



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

LPA-689-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 03.02.2026

GURMEET SINGH

....Appellant(s)

VERSUS**STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS**

....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA
CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUKHVINDER KAUR

Present: Mr. Mansur Ali, Senior Advocate for
Mr. Tushaar Madaan, Advocate for the appellant.
Ms. Pooja Nayar Sharma, DAG, Punjab.

ANOOP CHITKARA, J. (Oral)

1. Aggrieved by the order dated 04.02.2025 passed by learned Single Judge, whereby the writ petition challenging the rejection of the licence was dismissed on the ground that illegal mining cases were pending against the appellant, the appellant has come before this Court under the Letters Patent Appeal.
2. One of the reasons for dismissal of the writ petition was non-disclosure of the criminal cases.
3. Counsel for the appellant submits that appellant was having Arms licence and when he applied for the renewal, he forgot to disclose his criminal cases.
4. Counsel for the State opposes the appeal on the ground that appellant may misuse his weapon as there are criminal cases under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, pending against him.
5. Counsel for the appellant submits that the weapon was taken by him for personal safety and if his licence is renewed, he undertakes not to indulge in criminal activity and State may cancel his licence if he found involved in any criminal case where the sentence prescribed is more than one year.
6. Given the submissions of counsel for the parties, let the appellant again apply for the renewal of the licence along with an affidavit that, in case, he commits any offence for which the sentence prescribed is more than 07 years, or offence involving under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, then he shall voluntarily surrender the licence or State shall be at liberty to cancel his licence. If the appellant files such application within two months from today, the concerned authority shall take decision on the same within one month from the date of receipt of application. The concerned authority shall not

be influenced by earlier order or observations made by Single Bench of this Court and shall take decision in accordance with law.

7. The present appeal is disposed of with the observation made above. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE

(SUKHVINDER KAUR)
JUDGE

February 03, 2026

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Whether reasoned/speaking:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No