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Accused Must Contest Lender's Financial Ability at Earliest Stage in Cheque Bounce Cases

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In a significant ruling on cheque dishonour proceedings, the Supreme Court has clarified that an accused person who intends to challenge the complainant's financial capacity to grant a loan must ordinarily raise that objection in response to the statutory demand notice itself. Failing to do so may strengthen the complainant's case and relieve them of the burden of proving their financial standing during trial.

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