



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRA-AS-51-2023 (O&M)

Date of decision: 18.11.2025

M/s. Jagdish Furnishing Pvt. Ltd.

...Appellant(s)

VERSUS

Amit Mehta

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Mr. Arun Kumar Singal, Advocate for the appellant(s).

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**VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)**

The present appeal has been preferred against the judgment of acquittal dated 03.06.2017 passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Panipat, in a case stemming from complaint dated 17.07.2013/18.07.2013 filed under Section(s) 138/142 of Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

2. Learned counsel for the appellant(s) fairly submits that in view of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court passed 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.

3. The complaint (supra) was filed on the ground of dishonour of cheque of Rs.9,20,000/-. After assessing all the material available on the record, the learned trial Court acquitted the respondent(s) vide judgment dated 03.06.2017.

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 treat the same as an appeal filed under Section 372 of the Cr.P.C. (Section 413 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023) 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, Panipat forthwith.
- 6. Disposed of accordingly.
- 7. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)  
JUDGE

18.11.2025  
Mangal Singh

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