

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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**CRM-M-35257-2021 (O & M)
Date of Decision: August 27, 2021**

JAI PAL

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANOTHER

....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Ivneet Singh Pabla, Advocate for the petitioner.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The petitioner has challenged the order dated 06.01.2020 whereby the petitioner has been directed to deposit 20 per cent of the compensation amount.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that he is confining his prayer in the instant petition to the expeditious disposal of his appeal.

Heard.

The Appellate Court has directed the petitioner to deposit 20 per cent of the compensation amount in terms of Section 148 of the Negotiable Instruments Act. It has been held by the Supreme Court in the case of **Surinder Singh Deswal @ Col. S.S. Deswal versus Virender Gandhi, Criminal Appeal Nos.-17-944 of 2019 (Arising out of SLP (Criminal) Nos.4947-4975/2019)** that the amendment to Section 148 of the Negotiable Instruments Act shall have retrospective effect and shall be applicable to all pending cases even where the complaints filed prior to 01.09.2018. Therefore, I do not find

any merit in this petition which stands dismissed.

With regard to the prayer of the petitioner for expeditious disposal, it would not be possible for this Court during Covid-19 pandemic to issue directions to the Appellate Court to decide the appeal expeditiously. However, in case normalcy returns, it would be open to the petitioner to prefer an application for expeditious disposal before the Appellate Court.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

August 27, 2021
A.Kaundal

Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No