IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.7500 of 2025

CNR No. BRHC010383742025

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Virendra Kumar Singh S/o Late Vishwanath Singh, R/o- Pipara Gareri, P.S.- Mohania, Post- Kathej, Dist- Kaimur (Bhabhua), Bihar.

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Home, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
2. The District Magistrate, Kaimur, Dist- Kaimur at Bhabhua.
3. The Arms Magistrate, Dist- Kaimur at Bhabhua.
4. The Superintendent of Police, Dist- Kaimur at Bhabhua.

... ... Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Gyanendra Kumar Singh, Advocate
Mr. Kundar Kr. Ojha, Advocate
Mr. Navneet Prabhakar, Advocate
Ms. Sadhna Parashar, Advocate
Mr. Neelmani Raj, Advocate
Mr. Dhananjay Kumar, Advocate

For the Respondent/s : Mr. Sanjay Prasad, GP (35)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE AJIT KUMAR

ORAL ORDER

2 29-10-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

2. The instant writ application has been filed for the following reliefs:-

(i) That an appropriate writ in the nature of mandamus be issued in the name of respondents directing them to grant 12 Bore Double Barrel Gun licence in favour of the petitioner.

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(ii) Any other relief / reliefs, petitioner found entitled in law be granted to him.

3**.** Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner's father was the holder of a valid arms licence bearing Licence No. 182/68 in respect of a 12 Bore DBBL Gun bearing No. 24190. It is further submitted that, upon his father attaining the age of 80 years, the petitioner submitted applications dated 22.06.2018 and 24.12.2019 before the District Magistrate, Kaimur at Bhabhua, in the prescribed format, seeking transfer of the said arms licence in his favour under Rule 25(1)(a) of the Arms Rules, 2016, in accordance with the Family Heirloom Policy. The petitioner asserted that the firearm was necessary for the protection of life and property, particularly in view of the crime-prone nature of the area. However, despite the lapse of considerable time, no decision has been taken on the aforesaid applications. Learned counsel further submits that a Division Bench of this Court, in ***Rajiv Raj v. State of Bihar & Ors.***, reported in ***2019 (4) PLJR 273***, has laid down the principles governing the grant of arms licences under the Family Heirloom Policy, which are binding upon the licensing authorities in the State of Bihar.

4. At this stage, learned counsel for the State submits

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that appropriate directions may be issued to the competent authority to consider the claim of the petitioner in reference to the judgment indicated aforesaid.

5. Having considered the submissions advanced on behalf of the parties, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the petitioner to file a fresh representation, in continuation of his earlier representation, before the District Magistrate-cum-Licensing Authority, Kaimur at Bhabhua, within four weeks, enclosing all relevant documents, including a copy of the judgment upon which reliance is placed. Upon receipt of such representation, the District Magistrate-cum-Licensing Authority, Kaimur at Bhabhua, shall consider and dispose of the same by passing a reasoned and speaking order, strictly in accordance with law, within a period of eight weeks thereafter. The order so passed shall be communicated to the petitioner forthwith.

6. With the aforesaid observations and directions, the instant writ application stands disposed.

(Ajit Kumar, J)

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