



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

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CWP-12722-2026

Date of Decision : **April 27, 2026**

GURKARAN

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA

Present : Mr. Abhyudaya Paliwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA, J. (Oral)

1. In the present writ petition, the petitioner has challenged the order dated 26.02.2025 (Annexure P-9) vide which the application submitted by the petitioner for grant of Arms Licence under the sports quota has been rejected.

2. Brief facts of the case are that the petitioner is an aspiring sports shooter duly registered with the National Rifle Association of India holding a valid shooter ID (Annexure P-3). The petitioner applied for grant of Arms Licence before the competent authority through proper channel. It transpires that the recommendations dated 13.03.2024 (Annexure P-2) and 17.11.2025 (Annexure P-11) were made by the competent Rifle Association holding the petitioner eligible for grant of Arms Licence under the sports quota. As the petitioner was eligible for grant of Arms Licence, he submitted an application dated 19.06.2024 (Annexure P-5) before the competent authority for grant of Arms Licence under Section 13 of the Arms Act, 1959. However, the competent authority has rejected the request made by the petitioner for grant

of Arms Licence on 26.02.2025 (Annexure P-9). Aggrieved against the above said action of the respondents in denying the grant of Arms Licence to the petitioner, he has filed the present writ petition.

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that the perusal of the impugned order dated 26.02.2025 (Annexure P-9) vide which the application of the petitioner for grant of Arms Licence has been rejected would show that no reason has been given as to on what basis the application of the petitioner has been rejected. It is the case of the petitioner that it was mandatory on the part of the respondents to give reasons for denying the request made by the petitioner. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, on instructions from the petitioner, submits that at this stage, he will be satisfied if a liberty is granted to the petitioner to file representation before the competent authority in respect of rejection of grant of Arms Licence to the petitioner and the same may be decided, in a time bound manner.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. Gaurav Jindal, Addl. AG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and does not object to the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

6. In view of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a liberty to the petitioner to file a representation to the Deputy Commissioner, Karnal in regard to the rejection of the application submitted by the petitioner for grant of Arms Licence. In case, the petitioner files the abovesaid representation, respondent No.2 is directed to consider and decide the same within a period of 15 days

from the date of filing of such representation by passing a speaking order in accordance with law and the copy of the same be supplied to the petitioner.

7. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand(s) disposed of accordingly.

April 27, 2026
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(DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned. :

Yes/No

Whether Reportable. :

Yes/No