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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(C) 7736/2013**

DHEERAJ GUPTA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Vivek Srivastava, Adv.

versus

**ADDL. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE LICENSING UNIT AND
ANR**

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Tanvi Nigam (SPC), Insp. Ram
Ms. Urvi Mohan, Adv.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN DATTA

ORDER

% **13.01.2026**

1. The present petition assails an order dated 13.11.2013 passed by the First Appellate Authority whereby the petitioner's application for grant of Arms License has been rejected. The order dated 13.11.2013 reads as under:-

Order dated 13.11.2013
(Najeeb Jung, L.G.)

This is an appeal under Section 18 of the Arms Act, 1959 against the order dated 12.07.2013 of the Licensing Authority, Delhi, rejecting the request of the appellant for the grant of an arms licence.

The matter came up for hearing today. Appellant stated that the appellant is an Advocate by profession practicing in various Courts of Delhi including the Hon'ble Supreme Court and Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. He stated that he also has a keen interest in 25 meter rapid fire shooting and had done a training course in air pistol shooting from an institute under the guidance of a national shooter. Appellant stated that for getting training or shooting in a shooting range he had to possess an arms licence as the arm used in 25 meter rapid fire pistol involves a NPB shotgun. He stated that being a lawyer there is always an imminent threat from the opposite parties. Appellant stated that keeping in view of the above he had applied for grant of an arms licence for his self protection and for shooting/target practice. However, the Licensing Authority had rejected the same without properly appreciating the facts and circumstance of the case. It was, therefore, prayed that the impugned order be set aside.

On behalf of the respondent, Addl.PP stated that after going through all the documents submitted by the appellant and keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case, the respondent had not found it to be a fit case for grant of an arms licence.

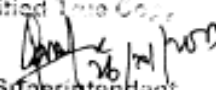


After hearing both the parties, including the appellant and careful perusal of documents on record, I am of the opinion that there is no genuine need, which would justify the grant of an arms licence to the appellant. The Licensing Authority, after considering all aspects of the matter, has passed a fair order keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case. I, therefore, find no reason to interfere with it. The appeal is therefore dismissed.

Announced.

File be consigned to record.


(Najeeb Jung)
Lieutenant Governor, Delhi
13.11.2013

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2. A perusal of the order reveals that the same is premised on an assessment of the plea of the petitioner that an Arms License is required by him on the basis of “imminent threat from the opposite parties”. The Appellate Authority found no merit in this contention and accordingly refused to grant an Arms License.
3. During the course of hearing, learned counsel for the petitioner confines his request for grant of an Arms License on the basis that he is desirous of obtaining the same for the purpose of pursuing the sport of 25 meter pistol sports event under the “come and play scheme” of Sports Authority of India. He relies upon the response to RTI Application dated 19.09.2013 submitted to the Sports Authority of India to contend that without having a valid Arms License it is not possible for him to pursue the relevant sport inasmuch as the same is a mandatory requirement for participation in the concerned sporting event.



4. In the circumstances, the present petition is disposed of by remanding the matter to the Appellate Authority to reconsider the petitioner's request keeping in mind his submission that the Arms License is required solely for the purpose of pursuing the sport of 25 meter pistol sports event under the "come and play scheme" of Sports Authority of India. Let the matter be examined afresh by the Appellate Authority and decision be taken in the light of the extant rules and regulations. Let the said exercise be concluded as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of three months from today.

5. The petition is disposed of in the above terms.

SACHIN DATTA, J

JANUARY 13, 2026/uk