

**CRM-A-1167-2024****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH****286****CRM-A-1167-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 19.08.2025****RAJDEEP SINGH MEHTA****.....APPELLANT****VERSUS****ROOP NARAYAN****.....RESPONDENT****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL**

Present: Mr. Fateh Saini, Advocate
for the applicant/appellant.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)**CRM-35099-2024**

This is an application under Section 5 of Limitation Act for condonation of delay of 29 days in filing the accompanied appeal.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed.

Delay of 29 days in filing the present appeal, is hereby condoned.

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1. 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 the judgment of acquittal dated 29.04.2024 passed by the learned JMIC, Chandigarh, in a case filed under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (hereinafter 'NI Act').

2. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in *M/s Celestium Financial vs. A. Gnanasekaran Etc., 2025(3) RCR (Criminal) 208*, after considerable



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discussion and comparative interpretation of Sections 372 and 378(4) of Cr.P.C., concluded that the victim has a right to file an appeal under Section 372 of Cr.P.C. before the Court of Sessions.

3. Therefore, in view of the judgment rendered by the Apex Court in *Celestium Financial (supra)*, the present application seeking leave to appeal is remanded back to the learned Sessions Judge, Chandigarh with a direction to treat the same as filed under Section 372 of the Cr.P.C. and entrust it to appropriate Court for its disposal.

4. The Registry is directed to send the complete paper-book and the record of the case to the learned Sessions Judge, Chandigarh forthwith.

5. Disposed of accordingly.

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

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

19.08.2025
Vivek

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