



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.NAGAPRASANNA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 3111 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SRI. P.H.RANGA NAIK,
S/O HEMLA NAIK,
AGED ABOUT 56 YEARS,
PEON, BEL HIGH SCHOOL,
BAHUBALINAGAR, JALAHALLI,
BENGALURU - 560 013.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. MAHESHA V., ADVOCATE)

AND:

SRI. MANJUNATH ACHARI,
S/O KRISHNA ACHARI,
AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS,
R/O NO.492, 1ST CROSS,
BASAVESWARA LAYOUT,
NAGASHETTIHALLI,
BENGALURU - 560 094.

...RESPONDENT

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 528 BNSS, 2023 PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER DTD 18.02.2026 IN CRL.A.NO.1779/2024 PASSED BY THE LXIV ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH-65) BENGALURU AND RESTORE ORDER DTD 17.01.2025 BY EXTENDING THE TIME TO DEPOSIT 20% FINE AMOUNT.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ADMISSION, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:





CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.NAGAPRASANNA

ORAL ORDER

Heard Sri.Mahesha V, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and have perused the material on record.

2. The petitioner is before this Court calling in question the order of the concerned Court which rejects the extension of time that is sought by the petitioner to deposit 20% amount as is obtaining under Section 148 of the Negotiable Instruments Act.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the demand draft is ready and would be paid before the concerned Court if a suitable direction is issued. Apart from that, the learned counsel submits that the petitioner is in judicial custody now for having not complied with the order of deposit of 20% amount.

4. Therefore, I deem it appropriate to stay the order of the concerned Court with a direction to the concerned Court to



accept the deposit and on the deposit being made by the petitioner, appropriate directions to the jail authorities be sent to release the petitioner immediately after such deposit.

With the aforesaid observations, the petition stands **disposed.**

As a consequence, I.A.No.1/2026 stands disposed.

SD/-
(M.NAGAPRASANNA)
JUDGE

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