



**Lalita Gupta v. The Maha Lakshmi Cooperative Credit Society Ltd and
Anr.**

Cr.Revision No. 677 of 2022

17.3.2026 Present: Mr. J.P. Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Ms. Suchitra Sen, Advocate, for respondent No.1.
Mr. Rajan Kahol & Mr. Vishal Panwar, Additional
Advocates General and Mr. Ravi Chauhan & Mr.
Anish Banshtu, Deputy Advocates General, for the
State.

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By way of instant application, prayer has been made by the applicant/petitioner for suspension of sentence imposed vide judgment of conviction and order of sentence dated 3/4.3.2022 passed by the Learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Mandi, District Mandi, Himachal Pradesh in case No. 1304 of 2017, whereby trial court held the accused guilty of having committed offence punishable under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act and convicted and sentenced him to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of six months and pay compensation to the tune of Rs. 3.00 lakh.

Though aforesaid order was laid challenge before the learned Sessions Judge, Mandi in Criminal Appeal No. 16 of 2022, but same was dismissed. In the afore background, applicant/petitioner has approached this Court in the instant criminal petition.

Though this Court vide order dated 15.12.2022 had suspended the afore sentence awarded by the learned trial Court subject to applicant/petitioner's furnishing personal bond in the sum of Rs. 30,000/- to the satisfaction of the trial court within four weeks, but since afore order never came to be



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complied with, this Court vide order dated 9.5.2023 recalled the order dated 15.12.2022, as such, applicant/petitioner has filed fresh application for suspension of sentence.

It is averred in the application that now applicant-petitioner has been able to arrange the money. Since applicant/petitioner is ready and willing to pay the entire amount of compensation awarded by the learned trial Court, this Court sees no impediment in acceding to the request made by the applicant/petitioner for suspension of sentence subject to his depositing the entire amount of compensation within one week and furnishing personal bond in the sum of Rs. 10,000/-. Ordered accordingly. The application is disposed of.

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List on **25.3.2026**.

March 17, 2026
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**(Sandeep Sharma),
Judge**