

**III ADDITIONAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS COURT,
TIRUVALLUR AT POONAMALLEE.**

Present : **Thiru.C.VIJAYAKUMAR, B.A., B.L.,**
III Additional District & Sessions Judge

Wednesday the 10th day of December 2025

Crl.M.P No. 02/2025

in

Crl.M.P No. 01/2025

in

Crl. Apl. No. 207 of 2025

Tmt. Shanthi, W/o. Baskaran,
residing at, 425, 23rd Street,
Astalakshmi Nagar, Valasaravakkam,
Chennai – 87.

....Petitioner / Appellant /
Accused.

Vs

Perumal, S/o. Moorthy,
No. 13/1, West Sivan Koil Street,
Vadapalani, Chennai – 26.

....Respondent / Respondent /
Complainant.

This Criminal Miscellaneous Petition came up before this Court for final hearing today in the presence of Tmt. Shanthi Petitioner / Appellant / Accused appeared as party in person and on perusal of entire case records, stood over for consideration till this day, this court delivered the following:-

ORDER

The Petitioner filed this miscellaneous petition under section 148(1) of NI Act before this court for relaxation on the direction given by the Hon'ble Principal District Court, Tiruvallur and prayed for extension of time to deposit the compensation amount.

2) History of the case :-

The petitioner herein is the Accused in the case STC.No. 64 of 2020 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate Fastrack Court (Magisterial Level), Ambattur aggrieved on the order passed by the trial court in STC. No. 64 of 2020 dated 18.08.2025, this Petitioner prefer an appeal before the Hon'ble Principal District Court, Tiruvallur. The Appeal memorandum has been allowed and the sentenced imposed by the trial court has been suspended with the condition to deposit the 10% of the compensation amount within 60 days from the day of order. In this circumstances, the petitioner came with the present petition and stated that due to her economic condition she was not in a position to deposit the said amount and prayed to for extension of time. Hence, the Petition.

3) Point :

The learned counsel for the petitioner has filed this petition seeking an extension of time to deposit the compensation amount of 10%, which was imposed by this

Court as a condition for the suspension of sentence in CrI.M.P. No. 01/2025, dated 14.10.2025

4) The petitioner herein is the appellant in the main criminal appeal filed against the conviction and sentence imposed by the learned Judicial Magistrate, Fast track Court (Magisterial Level) Ambattur, in S.T.C. No. 64/2020 on 18.08.2025.

5) The Hon'ble Principal District Judge allowed the suspension of sentence petition subject to the condition that the petitioner deposit 10% of the compensation amount within 60 days. This order was passed on 14.10.2025 in CrI.M.P. No. 01/2025. The stipulated 60-day period expired on 14.12.20125 which is fell in sunday. Under these circumstances, the petitioner has filed the present petition seeking an extension of time to deposit the 10% compensation amount.

6) Section 148 of the Negotiable Instruments Act (not 148 (2)) is relevant and reads as follows:

148 (2) . Power to direct interim compensation

(2) The amount referred to in sub-section (1) shall be deposited within sixty days from the date of the order, or within such further period not exceeding thirty days as may be directed by the Court on sufficient cause being shown by the appellant.

7) As per the proviso to Section 148(2) of the Act, this Court is empowered to grant a further period not exceeding thirty days from 15.12.2025, provided sufficient cause is shown. The reason stated by the petitioner regarding her weak financial position satisfies this Court. Hence, the prayer is allowed. The petitioner is granted time to deposit the amount until 12.01.2026.

8) In the result, this petition is allowed and the time for deposit of 10% compensation is extended till 12.01.2026.

Dictated to the typist, typed by her directly in the computer, and corrected and pronounced by me in the open court on this, the 15th day of December 2025.

**III Additional District and Sessions Judge,
Tiruvallur at Poonamallee.**