

NI S. 143-A – Not mandatory – Court granted interim compensation under just in a routine manner and there is no application of mind as to why the said compensation has to be awarded

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Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 S. 143(A) - Trial court directed the petitioner to pay interim compensation to the tune of 20% of the cheque amount, as per the provisions of Section 143(A) - No opportunity given to petitioner to file his response, despite the fact that he had not pleaded guilty to the notice of accusation - Court granted interim compensation under just in a routine manner and there is no application of mind as to why the said compensation has to be awarded - The Trial Court misread Section 143(A) and treated the said provision as mandatory in nature, whereas the legal position is otherwise .

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