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

**CWP-8756-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision:09.04.2026**

Khaleel Ahmed

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Mr. Umesh Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Raghav Goel, Asst. A.G. Punjab

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI J.(Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari, seeking quashing of the order dated 17.02.2023 (Annexure P-2) passed by respondent No.2, as well as order dated 11.12.2024 (Annexure P-6) passed by respondent No.3.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that, by way of the impugned order dated 17.02.2023 (Annexure P-2), the licensing authority i.e. the District Magistrate, Hoshiarpur, has cancelled the arms licence of the petitioner on the ground that a complainant had made a complaint alleging that the petitioner had misused the revolver by showing it and issuing threats to him. He further submitted that the petitioner was

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not even heard by the concerned authority, and the order has been passed against the petitioner by the District Magistrate, Hoshiarpur. Aggrieved thereby, the petitioner preferred an appeal before the appellate authority i.e. the Commissioner, Jalandhar Division, Jalandhar, but the appellate authority, vide Annexure P-6 dated 11.12.2024, with one stroke of pen, dismissed the appeal without even considering the grounds raised by the petitioner. He further submitted that the order passed by the appellate authority is totally cryptic and non-speaking and is liable to be set aside.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel could not controvert the aforesaid submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner that the order passed by the appellate authority is a non-speaking order.

4. After hearing learned counsel for the parties and perusing the order dated 11.12.2024 passed by the appellate authority vide Annexure P-6, this Court is of the considered view that, ex facie, the order passed by the appellate authority is totally a non-speaking order. It appears that, with just one stroke of pen, the appellate authority has dismissed the appeal of the petitioner without considering the submissions made by the petitioner, which are so stated in the order itself.

5. It is a settled law that whenever any power is exercised by a quasi-judicial authority, then the order passed must be backed by reasons because reasons are the soul of the order. The impugned order passed by the appellate authority, on the face of it, is a cryptic and unreasoned order and therefore, is liable to be set aside.



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6. Consequently, the present petition is partly allowed, and the order dated 11.12.2024 passed by the appellate authority is hereby set aside, and the matter is remitted back to the Commissioner, Jalandhar Division, Jalandhar, to consider and decide the appeal afresh in accordance with law after considering all the grounds taken by the petitioner in the appeal.

7. The fresh order shall be passed with fresh application of mind and shall be uninfluenced by the earlier order passed by the appellate authority as well as the present order passed by this Court, as this Court has not made any observation on the merits of the case and has set aside the order passed by the appellate authority only on the ground of it being a non-speaking order.

8. Needless to say, a speaking order shall be passed in accordance with law and within a period of three months from today and after giving adequate opportunity of hearing to petitioner or his counsel.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

09.04.2026.

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No