



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-A-875-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 31.10.2025

RANJIT SINGH

...Applicant

VERSUS

RANJEET SINGH AND OTHERS

...Respondents

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

Present :- Mr. Dinesh Maurya, Advocate for the applicant.

Mr. Mayank Gupta, Advocate for respondent No.1.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

CRM-28109-2023

Prayer in the application is for condonation of delay of 77 days in filing the appeal.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed and delay of 77 days in filing the appeal is condoned.

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The present application has been preferred under Section 378(4) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (hereinafter 'CR.P.C.') seeking grant of leave to appeal against the order of dismissal of complaint dated 27.10.2022 passed by the learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Karnal in a case stemming from criminal complaint dated 21.11.2016 filed under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 218, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

2. After assessing all the material available on the record, the

learned trial Court dismissed the complaint vide orders dated 27.10.2022.

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, Karnal 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, Karnal forthwith.

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

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

OCTOBER 31, 2025
Vishal Sharma

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