town, Chennai in S.T.C. No.790/2022, till disposal of the appeal, on the following conditions :

(i) The Appellant / Accused is ordered to be enlarged on bail on his executing a bond for Rs.15,000/- with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned XXXVII Metropolitan Magistrate, Fast Track Court-IV, George Town, Chennai on or before 11.03.2026.

(ii) The Appellant / Accused shall deposit 20% of the compensation amount in the credit of S.T.C. No.790/2022 within the period of 60 days as per Sec.148 of N.I. Act (Amendment Act), 2018.

Dictated to the Steno-Typist, transcribed by her in computer, corrected and pronounced by me in the open court on this the 25th day of February 2026.

XVII Additional Sessions Judge,
City Civil Court, Chennai.

Copy to :

The XXXVII Metropolitan Magistrate,
Fast Track Court-IV,
George Town, Chennai.