

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cont. Case (Civil) No.260 of 2026

Alok Kumar Gupta, son of Late Radhe Shyam Gupta, resident of Old H.B. Road, Kokar Chowk, P.O. Lalpur, P.S. Sadar, District-Ranchi, PIN 834001 (Jharkhand).

..... Petitioner.

-Versus-

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. Shri Manjunath Bhajantri, father's name not known to the petitioner, at present posted as Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi, having its office at District Collectorate, P.O.-G.P.O., P.S. Kotwali, District-Ranchi, PIN 834001 (Jharkhand).
3. Shri Rakesh Ranjan, father's name not known to the petitioner, at present posted as Senior Superintendent of Police, Ranchi, having its office at Kutchary Chowk, Ranchi, P.O. G.P.O., P.S. Kotwali, District-Ranchi, PIN 834001 (Jharkhand).
4. Shri Sudesh Kumar, father's name not known to the petitioner, at present posted as District Arms Magistrate, Ranchi, having its office at District Collectorate, P.O.-G.P.O., P.S. Kotwali, District-Ranchi, PIN 834001 (Jharkhand).

..... Opp. Parties.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Petitioner : Mr. Ritesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate
 Mr. Nillohit Choubey, Advocate
 Ms. Nidhi Lall, Advocate

For the O.P. Nos.2 to 4: Mr. Sanket Khanna, A.C. to Sr. AAG

Order No.04

Date: 18.07.2026

1. The present contempt application has been filed for initiation of contempt proceeding as against the Opposite Party Nos.2 to 4 alleging wilful violation of the order dated 16th July, 2025 passed by this Court in W.P.(C) No.731 of 2024.
2. Mr. Sanket Khanna, learned A.C. to Sr. A.A.G. refers to the copy of the reasoned order dated 24th April, 2026 passed by the O.P. No.2 (Annexure-A to the show-cause affidavit dated 1st May, 2026 filed on behalf of the O.P. Nos.2 and 4) and submits that in pursuance of the aforesaid order of this Court, the petitioner's application seeking Arms Licence has been

considered and rejected. It is, thus, submitted that the order dated 16th July, 2025 passed by this Court has been complied.

3. As against this, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that order dated 24th April, 2026 passed by the O.P. No.2 is highly illegal and arbitrary.
4. Be that as it may. Since in pursuance of the aforesaid order of this Court the O.P. No.2 has already passed a reasoned order dated 24th April, 2026, there is no need to proceed further in the present contempt matter. The contempt proceeding as against the O.P. Nos.2 to 4 is, hereby, dropped.
5. The contempt application is, accordingly, disposed of.
6. The petitioner is, however, at liberty to take appropriate recourse as permissible under law against the order dated 24th April, 2026 passed by the O.P. No.2.

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

18th July, 2026
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