



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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**CRM-A-377-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 22.09.2025**

Sandeep Kumar

...Applicant

VERSUS

M/s Lotus Chemical Industry and another

...Respondents

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

Present :- Mr. Parminder Pal Singh Thethi, Advocate,
(through V.C.) for the applicant.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The present application has been preferred under Section 378(4) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (hereinafter 'CR.P.C.') seeking grant of leave to appeal against the judgment of acquittal dated 13.12.2019 passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Sangrur in a case stemming from case No.233 dated 27.07.2016 filed under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

2. The complaint (supra) was filed on the ground of dishonor of cheque of Rs.2,40,000/-. After assessing all the material available on the record, the learned trial Court acquitted the respondent(s) vide judgment dated 13.12.2019.

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



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Celestium Financial (supra), the present application seeking leave to appeal is **remanded** to the learned Sessions Judge, Sangrur 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, Sangrur forthwith.

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

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

22.09.2025

Sumit Gusain

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