

Learned counsel appearing for the complainant and the complainant are present. The sworn statement of the complainant by way of affidavit and the original documents are produced. Perused the complaint and the original documents.

Cognizance taken.

Examined the complaint, annexed documents and sworn statement of the complainant filed by way of affidavit. As per the order passed in Suo Motu Writ(civil) No.3/2020 in IA No.48411/2020 dated 06.05.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, all the periods of limitation prescribed under section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act 1881 was extended with effect from 15.03.2020 till further orders. Our Hon'ble High Court by its Notification dated 25.03.2020, 16.04.2020, 30.04.2020, 15.05.2020, 28.05.2020, 30.05.2020 and through notices on various dates extended from time to time the period of closure under section 4 of the Limitation Act, 1963 due to prevailing situation of pandemic Covid-19. Hence, the mandatory provisions required for the initiation of the proceedings for the offence punishable under section 138 of N.I. Act are complied. There are sufficient grounds to proceed against the accused for the offence punishable under section 138 of NI Act. Therefore, the office shall register a criminal case against the accused for the offence punishable under section 138 of N.I. Act in register No III and issue summons to the accused through RPAD if required PF paid.

Returnable by 18.03.2021.

XVII ASCJ & ACMM, Bengaluru.