



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-A-49-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 24.09.2025

M/S SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE COMP. LTD ...Applicant

VERSUS

DILDAR SINGH ...Respondent

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

Present :- Mr. G.S. Sandhu, Advocate for the applicant.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The present application has been preferred seeking grant of leave to appeal against the judgment of acquittal dated 21.10.2024 passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class Tarn Taran in a case stemming from criminal complaint filed on 01.02.2021 under Section 142 read with Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

2. The complaint (supra) was filed on the ground of dishonour of cheque of Rs.14,50,000/- After assessing all the material available on the record, the learned trial Court acquitted the respondent(s) vide judgment dated 21.10.2024.

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the applicant submits that in view of the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court 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, Tarn Taran 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, Tarn Taran forthwith.

6. Disposed of accordingly. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

Vishal Sharma

**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

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