

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.18624 of 2025

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Md. Arif Sakir S/o Md. Sakir, Mohalla, Mogalpura Bigha, P.S.- Bakhtiyarpur,
District- Patna, Bihar.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Home Secretary, Government of Bihar.
2. The District Magistrate, Patna.
3. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Patna.
4. The Station House Officer, Bakhtiyarpur.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mrs. Manisha Pandey, Advocate
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr. Government Advocate (02)
		Mr. Sumant Kumar Singh, AC to GA-2

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE AJIT KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

2 04-05-2026 In view of the submissions so made, the defect(s) as pointed out by the Office / Stamp Reporter is hereby ignored.

2. The writ application has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents to issue an arms license for a handgun (revolver/pistol) in the name of the petitioner.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that an application in the prescribed format has already been filed before the District Magistrate, Patna, which is appended to the writ application as Annexure-P/1. However, till date, no action has been taken with regard to the grant of an arms license. It is further submitted that, as per the provisions of the Arms Act, a license may be granted for ensuring the safety of life and



property upon an application being made. Despite the application having been filed on 10.11.2023, no decision has yet been taken.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the State submits that since the application has already been made in the prescribed format, the competent authority is required to adjudicate the same by passing an appropriate order in accordance with law.

5. In view of the submissions made on behalf of the parties, the District Magistrate, Patna, is directed to take a final decision on the petitioner’s application for grant of an arms license within a period of eight weeks from today. The order so passed shall also be communicated to the petitioner within the said period.

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

(Ajit Kumar, J)

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