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W.P No.29722 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27.10.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

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T.Babu Antony

..... Petitioner

Vs

1.State of Tamil Nadu

Represented by Additional Chief Secretary
Revenue Administration & Disaster
Management Commissionerate
Chepauk, Chennai-600 005.

2.The Collector and District Magistrate

Kanyakumari District
Nagercoil-629 001.

3.The Superintendent of Police

Kanyakumari District
Nagercoil-629 001.

..... Respondents

PRAYER: This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorari, to call for the records connected with the Order No.ந.ந.க.எண்.வா.நெ.5(4) / 9510/2021 dated 22.02.2023 of the Additional Chief Secretary and Revenue Administration Commissioner, Chennai, 1st respondent herein, declare it as illegal, not maintainable and consequently quash the same.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Balaji

For R1 to R3 : Mr.M.Rajendiran
Additional Government Pleader



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ORDER

This writ petition has been filed, challenging the impugned order dated 22.02.2023 passed by the 1st respondent.

2. The case of the petitioner is that the petitioner had obtained a DBBL gun license in the year 1995 for the purposes of 'self and crop protection'. Thereafter, he made an application for renewal of gun license in the year 2019 and the same was rejected by the 2nd respondent vide his order dated 03.02.2021. As against which, the petitioner preferred an appeal before the 1st respondent and the same was also rejected by the 1st respondent on the ground that a criminal case has been registered against the petitioner in Crime No.15 of 2014 for the offences under Sections 420, 465, 468, 471, 120(B) and 506(i) of IPC. Challenging the same, the present writ petition is filed with the above said prayer.

3. However, the learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that during the pendency of the writ petition, after completion of investigation, final report was filed in the said criminal case and the same was taken on file in C.C No.921 of 2023 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate No.I, Nagarcoil. Thereafter, the petitioner filed a discharge petition in M.P No.3585 of 2024



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before the trial Court and the same was dismissed on 10.02.2025. As against

which, the petitioner filed a revision petition before this Court in CrI.R.C (MD)

No.318 of 2025 and the same was allowed on 23.04.2025. In view of the

above, there is no legal impediment for the 2nd respondent to renew the

application made by the petitioner and also 'no animal threat' is not considered

a valid reason to deny the renewal of a gun license. Accordingly, he prayed to

allow this writ petition.

4. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and in view of the

subsequent development, this Court is inclined to grant liberty to the petitioner

to make a fresh renewal application in terms of the acquittal order passed by

this Court in CrI.R.C (MD) No.318 of 2025 dated 23.04.2025. On receipt of

such a renewal application, the 2nd respondent is directed to consider the same

without reference to the previous impugned orders passed by him, and the 1st

respondent, within a period of four weeks, thereafter.

5. With the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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