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**214 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRA-AS-105-2018 (O&M)
Date of decision: 24.12.2025**

Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd. ...Appellant

VERSUS

Bhim Singh ...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Nitin Thatai, Advocate
for the appellant.

Mr. Pawan Kumar Hooda, Advocate
for the respondent.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The present appeal has been preferred against the judgment of acquittal dated 26.11.2015 passed by learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Panipat in a case stemming from criminal complaint No.4576-2011 filed under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

2. The complaint (supra) was filed on the ground of dishonour of cheque of Rs.5,41,321/-. After assessing all the material available on the record, the learned trial Court acquitted the respondent(s) vide judgment dated 26.11.2015.

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the appellant submits that in view of the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *M/s. Celestium Financial vs. A. Gnanasekaran Etc., 2025(3) RCR (Criminal) 208*, the appellant would have a remedy before the Court of Sessions.



4. In view of the judgment rendered by the Apex Court in *Celestium Financial (supra)*, the present appeal is **remanded** to the learned Sessions Judge, Panipat with a direction to entrust the same to appropriate Court for its disposal on merits.
5. The Registry is directed to send the complete paper-book and the record of the case to the learned Sessions Judge, Panipat forthwith.
6. Disposed of accordingly. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

24.12.2025
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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