

**SECTION IIB  
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**PETITION FOR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL(CRL.) NO. 2225 OF 2014**

KAMAL BAHADUR ...PETITIONER  
VERSUS  
STATE OF H.P. ...RESPONDENT

**OFFICE REPORT FOR DIRECTIONS**

The office report for directions in the matter above mentioned was listed before the Hon'ble Judge in Chambers on 28.09.2015, when His Lordship was pleased to pass the following order:

**"Three weeks' time is granted to learned counsel for the petitioner to cure the defects as pointed out in the office report dated 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015, failing which the Special Leave Petition shall stand dismissed without further reference to the Court."**

It is submitted that the instant matter is an after notice matter and sole respondent in the matter is State of Himachal Pradesh.

It is further submitted that pursuant to order dated 09.07.2014 of the Registrar Court, Counsel for the petitioner has served copy of petitions on Ms. Pragati Neekhra, Standing Counsel for the State of Himachal Pradesh.

It is further submitted that thereafter Ms. Pragati Neekhra, Advocate/Standing Counsel for the State of Himachal Pradesh appeared before the Court of Registrar either herself or through another advocate on various dates and undertook to file Vakalatnama/Appearance on behalf of the sole respondent/State of Himachal Pradesh but the Counsel has not filed Vakalatnama/Appearance.

It is further submitted that the matter above mentioned was listed before Court of Registrar from time to time and lastly on 04.09.2015 when the Hon'ble Court was pleased pass the following order:

"The Ld. Advocate, Mr. Suryanarayana Singh, appearing on behalf of Ms. Pragati Neekhra, Advocate-on-Record for the sole respondent – State has requested one week's time to file the vakalatnama. A perusal of the record shows that the service upon the sole respondent was complete in September, 2014 itself. Since then till date six adjournments have already been availed by the State to file the vakalatnama as well as counter affidavit but not even the vakalatnama has been filed till date.

The matter be placed before the Hon'ble Judge in Chambers for further directions."

It is submitted that Ms. Pragati Neekhra, Advocate/Standing Counsel for the State of Himachal Pradesh who has undertaken to file Vakalatnama/Appearance on behalf of sole respondent/State of Himachal Pradesh, has not filed Vakalatnama/Appearance, so far, as a result of which further progress in the matter is held up.

The office report for directions in the matter above mentioned is listed before the Hon'ble Court

Dated this the 05<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

**ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

**Copy TO:**

- 1) Mr. Daya Krishan Sharma, Advocate
- \*2) Ms. Pragati Neekhra, Advocate

\*You are requested to file vakalatnama/appearance on behalf of the sole respondent/State of Himachal Pradesh.

**ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**