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An affidavit of the first respondent was filed before this Court on 14.08.2023. As seen from the affidavit, the first respondent has expressed its difficulty in obtaining the consent from their erstwhile counsel on account of his refusal to give the same.

2. On the last hearing date i.e., on 22.08.2023, this Court, after recording the affidavit dated 14.08.2023 filed by the first respondent, directed the first respondent to file a better affidavit stating that the fees payable to his erstwhile counsel has been fully paid. In accordance with the directions given by this Court dated 22.08.2023, today, an affidavit of the first respondent dated 29.08.2023 has been produced before this Court. As seen from the said affidavit, the first respondent has categorically stated that the professional fees as demanded by their erstwhile counsel were paid through cheque payments and if required, the first respondent is willing to furnish the details also.

3. Since the first respondent's erstwhile counsel has refused to give



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consent for change of vakalat and in view of the fact that the first respondent has categorically stated in the form of affidavit that they have paid the fees of their erstwhile counsel, the request made by the first respondent to direct the Registry to accept the vakalat of the new counsel will have to be accepted by this Court.

4. Accordingly, this Court directs the Registry to accept the vakalat of Mr.P.J.Rishikesh, as the counsel for the first respondent in place of Mr.T.A.Srinivasan, their erstwhile counsel. Registry is directed to print the name of Mr.P.J.Rishikesh, as the counsel for the first respondent, and post the matter on 03.10.2023.

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