



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRA-AS-55-2018 (O&M)

Date of decision: 27.10.2025

MAHESH KUMAR

...Applicant

VERSUS

SHIV NARAYAN

...Respondents

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

Present :- Mr. B.R. Rana, Advocate for the applicant.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The present appeal has been filed seeking grant of leave to appeal against the judgment of acquittal dated 20.01.2014 passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class Palwal in a case stemming from criminal complaint dated 18.02.2012 filed under Section 138 and 142 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 read with Section 420 of the IPC.

2. The complaint (*supra*) was filed on the ground of dishonour of cheque of Rs.2,65,000/-. After assessing all the material available on the record, the learned trial Court acquitted the respondent(s) vide judgment dated 20.01.2014.

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the applicant 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 applicant 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 application seeking leave to appeal

is **remanded** to the learned Sessions Judge, Palwal with a direction to treat the same as an appeal filed under Section 372 of the Cr.P.C. (now Section 413 of BNSS) and 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, Palwal forthwith.

6. Disposed of accordingly. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

OCTOBER 27, 2025

Vishal Sharma

**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

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