



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-A-1199-2019 (O&M)
Date of decision: 29.10.2025

M/S NUOVA PROTEINS (P) LTD.

...Applicant

VERSUS

MOHD. IRFAN

...Respondents

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

Present :- Mr. R.S. Budhwar, Advocate for the applicant.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

CRM-19652-2019

Prayer in the application is for condonation of delay of 63 days in filing the appeal.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed and delay of 63 days in filing the appeal is condoned.

CRM-A-1199-2019

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 judgment of acquittal dated 13.11.2018 passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class Karnal in a case stemming from criminal complaint dated 19.04.2016 filed under Section 138 and 142 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

2. The complaint (supra) was filed on the ground of dishonour of cheque of Rs.6,01,739/-. After assessing all the material available on the record, the learned trial Court acquitted the respondent(s) vide judgment

dated 13.11.2018.

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 29, 2025

Vishal Sharma

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