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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA
CRIMINAL REVISION APPLICATION NO. 4 OF 2023**

VIJAY NAGESH PEDNEKAR ... APPLICANT
Versus

**THE DEENDAYAL NAGARI
SAHAKARI PATH SAUNSTHA
REP. BY ITS BRANCH MANAGER
YESHWANT GHATWAL AND ANR. ... RESPONDENTS**

Mr. Gautam Pednekar, Advocate for the Applicant.

CORAM:- BHARAT P. DESHPANDE, J.

DATED :- 7th OCTOBER, 2024.

P.C.:

1. The Applicant along with learned Counsel present and filed an Application for compounding of the offence, together with Consent Terms and the application for reduction of the amount to be paid as per the decision in the case of ***Damodar Prabhu Vs Sayed Babalal***, reported in ***(2010)5 SCC 663*** for compounding of the offence.

2. The Consent Terms placed on record is duly signed by the Branch Manager of the Respondent No.1, wherein, he agreed that the amount is already paid towards full and final

settlement and accordingly, Respondent No.1 has no objection for compounding of the said offence.

3. The application is also filed for reduction of compounding charges supported by an affidavit of the Applicant stating that he is having hardship in depositing entire 15% of the charges and he is ready and willing to deposit Rs. 7,000/- (Rupees Seven Thousand only) which he has brought today with him.

4. Considering the submissions and the contents of the affidavit, as well as the fact that the matter is settled between the parties, Consent Terms along with the application for compounding and application for reduction of compounding charges is taken on record.

5. The Consent Terms are accepted, since the entire amount is paid. The application for compounding of offence as provided under Section 147 of the Negotiable Instruments Act is allowed subject to the Applicant depositing Rs. 7,000/- (Rupees Seven Thousand only) with the Goa State Legal Services Authority (GSLSA) today itself. On depositing of such amount with the GSLSA, the impugned Judgment and sentence awarded by the Courts below shall stand quashed and set aside thereby, granting permission to compound the

offence punishable under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act as provided under Section 147 of the said Act.

6. The Criminal Revision Application stands disposed of in the above terms.

BHARAT P. DESHPANDE, J.