

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.688 of 2025

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Ranjeet Kumar S/o Ramswarup Mahto, resident of Village - Ganauri Tilha
Pahara, Anchal - Guraru, P.S. - Paraiya, District- Gaya.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Department of Home,
Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
2. The District Magistrate, Gaya.
3. The District Arms Magistrate, District- Gaya.
4. The Superintendent of Police, District- Gaya.
5. The Officer in charge, Police Station - Paraiya, District- Gaya.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Sudhir Kumar Sinha, Advocate
For the Respondent/s : Mr. Standing Counsel (18)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE AJIT KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

2 25-06-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
counsel for the State.

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, Gaya, which is appended to the
writ application as Annexure-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 19.05.2023, 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, Gaya, 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 after seeking report from the local Police with regard to threat perception, which the petitioner has alleged. 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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