

AJAY KUMAR Versus STATE OF HP & ANOTHER

CRMMO-725 of 2026

05.08.2026 Present: Mr. Hitender Verma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajan Kahol & Mr. Vishal Panwar, Additional Advocates General with Mr. Ravi Chauhan & Mr. Anish Banshtu, Deputy Advocates General, for the respondent-State.

Vide order dated 10.07.2026, this Court had issued notice to respondent No.2, returnable for today's date. After receipt of afore notice, afore respondent has sent a letter dated 20.07.2026, stating therein that on account of illness, he is unable to come present. He also stated in afore communication that he is a person of limited means and, due to his illness, is unable to work and earn his livelihood.

Since respondent No.2 is unable to come present for the reasons stated herein above and has no source of income, this Court, with a view to protect his interest, deems it fit to appoint Legal Aid Counsel to represent him in the instant proceedings.

In view of the above, Mr. Mayank Verma, Advocate is appointed as Legal Aid Counsel on behalf of afore respondent. Registry is directed to supply complete paper book to the Legal Aid Counsel, enabling him to render proper assistance to this Court on the next date of hearing. Needless to say, aforesaid Legal Aid counsel shall be entitled to fee as per schedule.

In view of the above, list on 16.09.2026. Name of Mr. Mayank Verma, Legal Aid Counsel, be reflected in the cause list henceforth as counsel for respondent No.2.

**(Sandeep Sharma),
Judge**

August 05, 2026
(Sunil)