

BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT SPECIAL LOK ADALAT
(SAMADHAN SAMAROH)

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 14527-
14528/2024

MESSERS DIVYANSHU ELECTRONICS

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

MESSERS ASIA TRADELINK

Respondent(s)

Date : 21-08-2026

PRESENT HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIJAY BISHNOI
MR. SANJAY HEGDE, SENIOR ADVOCATE
MS. RASHMI NANDAKUMAR, ADVOCATE-ON-RECORD

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Anil Nag, AOR

For Respondent(s)

A W A R D

1. These Special Leave Petitions arise from judgment and order of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla dated 18.07.2024, whereby the High Court reversed the order of acquittal and convicted the petitioner under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 ("N.I. Act").

2. During pendency of these proceedings, the parties have arrived at a settlement where under the petitioner has paid total sum of Rs. 5 lacs to the respondent. One lac was paid earlier and Rs.4 lacs have been paid *vide* demand draft No.001406 dated 09.10.2024 drawn on HDFC Bank, Baijnath.

3. The petitioner has prayed that the petition be allowed in terms of the settlement as the respondent has agreed for compounding and no further amount is required to be paid to the respondent.

4. Having regard to the provisions of Section 147 of the N.I. Act and the law laid down by this Court in Damodar S. Prabhu v. Sayed Babalal H¹; Raj Reddy Kallem v. State of Haryana²; B. V. Seshaiiah v. State of Telengana and another³ and Gian Chand Garg v. Harpal Singh and another⁴ that an offence punishable under Section 138 of the N.I. Act is compoundable with the consent of the parties at any stage, even after conviction, these Special Leave Petitions are disposed of in terms of the settlement and the offence punishable under Section 138 of the N.I. Act is hereby compounded and the order of conviction is set aside.

5. The settlement shall be part of the award.

(RASHMI NANDAKUMAR, AOR)

(SANJAY HEGDE, SR. ADV.)

J.
(VIJAY BISHNOI)

J.
(MANOJ MISRA)

1 (2010) 5 SCC 663

2 (2024) 8 SCC 588

3 (2023) 18 SCC 512

4 2025 SCC OnLine SC 2317