



**BEFORE THE SESSIONS DIVISION OF VELLORE
DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU.**

Present:- Thiru.M.Elavarasan
Principal Sessions Judge

Monday, the 17th day of August, 2026

C.A.No. 31 of 2026
CNR No. TNVL00-002865-2026

From which court the appeal is preferred	Judicial Magistrate(FTC), Vellore
No. of the case in the trial court	S.T.C. No. 355 of 2022
Trial court judgment dated	20.04.2026
No. of the appeal in this court	C.A. No. 31 of 2026
Name & Description of the Appellant/Accused	Ramamoorthy, (M-62), S/o. Perumal, No.456, Pudhumanai, Anaicut, Anaicut Taluk, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu.
Name and Description of the Respondent	Gopal Raja, (M-60), S/o. Venkatasamy Raja, No.5, Chicken Bazar, Phase 2, Sathuvachari, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu.



Judgment and sentence imposed by the trial court	(i) Appellant/accused is found guilty under section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 and the accused is convicted and sentenced to undergo simple imprisonment for the period of three months under section 255(2) of C.P.C. (ii) The Appellant /Accused is directed to pay compensation of double the cheque amount of Rs.6,40,000/-(Rupees Six Lakhs Forty Thousand only) to the Complainant under section 357(3) of Code of Criminal Procedure, within three months from the date of Judgment and in default of payment of the compensation, accused shall undergo simple imprisonment for the period of two months as default sentence. The default sentence shall run consecutively. (iii) The question of set off under section 428 of Code of Criminal Procedure will not arise in this case, as the accused was not remanded to Judicial Custody in this case.
Whether confirmed, modified, or reversed	Reversed since settled before Lok Adalat



Details of Judgment	In the result, (i) this Criminal appeal is disposed off as settled before Lok Adalat; (ii) Accordingly, the trial court judgment in S.T.C.No.355 of 2022 dated 20.04.2026 is hereby set aside. (iii) The appellant / accused is acquitted from the offence u/s 138 of NI Act u/s 255(1) of Cr.P.C.
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This criminal appeal was coming before me on this day for hearing in the presence of Thiru. K.Mathan, counsel for the appellant and the respondent appeared as party-in-person and, the case was settled before Lok Adalath on 17.08.2026 and, upon perusing the relevant records, this court passes the following:-

J U D G M E N T

This criminal appeal is filed u/s 415(3) of BNSS, 2023 by the convict against the judgment of conviction and sentence order passed in S.T.C.No.355 of 2022 dated 20.04.2026 by the Judicial Magistrate(FTC), Vellore in which the Appellant/accused was found guilty and convicted for the offence u/s. 138 NI Act and the accused



was sentenced to undergo three months simple imprisonment under Sec.255(2) of Cr.P.C.

2) The appellant/accused filed this appeal, and the same was taken on file as C.A.No.31 of 2026. Originally, the appeal was taken on file by the Vacation Court, Vellore, as C.A.No.1 of 2026 on 18.05.2026. Thereafter, the appeal was transferred to the regular establishment on 03.06.2026 and renumbered as C.A.No.31 of 2026. After receipt of the entire case records from the Trial Court, the case was posted for arguments. As per the representation of both sides, on 13.08.2026, the case was referred to the Lok Adalat for settlement.

3) Today, the case records were received from Lok Adalath as settled along Lok Adalath award copy in LAC.No.306 of 2026.

4) Perusal of the Lok Adalat Award reveals as follows:

1. The appellant/accused agreed to settle the matter for a sum of Rs.3,20,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs and Twenty Thousand only) in full and final settlement. He had already paid Rs.2,50,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs and Fifty Thousand only) and paid the remaining amount of Rs.70,000/- (Rupees Seventy Thousand only) today.

2. The respondent/complainant acknowledged receipt of Rs.2,50,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs and Fifty Thousand only) already paid and the remaining Rs.70,000/- (Rupees Seventy Thousand only)



paid today, and agreed to the settlement. Accordingly, the matter was settled between the parties.

3. The appellant/accused had already deposited a sum of Rs.1,28,000/- towards compensation before the Judicial Magistrate (Fast Track Court), Vellore, pursuant to the order in CrI.M.P.No.117 of 2026, dated 20.05.2026, vide Challan No.78073, dated 17.06.2026, and the said amount shall be refunded to the appellant/accused along with the interest accrued, if any.

5) As per the Lok Adalat settlement, the appellant/accused is entitled to get the said deposited amount, along with accrued interest, if any, refunded by filing a proper petition before the concerned Court, in accordance with law.

6) In view of the settlement arrived between the parties, the respondent / complainant having received the amount, this Criminal appeal is disposed off as settled before Lok Adalath.

7) In the result,

(i) this Criminal appeal is disposed off as settled before Lok Adalat;

(ii) Accordingly, the trial court judgment in S.T.C.No.355 of 2022 dated 20.04.2026 is hereby set aside; and



(iii) The appellant / accused is acquitted from the offence u/s 138 of NI Act u/s 255(1) of Cr.P.C.

Pronounced by me in the open court, this the 17th day of August, 2026.

Principal Sessions Judge,
Vellore District.

To

The Judicial Magistrate(FTC),
Vellore.