

From,

Registrar General,  
High Court of Uttarakhand  
Nainital.

To,

All District & Session Judges,  
State Judiciary,  
Uttarakhand.

C.L. No. 09/UHC/Admin.B/2026

Dated: 27.02.2026

**Subject:- “Implementation of directions of Hon’ble Supreme Court dated 05.02.2026 passed in Criminal Appeal No. 701/2026, Reginamary Chellamani vs State Rep by Superintendent of Customs”**

Sir,

In reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to inform you that the Hon’ble Supreme Court in Criminal Appeal No. 701 of 2026 (*Reginamary Chellamani vs. State represented by Superintendent of Customs*), arising under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 read with the Customs Act, 1962, has issued following directions for all the Trial Courts:-

*“It is incumbent upon the Trial Courts dealing with criminal proceedings, when faced with such situations, to inform the accused of their right to legal representation and their entitlement to be represented by legal aid counsel in the event they are unable to afford counsel. The Trial Courts shall record the offer so made to the accused, the response of the accused thereto, and the action taken thereupon in their orders before commencing the examination of witnesses. This procedure is required to be adopted and implemented scrupulously.”*

2. In view of the above, you are requested to circulate the aforesaid directions among all concerned judicial officers in your respective Judgeship for information and strict compliance. You are also requested to please monitor the compliance from time to time in monthly meetings with judicial officers.

*Encl. as above.*

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Yogesh Kumar Gupta)

Registrar General

Dated:27.02.2026

No. 1091/UHC/Admin.B/2026

**Copy for information and necessary action (if any):**

1. Principal Secretary, Home, Dehradun.
2. Principal Secretary, Law-cum-LR, Dehradun.
3. Director, Uttarakhand Judicial & Legal Academy, Bhowali, Nainital.
4. All Family Court Judges, State of Uttarakhand.
5. Member Secretary, Uttarakhand State Legal Services Authority, Nainital
6. All the Registrars of the Court.
7. Joint Registrars, Deputy Registrars, Asstt. Registrars & Section Officers of the Court.
8. Computer Section of the High Court with a direction to upload the same on the website of the High Court of Uttarakhand.
9. Guard file.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar

Admin.B