



W.P.(MD) No.3204 of 2025

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 10.03.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V.LAKSHMINARAYANAN

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K.M.Akbar Ali

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Petitioner

Vs

1 The District Collector/District Magistrate,
O/o. the District Collector,
Madurai.

2 The District Revenue Officer/Additional District Magistrate,
O/o.The District Revenue Officer,
Madurai.

3 The Commissioner of Police,
Madurai City,
Madurai.

4 The Revenue Divisional Officer,
O/o.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Melur,
Madurai District.

5 The Forest Range Officer,
Oddanchatram,
Dindigul District.

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Respondents



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PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a writ of certiorarified mandamus, to call for the records pertaining to the impugned order passed by the 1st respondent vide Na.Ka.No.C2/7712/2016, dated 18.07.2024, and quash the same and consequently direct the 1st respondent to renew the license of the sporting rifle vide License No.6/1/M.N.T.II.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Shanmugraja Sethupathi

For Respondents 1,2,4 & 5 : Mr.A.Kannan,
Addl. Govt. Pleader.

For Respondent 3 : Mr.M.Karunanithi,
Govt. Advocate (Crl.Side).

ORDER

Petitioner seeks to quash the proceedings, whereby the licensing authority/District Collector has refused to grant arms licence to the writ petitioner.

2. In terms of Section 18 of the Arms Act,1959, an appeal is maintainable from such an order. Consequently, I am not inclined to entertain the Writ Petition.



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3. Writ Petition is, therefore, dismissed. Liberty is granted to the petitioner to file an appeal before the State Government within a period of 30 days from today. In case appeal is filed within the said period, the Government shall entertain the appeal, without insisting upon an application to condone the delay. The delay would be deemed to have been condoned. No costs. Consequently, the connected W.M.P.(MD) Nos.2240 and 2241 of 2025 are closed.

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NCC : Yes / No

Index : Yes / No

Internet : Yes / No

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Note to Office :

Original of the impugned order, if filed along with the Writ Petition, shall be returned to the counsel on record, after obtaining the usual endorsement.

To:

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