

Lachman Vs. State of H.P.

Cr. A. No. 478/2022

14.11.2025 Present: Ms. Deepika Negi, Advocate, for the appellant.

Ms. Sharmila Patial, Addl. A.G. for the respondent-State.

Ms. Deepika Negi, Advocate, appearing on behalf of the appellant, submits that she was contacted by the appellant from Jail on her mobile expressing his intention to engage her his counsel in present appeal. But, thereafter he did not supply power of attorney in her favour, rather a telephonic message was received from him that he had engaged some other counsel. Therefore, she has expressed her inability to contest the appeal on behalf of the appellant for want of power of attorney, instructions as well as record.

Earlier, Mr. M. A. Safee, Advocate, was appointed as Legal Aid Counsel for the appellant, however he was discharged vide order dated 27.12.2024 for information supplied by Ms. Heena Chauhan, Advocate, under instructions of Ms. Deepika Negi, Advocate, that Ms. Deepa Negi, Advocate, had been engaged by the appellant to represent him.

In the aforesaid circumstances, the matter is adjourned with a direction to Ms. Deepika Negi, Advocate, to inform, in writing, the appellant about the aforesaid situation and to engage a counsel as desired by him to represent him in the appeal.

The Secretary, H.P. High Court Legal Services Authority is also directed to communicate the order dated 27.12.2024 and this order to the appellant directing him to make necessary arrangement for his representation in the appeal, on the next date of hearing.

List for consideration on 24.11.2025.

(Vivek Singh Thakur)
Judge

(Ramesh Verma)
Judge

14.11.2025
(pankaj)

