

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL**

Crl.A. No. 1 of 2009

Kh. Kulaachandra Singh

Appellant/s

Vrs.

CBI New Delhi

Respondent/s

BEFORE

**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. M. SUNDAR
(ORDER)**

16.06.2026

[1] Mr. N. Vijaykumar, learned counsel representing Mr. Th. Mahira, learned counsel on record for appellant is before this Court on the Video Conferencing (V.C.) platform. Learned counsel submits that Mr. Th. Mahira, learned counsel is unable to continue in the matter owing to personal reasons.

[2] In the normal circumstances, this Court would have been insisted that a determination application should be filed but in the case at hand inter-alia as it is an appeal of the year 2009 (it is vintage nay ancient) and considering how appellant is circumstanced making it clear that this will not serve as a precedent, this Court exercising its inherent powers dispenses with the formality of filing a determination application and discharges Mr. Th. Mahira, learned counsel i.e., his vakalatnama is determined and he ceases to be counsel for appellant. There is another reason as to why this Court is adopting this course. Chingakham Renuka Devi, aged about 62 years, Address: Moirangkhom Sougaijam Leirak, Mobile No.: 9402429408 and Sarita Khumallambam, aged about 50 years, Address: Singjamei – Imphal West, Mobile No.: 9774234129, daughters of appellant Mr. Kh.

Kulachandra Singh are present in Court and they submit that Mr. Kh. Kulachandra Singh wants legal aid owing to how he is circumstanced. They undertake to instruct a legal aid panel lawyer if this Court appoints one.

[3] Owing to the scenario set out supra, Ms. N. Savitri Devi, learned advocate/panel lawyer of 'High Court Legal Services Committee' (HCLSC) is appointed as counsel for appellant. Afore-referred 2(two) individuals viz., Chingakham Renuka Devi and Sarita Khumallambam shall coordinate with Ms. N. Savitri Devi, learned advocate. As this Court is informed that Mr. Kh. Kulachandra Singh is indisposed and not in good health, Ms. N. Savitri Devi will be paid by HCLSC as per prevailing schedule of fees. Registry to furnish one entire set of appeal papers forthwith to Ms. N. Savitri Devi, learned advocate (HCLSC panel lawyer).

[4] In the cause-list, Registry to show the name of Ms. N. Savitri Devi and not to show the name of Mr. Th. Mahira from next listing.

[5] List on 18.08.2026.

CHIEF JUSTICE

Indrajeet