



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

WP(C) No.19819 of 2026

Mr. Mohammad Moquim

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Petitioner

Represented by Adv. -
Bigyan Kumar Sharma,
Sr. Adv.

-versus-

State Of Odisha and others

.....

Opposite Parties

Mr. U.C. Jena, ASC

CORAM:

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADITYA KUMAR
MOHAPATRA**

ORDER

02.07.2026

Order No.

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid mode.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner as well as learned counsel for the State-Opposite Parties. Perused the writ application as well as the documents annexed thereto.
3. The Petitioner has filed the present writ application with the following prayer:

“Under the aforesaid circumstances, it is humbly prayed that your Lordship's may graciously be pleased to issue Rule NISI calling upon the Opp. Parties more particularly the Opp. Party No.1 to show cause as to why the Appeal Case No.1 of 2025 filed on 06.11.2025 shall not be disposed of at an earliest and if the Opp. Party No.1 fail to show cause or show insufficient cause make the said Rule NISI absolute;

And further be pleased to issue a directive to



Opp. Party No.1 to dispose of the Appeal Case No.1 of 2025 within a period of three weeks;

And pass such other order/orders, writ/writs, direction / directions, as the Hon'ble Court may deem, fit and proper.”

4. Mr. B.K. Sharma, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the Petitioner at the outset contended that the Petitioner has a very limited grievance in the present writ petition. He further contended that the Petitioner being aggrieved by the rejection of his Arms License by the competent authority which had expired on 31.12.2022, has preferred an appeal before the learned Chief Secretary, Govt. of Odisha. Such appeal has been registered as Appeal Case No.01 of 2025. Being aggrieved by the delay in disposal of the aforesaid appeal, the Petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present writ petition. Learned senior counsel for the Petitioner further contended that the issue involves urgency, therefore, the appellate authority should have considered the appeal of the Petitioner as expeditiously as possible. However, no steps have been taken for early hearing of the appeal. Being aggrieved by such inaction of the Opposite Party No.1, the Petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present writ petition.

5. Learned counsel for the State on the other hand contended that he has no specific instruction in the matter. He further contended that in the event any such appeal is pending and no final decision has been taken thereon by the Opposite Party No.1, he will have no objection in the event this Court directs the Opposite Party No.1 to



expedite the hearing of the appeal and make every endeavor to conclude the same in accordance with law within a stipulated period of time.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsels appearing for the respective parties, on a careful analysis of their submission and on a close scrutiny of the document annexed to the writ petition, this Court deems it proper to dispose of the writ petition at the stage of admission by directing the Opposite Party No.1 to consider and dispose of the application of the Petitioner within a period of two months from the date of communication of a certified copy of today's order. The Opposite Party No.1 shall do well to dispose of the representation of the Petitioner by passing a speaking and reasoned order. The final decision so taken be communicated to the Petitioner within ten days thereafter.

7. With the aforesaid observations/directions, the writ application stands disposed of.

Issue urgent certified copy of this order as per Rules.

(Aditya Kumar Mohapatra)
Judge

S.K. Rout

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