



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRA-AS-184-2024 (O&M)  
Date of decision: 23.09.2025

H.D.F.C. Bank Ltd.

... Appellant(s)

VERSUS

Multan Hari Singh

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Mr. Saurabh Bhardwaj, Advocate for the Appellant(s)  
(through V.C.).

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**VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)**

The present appeal has been preferred seeking grant of leave to appeal against the judgment of acquittal dated 02.02.2024 passed by the learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Safidon (Jind), in a case stemming from complaint dated 04.09.2018 filed under Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

2. The complaint (supra) was filed on the ground of dishonour of cheque of Rs.15,35,000/-. After assessing all the material available on the record, the learned trial Court acquitted the respondent(s) vide judgment dated 02.02.2024.

3. 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.

4. In view of the judgment rendered by the Apex Court in



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***Celestium Financial (supra)***, the present appeal is **remanded** to the learned Sessions Judge, Jind with a direction to treat the same as an appeal filed under Section 372 of the Cr.P.C. 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, Jind forthwith.
6. Disposed of accordingly.
7. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)  
JUDGE

**23.09.2025***Mangal Singh*

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