

State of H.P vs. Mahesh Khattary & Ors.

a/w connected matters

Cr. Appeal No.220 of 2023

a/w CR.A Nos.405 of 2019, 182 of 2021, 210 of 2021 & 482 of 2022 and CRMPM No.1574 of 2018

25.08.2026 Present : **Cr. Appeal No.220 of 2023**

Mr. Ramakant Sharma, Additional Advocate General, for the appellant.

None for respondent No.1.

Mr. Ravinder Singh Chandel, Advocate, for respondent No.2.

Mr. Lokender Paul Thakur, Senior Panel Counsel, for respondent No.3-UOI.

Cr. Appeal No.405 of 2019

Mr. Ramakant Sharma, Additional Advocate General, for the appellant.

None for respondent No.1.

Mr. Lokender Paul Thakur, Senior Panel Counsel, for respondent No.2-UOI.

Cr. Appeal No.182 of 2021

Mr. Ramakant Sharma, Additional Advocate General, for the appellant.

None for respondent No.1.

None for respondent No.2.

Mr. Lokender Paul Thakur, Senior Panel Counsel, for respondent No.3-UOI.

Cr. Appeal No.210 of 2021

Mr. Ramakant Sharma, Additional Advocate General, for the appellant.

None for the respondent.

Cr. Appeal No.482 of 2022

Mr. Ramakant Sharma, Additional Advocate General, for the appellant.

None for respondent No.1.

Mr. Lokender Paul Thakur, Senior Panel Counsel, for respondent No.2-UOI.

CRMPM No.1574 of 2018

Mr. Ramakant Sharma, Additional Advocate General, for the appellant.

None for respondent No.1.

Mr. Lokender Paul Thakur, Senior Panel Counsel, for respondent No.2-UOI.

Learned Senior Panel Counsel for Union of India has placed on record communication dated 21.08.2026, whereby it has been communicated as under:-

"I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even no. dated 14.05.2026 and Id. counsel's letter No. SRPC/Cr.A/220/2023/2026 dated 23.06.2026 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 said Agreement is in force since 26.06.2026. 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."

In view of above, matter is adjourned with direction to Union of India to place on record the latest status of completion of process with regard to agreement between India and Nepal on MLAT in Criminal Matters.

List on **26.11.2026**.

(Vivek Singh Thakur)
Judge

(Ranjan Sharma)
Judge

25th August, 2026
(Pardeep)