27.2.2009Present:Plaintiff Gurdial Singh in person.

Mr. Pankaj Negi, Advocate, vice Mr. Neeraj Gupta Advocate, for the defendants.

Witness Shri M. S. Gill is present in person but his statement could not be recorded, for the reason that the lawyers are abstaining from appearing in the courts today, as such the witness is discharged and further vide Notification No.HHC/PJ/93-1-4092-4112 dated  $21^{st}$ February, 2009, the High Court of Himachal Pradesh, in exercise of the powers vested in it under section 29 read with Sections 10 and 11 of the Himachal Pradesh Courts Act, 1976 and in supersession of its earlier Notification dated  $1^{st}$  /  $2^{nd}$  April, 2005, has enhanced the pecuniary jurisdiction of District Judge from Rs.10,00,000/- to Rs.15,00,000/-. The value of the present suit, for the

purpose of court fee and jurisdiction, is fixed at Rs.13,00,000/-, which falls within the pecuniary jurisdiction of District Judge, therefore, the present suit is transferred from the files of this Court to the court of learned District Judge, Solan, who shall dispose it of expeditiously in accordance with law.

The parties are hereby directed to be present in the court of learned District Judge, Solan on 26.3.2009. Records of the case along with record of Civil Suit No.69-S/1 of 1999, requisitioned by this Court be sent forthwith to the transferee court, so as to reach there before the fixed date.

February 27, 2009 (Surinder Singh), J. (D)