



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-A-1922-MA-2017 (O&M)

Date of decision: 22.09.2025

Surender Kumar

...Applicant/Appellant(s)

VERSUS

Satish Kumar and others

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Mr. Manan Bhardwaj, Advocate for the Appellant(s)
(Legal Aid Counsel).

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

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Prayer in the application is for condonation of delay of 208 days in filing the accompanying appeal.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed and delay of 208 days in filing the accompanying appeal is condoned.

Main case:

The present application has been preferred seeking grant of leave to appeal against the judgment of acquittal dated 03.12.2016 passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Mohindergarh, in a case stemming from complaint dated 17.01/2012/30.05.2016 filed under Sections 147, 148, 149, 323, 324, 447 and 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

2. It is noticed that the instant application pertains to the year 2017, however, no one has entered appearance on behalf of the



applicant(s)/appellant(s), hence, it is deemed expedient to nominate a Legal Aid Counsel. Mr. Manan Bhardwaj, Advocate, who is present in the Court, is appointed as the Legal Aid Counsel to represent the case on behalf of applicant(s) to arrive at a decision. He has gone through the case file and submits that the present application has been filed against the judgment of acquittal dated 03.12.2016 passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Mohindergarh, in complaint i.e. COMI No. 123/2016 filed under Sections 147, 148, 149, 323, 324, 447 and 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. He 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 under Sections 147, 148, 149, 323, 324, 447 and 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. After assessing all the material available on the record, the learned trial Court acquitted the respondent(s) vide judgment dated 03.12.2016.

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, Narnaul with a direction to treat the same as an appeal filed under Section 372 of the Cr.P.C. 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, Narnaul forthwith.

6. Disposed of accordingly. Pending miscellaneous applications, if



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any, also stand disposed of.

7. A copy of this order be sent to the High Court Legal Service Committee for information and necessary action.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

22.09.2025

Mangal Singh

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