

W.P.(MD)No.14937 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 05.06.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

W.P.(MD)No.14937 of 2026
and W.M.P(MD)No.11241 of 2026

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.. Petitioner

- Vs. -

1.The District Collector,
District Collector Office,
Sivagangai District.

2.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Office of the Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Karaikudi, Sivagangai District.

3.The Sub Collector,
Devakottai,
Sivagangai District.

4.The Tasiltar,
Taluk Office, Karaikudi,
Sivagangai District.

5.The Inspector of Police,
Karaikudi South Police Station,
Karaikudi,
Sivagangai District.

.. Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Certiorari, forbearing the first respondent's order from rejecting the petitioner's application issue New Pistol license in



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Sivagangai District, which was rejected vide order dated 16.05.2026 in order No.Mu.Mu.(D1)/26323/2024, on the ground that the Superintendent of Police, Sivagangai District, the second respondent herein has not recommended to re-register the Pistol license vide the letter No.G3/27873/91/2024 dated 09.10.2025.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Muthu Sabareesan

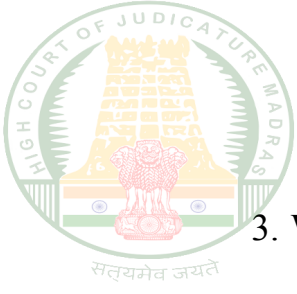
For Respondents : Mr.P.Rajagopalan
Government Standing Counsel for R1, R3 & R4

Mr.I.Murugesan
Government Advocate (Crl. side) for R2 & R5

ORDER

The writ petition is filed challenging the order dated 16.05.2026, by which the petitioner's prayer for issuing a new pistol licence is rejected.

2. Under Section 18 of the Arms Act, 1959, any person aggrieved by an order refusing to grant a licence is entitled to approach the appellate authority. In view thereof, when there is an efficacious alternative remedy available to the petitioner, this writ petition is not entertained. However, the petitioner will be entitled to file an appeal before the Appellate Authority, and as and when such an appeal is filed, the same shall be dealt with as expeditiously as possible.



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3. With the above observations, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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NCC : Yes/No
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Note: The Registry is directed to return the original order to enable the petitioner to prefer the appeal.

To

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