



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-72775-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 03.02.2026

AMANDEEP SINGH

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

.....Respondents

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

Present: - Mr. Abdul Aziz, Advocate
for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

CRM-1748-2026

Application is allowed as prayed for and Annexure P-6 is taken
on record.

Registry is directed to tag the same at appropriate place.

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The present petition has been filed seeking quashing of the
impugned order dated 17.09.2025 passed by Additional Sessions Judge,
Malerkotla in Criminal Appeal No. 152 of 2025 titled as “*Amandeep Singh
versus Vikram Jindal*” arising out of the judgment dated 18.08.2025 passed

in Criminal Case No. NACT/673/2021 dated 13.10.2021 under Negotiable Instruments Act.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the Appellate Court vide order dated 17.09.2025 has directed the petitioner to deposit 20% of the compensation amount without even granting an opportunity to the petitioner to establish the underlying circumstances and financial hardship faced by the petitioner which render him incapable of making the pre-deposit. He further contends that the petitioner would be satisfied in case he is granted an opportunity to move an appropriate application to put forth the circumstances as would require a lenient view to be taken and the requirement of pre-deposit to be revisited.

3. In view of the order which this Court proposes to pass, the issuance of a formal notice to the respondents would not be necessary.

4. Having gone through the impugned order as well as the averments contained in the present petition, I am of the opinion that the present petition can be disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to move an appropriate application for seeking waiver/redetermination of the pre-deposit by way of an appropriate application within a period of 10 days from today. In the event of any such application being filed by the petitioner, the appellate court shall consider the said application in view of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of *Jamboo Bhandari Vs. M.P. State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. and others*, Criminal Appeal No.2741 of 2023 decided on 04.09.2023.

5. The petitioner is at liberty to move an appropriate application before the Appellate Court within a period of 10 days from today and upon

doing so, an appropriate order shall be passed by the Court dealing with the said application.

- 6. The present petition stands disposed of.
- 7. All pending applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

FEBRUARY 03, 2026
Vishal Sharma

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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