



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRA-AS-203-2024 (O&M)  
Date of decision: 23.09.2025

Parminder Singh

...Appellant

VERSUS

Kashi Nath

...Respondent

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

Present :- Mr. Vikas Prakash, Advocate for  
Mr. Gagandeep Singh Virk, Advocate for the appellant.

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

The present appeal has been filed against the judgment of acquittal dated 25.01.2024 passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Ludhiana in a case stemming from complaint dated 27.05.2019 filed under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

2. The complaint (supra) was filed on the ground of dishonour of cheque of Rs.6,00,000/-. After assessing all the material available on the record, the learned trial Court acquitted the respondent(s) vide judgment dated 25.01.2024

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 appeal is **remanded** to the learned



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Sessions Judge, Ludhiana 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, Ludhiana forthwith.

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

**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)**  
**JUDGE**

**23.09.2025**

*Sumit Gusain*

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