

Krishan Zangeed alias Mukesh vs. State of Himachal Pradesh

Cr. Appeal No. 308 of 2022

23.06.2026

Present: Mr. George, Advocate, as well as Ms. Rajvinder Sandhu, Advocate, for the appellant.

Mr. Raj Negi, Deputy Advocate General, for the respondent-State.

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Mr. George, Advocate, as well as Ms. Rajvinder Sandhu, Advocate have put in simultaneous appearance on behalf of the appellant, with claim that each of them has been instructed by the appellant to contest the appeal.

Ms. Rajvinder Sandhu, Advocate, submits that memorandum of appeal has been prepared and filed by her, whereas Mr. George, Advocate, submits that after engaging by the appellant, he has been appearing for the appellant since last about two years and pursuing the appeal.

According to Ms. Rajvinder Sandhu, Advocate, she has been instructed by the appellant to represent him, whereas according to Mr. George, Advocate, now he has been engaged by the appellant to contest the appeal.

Ms. Rajvinder Sandhu, Advocate further submits that subsequent power of attorney on behalf of appellant has been filed without obtaining her no objection. Mr. George, Advocate has submitted that in case appellant

intends to be represented by Ms. Rajvinder Sandhu, Advocate, he is ready to withdraw his power of attorney.

Similar situation had arisen on 02.12.2024 and following order was passed by this Court:-

“Learned counsel appearing under instructions of Ms.Rajvinder Sandhu, Advocate, seeks adjournment and claims that Ms.Rajvinder Sandhu, Advocate, has to address the arguments. Whereas, Mr.George, Advocate, submits that subsequent to filing of Power of Attorney by Ms.Rajvinder Sandhu, Advocate, appellant has engaged him out of his free will and consent and, therefore, he is appearing for the appellant after filing Power of Attorney, however, in case appellant intends to continue Ms.Rajvinder Sandhu, Advocate as his counsel, he has no objection for that.

Considering aforesaid situation, learned counsel appearing for the appellant, are directed to resolve the issue by next date of hearing.

List for hearing on 02.01.2025.”

Today again same dispute is being raised. It is for the counsel to have complete instructions from the appellant and to act accordingly as per such instructions as it shall be decided by the appellant that who will be contesting the appeal filed by and on his behalf.

Be that as it may, Superintendent/Incharge of Model Central Jail, Kanda, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, where appellant is stated to be at present, is directed to inform the appellant about this dispute and to ask the appellant to communicate his free will and consent with respect to the Advocate through whom, he would intend to contest the appeal, and to send such communication to the Registry immediately.

Copy of this order be transmitted to Superintendent/Incharge of Model Central Jail, Kanda, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh for necessary compliance.

Needful be done by the Superintendent Superintendent/Incharge of Model Central Jail, Kanda, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh as well as counsel appearing for the appellants well before next date.

List for further orders on **17.07.2026**.

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List for consideration on **17.07.2026**.

(Vivek Singh Thakur)
Judge

(Ranjan Sharma)
Judge

23rd June, 2026
(Susheel)