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Order Below Exhibit:1
in
Criminal Appeal No. 782/2024

- [1] The present appeal has been preferred by the appellant, challenging the judgment and order dated 14.08.2024, passed by Id. 14th Addl.J.M.F.C., Vadodara, in Criminal Case No. 34969/2016, whereby the appellant has been convicted for the offence punishable under Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act and is sentenced to undergo imprisonment for two years. It is further ordered the appellant to pay double of the cheque amount i.e. Rs. 11,27,500/- towards compensation to the ori. complainant.
- [2] Pending the appeal, the parties have arrived at amicable settlement. The parties have jointly tendered a Compromise Pursis vide **Exh:6** submitting that they have arrived at settlement and also submitted an application vide **Exh:7** to set-aside the order passed by the Id. trial Court and acquit the appellant from the offence. This pursis and application (**Exhs:6 & 7**) have also been counter signed by the respondent, thereby the parties have admitted the facts of the compromise arrived at between them.
- [3] Considering the fact that the parties have settled the matter amicably and a compromise pursis is produced before the Court, I pass the following order:

ORDER

- I. The present appeal is hereby allowed.
- II. The judgment and order dated 14.08.2024, passed by Id. 14th Addl.J.M.F.C., Vadodara, in Criminal Case No. 34969/2016, is quashed and set-aside

- III. The appellant – **Sureshbhai M. Panchal** is hereby acquitted from the charges levelled against him in this case.
- IV. Record and Proceedings if called, be sent back to Learned Trial Court along with a copy of this order.
- V. With above directions, this criminal appeal stands disposed of as compounded.

Signed & Pronounced today in National Lok-adalat.

Dated: 14-12-2024.
Place : Vadodara.

[R. B. Etaliya]
11th Addl. Sessions Judge,
Vadodara
UID Code No.GJ00824
Lok-Adalat

A. R. Mishra