

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATION NO(s).351 OF 2026

in

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.344 OF 2026

MUNIVEL & ORS.

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

**THE STATE,
REP. BY THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE**

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. The present Miscellaneous Application is filed for the following relief(s):

“a) Permit the Appellant/Accused No.1 to deposit a sum of Rs.1,30,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Thirty Thousand Only) before the concerned Trial Court in connection with SC 315/2016 on the file of XVIII ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE, Chennai, in lieu of direct payment to the beneficiaries as directed by Order dated 19.01.2026, Direct the learned XVIII Additional Sessions Judge, City Civil Court, Chennai to accept the said deposit and disburse the amounts to the respective beneficiaries in accordance with law; Direct that upon such deposit, the condition imposed in paragraph 6 of the Order dated 19.01.2026 shall be treated as duly complied with and Accused

No.1 be released forthwith, if not required in any other case; Pass such other or further order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case."

2. We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the material available on record.

3. We modify our order dated 19.01.2026 to the extent that it shall be open to the petitioner, if he is unable to hand over the demand draft to the injured witness(s)/his family members or is not even able to pay the amount directly to them, to deposit the same before the Trial Court. Upon such deposit, the petitioner shall be released on bail.

4. The said amount shall be kept in the short term fixed deposit with an auto-renewal mode. If the amount in such eventuality is deposited, the concerned District Legal Services Authority shall endeavor to get in touch with the injured witness(s)/the claimant(s)/his family members and ensure payment to them.

5. Let an affidavit of compliance be furnished in the Registry of this Court.

6. The Registry is directed to forthwith communicate a copy of this order to all concerned including the concerned District Legal Services Authority.

7. Accordingly, the Miscellaneous Application is allowed.

8. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.
(SANJAY KAROL)

.....J.
(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)

NEW DELHI
19-02-2026

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FOR ADMISSION

IA No. 53149/2026 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

Date : 19-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

For Petitioner(s) :

Ms. Pooja Lakshmi, Adv.
Mr. Kannan P, Adv.
Mr. B. Karunakaran, AOR

For Respondent(s) :

Upon hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. The Miscellaneous Application is allowed in terms of the signed order, which is placed on the file.
2. The Registry is directed to forthwith communicate a copy of this order to all concerned including the concerned District Legal Services Authority.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(D. NAVEEN)
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COURT MASTER (NSH)