

State of H.P. Vs. Parveen Kumar Samal

Cr. Appeal No. 182 of 2021

11.8.2026

Present: Mr.J.S. Guleria, Deputy Advocate General for the appellant.

Mr.Rohan Thakur, Advocate, vice Mr. Maan Singh, Advocate, for respondents No. 1 and 2.

Mr. Lokender Paul Thakur, Senior Panel Counsel for respondent No. 3-UOI and newly added respondent No. 4.

Mr.Lokender Paul Thakur, Senior Panel Counsel for respondent No. 3-Union of India has placed on record instructions dated 3.8.2026, received from Director International Cooperation Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, whereby it has been informed as under:-

"I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even no. dated 14.05.2026 and counsel's letter No. SRPC/Cr.A/215/2021/2026 dated 25.05.2026 on the above mentioned subject and to state that the Agreement between India and Nepal on MLAT in Criminal Matters was signed on 17.02.2026 and ratification process has already been completed. The Gazette notification process is in progress.

2. It is requested to bring the same to the knowledge of the Hon'ble Court in the next date of hearing."

2. In view of above information placed on record by Mr.Lokender Paul Thakur, Senior Panel Counsel, matter is adjourned to place on record status of process in progress so as to enable the State to take appropriate steps accordingly.

3. Mr. Lokender Paul Thakur, Senior Panel Counsel has further submitted that concerned Officer who deals with the

issue involved in present matter is Director International Cooperation Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, First Floor, Major Dhyanchand Stadium, New Delhi and, therefore, for request made on his behalf, Director, International Cooperation Division is arrayed as party-respondent No. 4 in present appeal. Necessary addition be carried out by the Registry.

4. Newly added respondent shall be represented by Mr.Lokender Paul Thakur, Senior Panel Counsel, therefore, no notice is required to be issued to the newly added respondent.

List for consideration on **21st September, 2026.**

***(Vivek Singh Thakur),
Judge.***

***(Ranjan Sharma),
Judge.***

11th August, 2026.
(Keshav)