

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.96 of 2026

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Ankit Kumar S/o Ranjeet Kumar Kaushal, Resident of Mohalla- Kumar Colony, P.O.- Railway Station Gaya, P.S.- Kotwali, District- Gayaji.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Director General of Police, Home Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The District Magistrate-cum-District Arms Magistrate, Gaya.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Gaya.
4. The Sub Divisional Superintendent of Police, Gaya.
5. The Sub Divisional Officer, Gaya.
6. The Officer-in-charge, Kotwali, Gaya.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Sheo Kumar Prasad, Adv.

For the Respondent/s : Additional Advocate General (13)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE AJIT KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

2 15-04-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
AC to AAG-13.

2. The writ application has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents to grant license for a NP Bore Rifle and NP Bore Pistol to the petitioner in terms of provisions of Arms Act and to dispose of the application filed by the petitioner regarding the issuance of Arms License dated 10.10.2025 which is said to be pending before the Respondent No.2/The District Magistrate-cum-District Arms Magistrate, Gaya.

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-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 10.10.2025, 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. 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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