



Sr. No.106
IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-4336-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 17.02.2025

Yogesh Verma @ Yogesh ...Petitioner
Versus

State of Haryana and others ...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE LAPITA BANERJI

Present : Mr. Vishal Nehra, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sharad Aggarwal, DAG, Haryana.

LAPITA BANERJI, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that, application of the petitioner for grant of arms license has been rejected by the authorities concerned arbitrarily and without assigning any reason. He submits that reasons should have assigned under Section 14 of the Arms Act, 1959.

2. Issue notice to the respondents.
3. Mr. Sharad Aggarwal, DAG, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and submits that the authorities were under an obligation to assign reasons for refusal only when the petitioner/applicant prayed for the same. He also submits that the impugned order passed by the District Magistrate is an appealable order.
4. Heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the material on record.
5. Since an alternative efficacious and statutory remedy is available to the petitioner, this Court is of the view that the same should be exhausted before approaching this Court. Accordingly, liberty is given to



the petitioner to approach the statutory authority. In case, the petitioner files a statutory appeal within a period of four weeks from date, the same shall be decided by the authority concerned within a period of four months from the date of making of such application.

6. With the directions aforesaid, the present CWP-4336-2025 is **disposed of.**

7. Connected applications if any, are accordingly disposed of.

(LAPITA BANERJI)
JUDGE

February 17, 2025

Vandana

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No