

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Cr1.) No(s). 16513/2023

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 10-11-2023 in SBA No. 150/2023 passed by the High Court of Uttarakhand at Nainital)

SACHIN KUMAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF UTTARAKHAND

Respondent(s)

Date : 20-03-2024 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ABHAY S. OKA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

For Petitioner(s)

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For Respondent(s)

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

The learned counsel appearing for the respondent-State of Uttarakhand states that though vakalatnama has been filed on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2024, no instructions have been given to file a counter affidavit, presumably because a new panel of State counsel has come into effect from 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

During the last few days, we have noticed that this is happening with many States. It is no doubt true that the States have a freedom to change their panel, but they cannot change the panel in such a manner that it will cause prejudice to the functioning of the Courts.

We, therefore, issue notice to the Secretary of the Ministry of Law, State of Uttarakhand to personally remain present in Court on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2024.

A copy of this order shall accompany the notice.

(ANITA MALHOTRA)  
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(AVGV RAMU)  
COURT MASTER