

**State of Himachal Pradesh vs. Parveen Kumar Samal
and another**

Cr. Appeal No.182 of 2021

08.09.2023 Present: Ms. Sharmila Patiyal, Additional Advocate General, for the appellant/State.
Mr. Ravi Kumar, Advocate, vice Mr. Maan Singh, Advocate, for respondent No.1.
Mr. Balram Sharma, Deputy Solicitor General of India, for respondent No.3/Union of India.

In the present case, respondent No.2 was an accused in Criminal Case No.58 of 2020, under Sections 21 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 read with Sections 419 and 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. He was acquitted on 9.3.2021. His Passport, taken in possession, is lying in the records of the trial Court. However, after acquittal respondent No.2 is stated to have been deported to his home country, i.e. Nigeria.

In the aforesaid circumstance, for facing difficulty to serve respondent No.2, Union of India through its Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs to the Government of India, vide order dated 3.8.2023, was impleaded as party respondent and was directed to place on record reply/instructions relating to the issue in order to procure presence or representation of respondent No.2 in the present appeal.

Today, learned Deputy Solicitor General of India has sought further two weeks' time to place on record the relevant information.

On request of learned Deputy Solicitor General of India, two weeks' further time is granted to file reply/instructions in

terms of order passed on previous date, failing which, Officer responsible for imparting instructions shall remain present in person alongwith instructions and other relevant record to assist the Court relating to the issue in reference.

List on **28.9.2023** before appropriate Bench.

(Vivek Singh Thakur)
Judge

September 08, 2023 (KS)

(Bipin C. Negi)
Judge