



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-A-2711-2019 (O&M)
Date of decision: 11.11.2025

Lakhvir Singh

...Applicant(s)

VERSUS

Gurmail Singh

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Mr. Reema, Advocate for the applicant(s).

Mr. Surinder Garg, Advocate for the respondent(s).

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The present application has been preferred seeking grant of leave to appeal against the judgment of acquittal dated 21.01.2019 passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Faridkot, in a case stemming from complaint dated 01.03.2015/26.08.2015 filed under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

2. Learned counsel for the appellant(s) 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. After assessing all the material available on the record, the learned trial Court acquitted the respondent(s) vide judgment dated 21.01.2019.

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, Faridkot with a direction to treat the same as an appeal filed under Section 372 of the Cr.P.C. (Section 413 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023) 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, Faridkot forthwith.
- 6. Disposed of accordingly. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

11.11.2025
Mangal Singh

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