

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****CRA No. 419 of 2025****SOYEB AHAMAD @ SAIF *versus* STATE OF CHHATTISGARH****Order on Board**

26/08/2025	Heard Mr. Gajendra Ratre, learned counsel for the appellant. Also heard Mr. S. S. Baghel, learned Dy. Govt. Advocate appearing for the respondent/ State. In the present appeal, there were two accused persons i.e. the present appellant namely; Soyeb Ahamad @ Saif and Gulam Mustafa @ Kali Bhanca. Since the co-accused Gulam Mustafa @ Kali Bhanca has not preferred any appeal against his conviction, this Court by order dated 25/08/2025 directed the Superintendent of Central Jail, Raipur to produce the said co-accused before this Court today. In compliance of the aforesaid order, Mr. Yogesh Kshatriya, Jail Superintendent, Central Jail, Raipur presented the co-accused Gulam Mustafa @ Kali



S.Bhilwar	Bhancha before this Court through video conferencing. It has been stated that the said co-accused has made a request to file an appeal through his family members but the same has not been filed yet and he further requested to file an appeal through legal aid and it has been further stated that Ms. Akanksha Jain, Advocate has been appointed on the behalf of him to file an appeal through legal aid on 25/08/2025. In view of the above, the Legal Aid Committee is directed to ensure that the appeal be filed forthwith on behalf of co-accused Gulam Mustafa @ Kali Bhancha and after filing of the appeal, it is directed that the said appeal be connected with the present appeal. Mr. Gajendra Ratre, Advocate on behalf of Ms. Jaya Gupta, Advocate would submit that he wishes to file his vakalatnama on behalf of the present appellant, he is directed to file the same during the course of the day. List this case thereafter. Sd/- (Bibhu Datta Guru) Judge Sd/- (Ramesh Sinha) Chief Justice
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