

:: ORDER BELOW Ex. 1 ::

On perusal of this case, the present complaint has been filed for the return of cheque drawn on bank which is not located within the jurisdiction of this court. Recently the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Dashrath Rupsinh Rathod v/s. State of Maharashtra has laid down ratio that the territorial jurisdiction for institution u/s 138 of the Negotiable Instrument Act is restricted to the court within whose local jurisdiction, the cheque is dishonoured by the bank on which it is drawn. For pending complaints, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has laid down that except the cases in which post the summoning & appearance of the accused, the recording of evidence has commenced as envisaged in section 145 (2) of the Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881, all other complaints to be returned for filing in the proper court. On perusal of the present case, the recording of evidence u/s 145 (2) of the Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881, has not commenced. Therefore, this court does not have territorial jurisdiction. Hence, I pass following order.

:: O R D E R ::

The present complaint along with all the original documents produced with the complaint, if any, ordered u/s 201 (a) of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 to be returned to the complainant for filing in the proper court, as this court lacks the territorial jurisdiction. The present case accordingly disposed off.

The certified/zerox true copy of the complaint & original documents to be kept with record & proceedings of the present case as per para-347 of Criminal Manual.

Parties to bear their own costs.

Date:- 06/12/2014

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