

**CRR No. 1060 of 2019 (O&M)**

**Date of decision: 14.05.2019**

**UJAGGAR SINGH**

**...PETITIONER**

**VERSUS**

**THE BATHINDA CENTRAL CO-OP., BANK  
LIMITED AND ANOTHER**

**...RESPONDENTS**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL**

Present: Mr. P.K.S. Phoolka, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

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**ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)**

The petitioner has challenged the impugned order dated 07.03.2019 passed by the Appellate Court whereby the petitioner (accused) was directed to deposit 20% of the compensation amount awarded by the trial court within a period of 60 days in terms of Section 148 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (NI 'Act' -for short).

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that deposit of 20% of the compensation, which has been introduced through Section 148 of the NI Act, could not have retrospective operation, as it was brought in force on 04.08.2018, while the complaint in the instant case has been filed on 02.02.2016.

The question with regard to the prospective operation of the amendment has been elaborately dealt by Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M No. 16741 of 2019, decided on 22.04.2019, wherein has been held that Section 148 of the NI Act shall be applicable to the appeals as the

appeal already existed in Cr.P.C. even before the amendment.

Consequently, I do not find any illegality in the impugned order. The petition stands dismissed.

14.05.2019  
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**(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)**  
**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No  
Whether reportable: Yes/No