



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-A-524-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 24.09.2025

BEGRAJ

...Applicant

VERSUS

HANSRAJ

...Respondent

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

Present :- Mr. Sanjiv Kumar Jindal, Advocate for the applicant.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

CRM-16385-2024

Prayer in the application is for condonation of delay of 325 days in filing the appeal.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed and delay of 325 days in filing the appeal is condoned.

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The present application has been preferred seeking grant of leave to appeal against the judgment of acquittal dated 15.02.2023 passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class Palwal in a case stemming from criminal complaint 18.03.2015 filed under Section 420 and 406 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

2. After assessing all the material available on the record, the learned trial Court acquitted the respondent(s) vide judgment dated 15.02.2023.

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. 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.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

Vishal Sharma

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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