

From,

Registrar General,
High Court of Uttarakhand,
Nainital.

To,

All the District & Sessions Judges,
State Judiciary of Uttarakhand.

C.L.No.15 /UHC/Admin-B/v-a-19 /2025

Dated:18 Nov., 2025

Sub: Directions for Speedy Trial of Criminal Cases

Sir/Madam,

On the subject noted above, in compliance of Order dated 22.09.2025 passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP (Crl) No.969 of 2025 titled as '*The Central Bureau of Investigation vs. Mir Usman @ Ara @ Mir Usman Ali*', the directions as mentioned in *Annexure-I* to this letter are issued for the compliance by all the Courts at districts dealing with the criminal cases.

2. In the matter, I am also directed to request all the District & Sessions Judges to ensure compliance of the aforesaid directions in their respective Judgeships.

By the orders.

Sd/-
(Yogesh Kumar Gupta)
Registrar General

No. 8435 /UHC/Admin-B/v-a-19/2025

Dated: 18 Nov., 2025

Copy for information and necessary action to :-

- (i) P.P.S. to Hon'ble the Chief Justice for placing it before His Lordship for the kind perusal.
- (ii) P.S./P.A.s to Hon'ble Judges for placing it for kind perusal of their Lordships.
- (iii) P.A. to Registrar General.

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- (iv) All the Registrars of the Hon'ble Court.
- (v) Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee.
- (vi) Joint Registrar (IT)/CPC of the Hon'ble Court.
- (vii) All the Joint Registrar/Deputy Registrar/Assistant Registrars/Section Officers of the Hon'ble Court.
- (viii) Director, Uttarakhand Judicial & Legal Academy, Bhowali, Nainital.
- (ix) Principal Secretary, Law-cum-LR, Dehradun.
- (x) Principal Judges/Judges Family Court, Uttarakhand.
- (xi) Chairman, Commercial Tax Tribunal, Dehradun.
- (xii) Chairman, State Transport Appellate Tribunal, Dehradun.
- (xiii) Registrar, State Consumer Redressal Commission, Dehradun.
- (xiv) Member Secretary, Uttarakhand State Legal Services Authority, Nainital.
- (xv) Presiding Officer, Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court, Haldwani, District Nainital.
- (xvi) Presiding Officer, Labour Courts, Dehradun, Haridwar & Kashipur, District Udham Singh Nagar.
- (xvii) Presiding Officer, Food Safety Appellate Tribunal, Dehradun & Haldwani.
- (xviii) Registrar, Public Service Tribunal, Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
- (xix) Secretary-cum-Registrar, State Level Police Complaint Authority, Dehradun.
- (xx) Chairman, Permanent Lok Adalat, Dehradun, Haridwar, Nainital and Udham Singh Nagar.
- (xxi) Deputy Registrar (IT) of the Hon'ble Court with a request to upload the same on the website of the High Court of Uttarakhand.
- (xxii) Judicial Sections concerned for the compliance at Section level.
- (xxiii) Guard File.

Registrar (Judicial)

Guidelines for Speedy Trial of Criminal Cases

1. The proceedings in every inquiry or trial shall be held expeditiously.
2. When the stage of examination of witnesses starts such examination shall be continued from day-to-day until all the witnesses in the attendance have been examined except for special reasons to be recorded in writing.
3. When the witnesses are in attendance before the Court no adjournment or postponement shall be granted without examining them, except for special reasons to be recorded in writing.
4. The Court should not grant the adjournment to suit the convenience of the advocate concerned except on very exceptional grounds like bereavement in the family and similar exceptional reasons duly supported by memo. Be it noted that the said inconvenience of an advocate is not a "Special Reason" for the purpose of bypassing the immunity of Section 309 of the Cr.P.C.
5. In case of non-cooperation of accused or his counsel, the following shall be kept in mind:
 - a. In case of non-cooperation of the counsel, the Court shall satisfy itself whether the non-cooperation is in active collusion with the accused to delay the trial. If it is so satisfied for reasons to be recorded in writing, it may, if the accused is on bail, put the accused on notice to show cause why the bail cannot be cancelled.
 - b. In cases where the accused is not in collusion with lawyer and it is the lawyer who is not cooperating with the trial, the Court may for reason to be recorded, appoint an amicus curiae for the accused and fix a date for proceeding with cross-examination/trial.

- c. The Court may also in appropriate cases impose cost on the accused commensurate with the loss suffered by the witness including the expenses to attend the court.
 - d. In case when the accused is absent and the witness is present for examination, in that case the Court can cancel the bail of accused if he is on bail. (Unless an application is made on his behalf seeking permission for his counsel to proceed to examine the witness present even in his absence, provided the accused gives an undertaking in writing that, he would not dispute, his identity as a particular accused in the case.)
- 6. The Presiding Officer of each Court may evolve the system for framing a schedule of constructive working days for examination of witnesses in each case, well in advance, after ascertaining the convenience of counsel on both sides.[]
- 7. The summons or process could be handed over to the Public Prosecutor in-charge of the case to cause them to be served on the witnesses, as per schedule fixed by the Court.