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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **CONT.CAS(C) 1535/2023**

SONIA GANDHI

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Zeeshan Diwan, DHCLSC and
Ms. Harsha, Advs. along with petitioner in person
through VC

versus

MANDEEP KUMAR

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Ram Lal Roy and Ms. Kunal
Shrivastava, Advs. along with petitioner in person

+ **CRL.REV.P. 208/2020 & CRL.M.A. 5049/2020**

MANDEEP KUMAR

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Harsh Prabhakar, DHCLSC,
Mr. Shubham Sourav and Mr. Vijit Singh, Advs.
along Mandeep Kumar, petitioner in person

versus

SONIA GANDHI

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Zeeshan Diwan, DHCLSC and
Ms. Harsha, Advs. along with respondent in
person through VC

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY DIGPAUL

ORDER

16.12.2025

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1. It has been informed by Mr. Ram Lal Roy, learned counsel for the respondent in CONT.CAS(C) 1535/2023 that the respondent has engaged



him as a private counsel despite the fact that he already had a counsel appointed through Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee (hereinafter “DHCLSC”) in CRL.REV.P. 208/2020.

2. This Court is of the view that Mandeep Kumar, the respondent in CONT.CAS(C) 1535/2023 and petitioner in CRL.REV.P. 208/2020 cannot have two advocates i.e., one independent advocate and one advocate appointed through DHCLSC.

3. On this, Mandeep Kumar, the party appearing in person submits that he would continue with Mr. Harsh Prabhakar, Advocate as his counsel in both the matters who have been appointed through DHCLSC.

4. Mr. Harsh Prabhakar, Advocate submits that he does not have the file of CONT.CAS(C) 1535/2023 and seeks some time to prepare the case. Let the needful be done.

5. List on 22.01.2026.

AJAY DIGPAUL, J

DECEMBER 16, 2025

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