



From,
Registrar General,
High Court of Uttarakhand,
At Nainital

To,
1. All the District and Sessions Judges,
State of Uttarakhand,
2. Principal Judges/Judges
Family Courts, State of Uttarakhand,

C. L. No. 16 /I.T./IX/ICJS/2023

Dated: 26.05.2026

Subject: Reg. maximizing Video-Conferencing (VC) facilities for production and participation of accused in custody.

Sir/Madam,

In furtherance of directions issued by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Miscellaneous Application No. 183/2026 in SLP (Crl.) No. 12690/2025, in Para no. 13 of Order dated 24.02.2026, I am under directions to convey that ***"prisoners to be produced before all the Courts subordinate to the High Courts, in both civil and criminal matters, through video conferencing from the jail premises on dates which are not effective in the sense that when they are not actually physically required for the purposes of examination of witnesses, etc. It balances the manpower requirements with the safety and security requirements as well"***.

2. It is further to mention that "The High Court of Uttarakhand Electronic Communication and Audio-Video Electronic Means (*Nyay Shruti*) Rules, 2025", have been notified incorporating following provisions contained in Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for VC based hearings:
 - (a) **Accused in Judicial Custody (BNSS Sec 187):** Accused persons may be presented before the court via video conferencing, except for the first appearance, which requires physical presence.
 - (b) **Presence of Accused during Evidence Recording (BNSS Sec 308):** Accused persons must be present, either physically or via video conferencing, during the recording of evidence.
 - (c) **Examination of Accused in Custody (BNSS Sec 316):** Accused persons in custody may be examined electronically, with signature verification required within 72 hours.
 - (d) **Judgment Pronouncement (BNSS Sec 392):** Accused persons in custody may hear their judgment via video conferencing.

Your kind authority is therefore, requested to impress upon all the Courts under your jurisdiction for strict compliance of above orders.

Yours sincerely

(Yogesh Kumar Gupta)
Registrar General

**No. 3770
26.05.2026**

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Dated:

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1. P.P.S. to Hon'ble the Chief Justice with the request to place it before His Lordship for kind perusal.
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5. Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority, Uttarakhand.
6. Secretary, Home, Government of Uttarakhand.
7. Director General of Police, State of Uttarakhand.
8. Inspector General of Prison, State of Uttarakhand.
9. Director, Prosecution, Government of Uttarakhand.
10. All the Registrars of the Court and with the request to inform all concerned under your administrative control.
11. Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee (HCLSC), Nainital.
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