



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-A-42-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 08.01.2026

Bimla Devi

...Applicant (s)

VERSUS

State of Haryana and others

...Respondent(s)

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

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

Ms. Chhavi Sharma, AAG Haryana.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

CRM-1771-2025

Prayer in the application is for condonation of delay of 853 days in filing the application for leave to appeal.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed and delay of 853 days in filing the application for leave to appeal is condoned.

Main case:

The present application has been preferred seeking grant of leave to appeal against the judgment of acquittal dated 04.07.2022 passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Panipat, in a case stemming from complaint dated 04.07.2014/25.04.2016 filed under Sections 148, 149, 323, 325, 452, 506 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



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3. Learned counsel for the applicant(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.
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, Panipat 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, Panipat forthwith.
6. Disposed of accordingly.
7. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

08.01.2026

Mangal Singh

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