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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CWP-21292-2025

Date of decision: 28.07.2025

GAGANDEEP SINGH

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Mr. Parminder Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Udit Garg, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present Civil Writ Petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of *certiorari* for quashing the order dated 18.06.2024 (Annexure P-6), whereby the application filed by the petitioner for issuance of arms license was rejected by the District Magistrate, Karnal and order dated 31.01.2025 (Annexure P-7), whereby the appeal filed by the petitioner was dismissed by the Divisional Commissioner, Karnal Division, Karnal.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that it is a case where the petitioner filed an application for grant of arms license for the purpose of self protection under Family Heirloom Policy and the same has been rejected by the District Magistrate, Karnal vide impugned order dated 18.06.2024 (Annexure P-6). He further submitted that against the aforesaid order, the petitioner filed an appeal before the Divisional Commissioner, Karnal Division, Karnal and the same was dismissed vide order dated 31.01.2025 (Annexure



P-7). He also submitted that a perusal of both the aforesaid impugned orders would show that on the face of it, they are absolutely non-speaking with not even a single reason assigned in accordance with law and therefore, the same are liable to be set aside.

3. On the other hand, Mr. Udit Garg, Addl. A.G., Haryana submitted that he has received an advance copy of the present petition and has also sought instructions in the present case. He further submitted that it is correct that even a bare perusal of the aforesaid impugned orders would show that the same are cryptic and non-speaking and passed without assigning any cogent reasons in accordance with law and therefore, he has no objection in case both the aforesaid impugned orders are set aside and the matter is remanded back to the District Magistrate, Karnal for taking a fresh decision by assigning reasons in accordance with law.

4. In view of the aforesaid factual position as so stated by the learned counsel for the petitioner and the submissions made by the learned State counsel, the present petition is allowed. Both the impugned orders dated 18.06.2024 (Annexure P-6) and dated 31.01.2025 (Annexure P-7) are set aside being cryptic, non-speaking and unreasoned. The District Magistrate, Karnal is hereby directed to pass a fresh order with due application of mind, which shall be a speaking order backed by reasons, within a period of three months from today after affording adequate opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, in accordance with law.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

28.07.2025
Chetan Thakur

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No