

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
JODHPUR

D.B. Criminal Appeal No. 773/2014

Gurmej Singh @ Fozi

----Appellant

Versus

State

----Respondent

For Appellant(s)	:	Mr. J.S. Choudhary, Sr. Advocate assisted by Mr. Pradeep Choudhary
For Respondent(s)	:	Mr. Surendra Bishnoi, AGA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FARJAND ALI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUROOP SINGHI

Order

01/08/2025

1. This is a jail appeal and vide order dated 12.11.2014, learned counsel Shri Kaushal Gautam was appointed as amicus curiae to represent the appellant and argue on his behalf. However, he is not present in Court today.
2. Eleven more years have elapsed. In the case of ***Anohkilal vs. State of Madhya Pradesh (2019)SCC196***, the Hon'ble Supreme Court laid down certain directions regarding appointment of counsel through the Legal Services Authority. It was emphasized that, in cases of this nature, preference should be given to a designated Senior Advocate or, at the very least, to an advocate having not less than ten years of standing at the Bar.
3. Constrained by the circumstances, and taking guidance from the judgment referred to *supra*, this Court requested Shri J.S. Choudhary, learned Senior Counsel, to assist the Court

by representing the appellant. He generously and willingly agreed to render his services.

4. In view of the above, Shri J.S. Choudhary, learned Senior Counsel, who will be assisted by Shri Pradeep Choudhary, learned counsel, shall argue the matter on behalf of the appellant. Henceforth, the name of Shri Pradeep Choudhary shall be shown in the cause list as counsel for the appellant.
5. A copy of the relevant papers, including the record, shall be provided to the learned Senior Counsel.
6. List the matter after two weeks.

(ANUROOP SINGHI),J

(FARJAND ALI),J