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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
CNR No. DLHC010110672026
+ **CRL.REV.P.(NI) 78/2026 & CRL.M.A. 8808/2026 & CRL.M.(BAIL) 590/2026**

SMT. PRIYA SHARMA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Abhishek Rawal and Mr. Manoj Kumar, Advocates along with petitioner-in-person

versus

SH. JITENDER

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Agraza, Advocate

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN

ORDER

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07.08.2026

1. Respondent had filed a complaint under Section 138 of *Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881* against the petitioner herein.
2. Learned Trial Court *vide* judgment dated 13.06.2025, acquitted her.
3. Feeling aggrieved by such acquittal, concerned complainant filed an appeal before the learned *Court of Sessions* and such appeal has been allowed and consequently, accused i.e. petitioner herein has been held guilty for committing offence under Section 138 of *Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881* and *vide* order on sentence dated 12.02.2026, she has been handed out simple imprisonment for a period of one month and has been burdened with fine of Rs. 8,70,000/-. It is also directed that if she does not pay fine, she would undergo simple imprisonment for a further period of three months.
4. Learned Appellate Court also suspended her sentence as she expressed her inclination to file an appeal.
5. Cheques in question are worth Rs. 6,65,000/-
6. Learned counsel for respondent has joined the proceedings through

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videoconferencing and submits that she has not received copy of the petition so far. She undertakes to provide her email and learned counsel for petitioner assures to supply copy of the petition to her through email.

7. She is also permitted to file *vakalatnama*.

8. Petitioner has also prayed for suspension of order on sentence. It is undertaken that the petitioner, without prejudice to her rights and contentions, would deposit half of the fine amount i.e. a sum of Rs. 4,35,000/- with the Registry of this Court within a period of six weeks. Time is granted to her till then.

9. Simultaneously, her sentence is directed to be suspended on her furnishing personal bond and surety bond in a sum of Rs. 20,000/- each subject to satisfaction of learned Trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Judicial Magistrate First Class.

10. In case, learned Trial Court has already issued any coercive process in relation to the present complaint and conviction, same shall remain in *abeyance* in view of the aforesaid order.

11. Let digitized copy of the Trial Court Record be requisitioned.

12. Since petitioner is also inclined to settle the matter, parties would appear in person on the next date of hearing.

13. List on 27.11.2026.

14. A copy of this order be sent to learned Trial Court for information and compliance.

15. A copy of this order be also given *dasti* under the signatures of the Court Master.

MANOJ JAIN, J

AUGUST 7, 2026/dr/sa