

ORDER BELOW EX.1

Upon persual of the 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 the Supreme Court of India in the case of Dashrath Rupsigh Rathod V/s. State of Maharashtra has laid down the ratio that the territorial jurisdiction for institution of complaint u/s. 138 of the Negotiable Instrument Act is restricted to the court within whose local jurisdiction the cheque drawn is dishonoured by the bank on which it is drawn. For pending complaints the Hon'ble Supreme Court laid down that except the cases in which post 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 do not have territorial jurisdiction. Hence, I pass following order:-

ORDER

The present complaint alongwith 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 court of proper jurisdiction as this court lacks the territorial jurisdiction. The present case accordingly disposed off.

The certified 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 :-23 - 02 - 2015
Place:-Rajkot

[Arati A. Vyas]
12 th Additional Chief Judi. Magistrate,
RAJKOT
(UIC No.GJ00686)