



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-19301-2026
Date of decision: 29.04.2026

KARAN BAWEJA

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

ASHWANI KUMAR

.....Respondent

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

Present: - Mr. Bhriagu Agnihotri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed for seeking quashing of order dated 20.02.2026 passed by the Court of Additional District Judge, Jalandhar in case No. CRA-309-2025 instituted on 02.08.2025 titled as “*Karan Baweja versus Ashwani Kumar*” arising out of case No. NACT/274/2020 titled as “*Ashwani Kumar versus Karan Baweja*” under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act instituted on 10.01.2020 whereby the petitioner has been directed to deposit the compensation to the extent of 20% of the cheque within 60 days.

2. After arguing the matter at some length and on being confronted with the absence of any material placed before this Court to form any opinion otherwise or on the basis whereof it may be assumed that the direction to make pre-deposit suffers from any judicial mis-appreciation,

learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner seeks withdrawal of the

present petition with liberty to move an appropriate application alongwith supporting documents for waiver of 20% of the compensation amount i.e. pre-deposit required to be made.

3. It is directed that in the event such application alongwith supporting documents is moved by the petitioner, the First Appellate Court shall consider the said application in view of the law laid down by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in Criminal Appeal No.2741 of 2023 decided on 04.09.2023 titled “*Jamboo Bhandari Vs. M.P. State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. and others*”.

4. In view of the above, the instant petition stands *dismissed* as withdrawn with liberty as aforesaid.

5. Pending misc. application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

APRIL 29, 2026
Vishal Sharma

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No