

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

**FRIDAY, THE NINETEENTH DAY OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE T.MADHAVI DEVI

WRIT PETITION NO: 15129 OF 2026

Between:

Mohammed Abdul Qayyum, S/o Mohammed Abdul Shakeer, Aged about 19 years, Occ. Student / Sport Shooter, R/o H. No. 8-5-46/3, Dharugally, Nizamabad Town and District, Telangana - 503001.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Home (Arms) Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Special Chief Secretary to Government, Home (Arms) Department, Telangana, Hyderabad.
3. The Commissioner of Police, Nizamabad Commissionerate.

...RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue a Writ, more particularly one in the nature of Mandamus, calling for the records relating to Letter No. 9298/Arms/2024 dated 25.02.2026 and quash the same as illegal, arbitrary and contrary to the Arms Act, 1959 and Arms Rules, 2016, and consequently direct the Respondents to grant the arms licence to the Petitioner under the sports (Renowned Shooter) category, or in the alternative, direct the Respondents to reconsider the Petitioner's application strictly in accordance with law and in the light of the observations made by this Hon'ble Court, within a time frame.

Counsel for the Petitioner: SHAIK HUSSAIN REPRESENTING Ms. AFSHA JABEEN

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR HOME

The Court made the following: ORDER

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THE HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE T. MADHAVI DEVI

WRIT PETITION No.15129 OF 2026

DATE : 19.06.2026

Between:

Mohammed Abdul Qayyum

...Petitioner

AND

The State of Telangana and 2 others

...Respondents

ORDER:

In this writ petition, the petitioner is challenging the letter of the 2nd respondent dated 25.02.2026 rejecting the request of the petitioner for grant of fresh Arms license in the category of 'Renowned Shooter' on the ground that he has not secured 'wins and trophies', in the last three years and before in shooting.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has drawn the attention of this Court to the certificate given by the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) wherein it is certified that petitioner is qualified and he is a 'Renowned Shooter', in

terms of Rule 12(3)(b) of the Arms Rules, 2016. It is submitted that there is no requirement of winning medals or trophies for grant of license.

3. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home, had sought time to get instructions in the matter on the earlier occasion and today on oral instructions, he has submitted that the application of the petitioner is under process.

4. However, this Court finds that vide impugned letter dated 25.02.2026, the request of the petitioner for grant of license has been rejected but the grounds mentioned in the rejection orders are not supported by any Rules/guidelines or circulars. Therefore, the impugned letter dt.25.02.2026 is set aside with a direction to the respondents to reconsider the application of the petitioner and grant him license expeditiously, preferably before 23.06.2026 as it is stated by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has to participate in a competition which is commencing from 24.06.2026.

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5. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is allowed. There shall be no order as to costs. Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in this Writ Petition, shall stand closed.

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Sd/-L.VIJAYA LAXMI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR


SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Home (Arms) Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Special Chief Secretary to Government, Home (Arms) Department, Telangana, Hyderabad.
3. The Commissioner of Police, Nizamabad Commissionerate.
4. One CC to Ms. AFSHA JABEEN, Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CCs to GP FOR HOME, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OUT]
6. Two CD Copies

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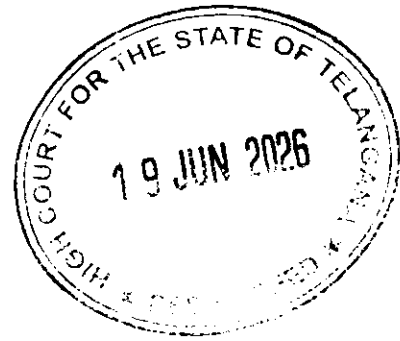
HIGH COURT

CC TODAY

DATED: 19/06/2026

ORDER

WP.No.15129 of 2026



ALLOWING THE WRIT PETITION

WITHOUT COSTS

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19/6/26