

ITEM NO.215

COURT NO.6

SECTION II-E

BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT SPECIAL LOK ADALAT

PROCEEDINGS OF

Petitions for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) Nos.18402-18403/2024

M/S DREAM BELL INFRA

Petitioner

VERSUS

B.C. WAHANE

Respondent

Date : 21st August, 2026

**PRESENT : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU
MR. NEERAJ KISHAN KAUL, SENIOR ADVOCATE
MS. VANSHAJA SHUKLA, ADVOCATE-ON-RECORD**

**For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Manish Shanker Srivastava, Adv.
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Ms. Kalpana,
Mr. Yasharth Kant, AOR**

**For Respondent(s) : Mr. Sumeet A., Adv.
Mr. Sumit R. Sharma, AOR**

A W A R D

1. The parties have reached a settlement on 25th June, 2026, which has been forwarded to this Court by Mr. Sunit Aggarwal, Member Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
2. Appellant has been convicted for offence punishable under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881¹.
3. In course of pendency of the criminal appeal, the parties have agreed that the respondent would have no objection to compounding of the offence upon payment of Rs.3,29,000/- (Rupees Three lakh twenty nine thousand) only to

¹ NI Act

her by the petitioner.

4. We have interacted with the respondent. She is aware that an amount of Rs.3,29,000 (Rupees Three lakh twenty nine thousand) only has been deposited by the petitioner before the trial court.

5. In terms of the settlement agreement, the respondent is entitled to withdraw such amount. The trial court may, therefore, release the amount of Rs.3,29,000/- (Rupees Three lakh twenty nine thousand) only with accrued interest in favour of the respondent not later than 10 (ten) days of an approach being made in this behalf.

6. The statutory ordainment of Section 147, NI Act is that offences thereunder are compoundable. In view of release of the amount directed by us, the offence under section 138 of the NI Act is compounded and the appellant's conviction and sentence shall stand set aside.

7. The terms of settlement shall form part of this award.

8. The special leave petitions, accordingly, stand disposed of, recording such terms of settlement.

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[Vanshaja Shukla, AOR]

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[Neeraj Kishan Kaul, Sr. Adv.]

.....J.
[Sheel Nagu]

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[Dipankar Datta]