



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

CONTC No.3244 of 2024

Sudhir Ranjan Barik **Petitioner**
Mr. R. N. Prusty, Advocate

Rahul P.R. (IPS) **Opposite**
Party/Contemnor

Mr. Manmaya Kumar Dash, ASC

CORAM: JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR MISHRA

ORDER
12.03.2026

Order No.

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1. This matter is taken up through hybrid mode.
2. As is revealed from the compliance Affidavit filed by the Superintendent of Police, Jagatsinghpur dated 09.01.2026, pursuant to order of this Court dated 30.10.2023, passed in WP(C) No.26798 of 2023, the Superintendent of Police considered the application of the Petitioner for issuance of arm license and rejected the same with certain observation. The said rejection order was duly communicated to the Collector and District Magistrate Jagatsinghpur, who is the Licensing Authority. However, in view of the admitted fact that some typographical errors have crept in the said order passed by this Court in WP(C) No. 26798 of 2023 and instead of Opposite Party No.2, it was incorrectly typed as Opposite Party No.3 in the said order dated 30.10.2023, this Court is of the view that, the Collector and District Magistrate, Jagatsinghpur, being the Licensing Authority, ought to have acted in terms of the



said order passed by this Court.

3. Hence, vide order dated 20.02.2026 passed in the present contempt proceeding, it was clarified by this Court that pendency of I.A. No.8829 of 2024, which has been filed for modification/clarification of order dated 30.10.2023 passed in W.P.(C) No.26798 of 2023, shall not be a bar for the Collector and District Magistrate, Jagatsinghpur to act in terms of the order dated 30.10.2023 passed by this Court, in WP(c) No.26798 of 2023, if not acted in the meantime.

4. Mr. Dash, learned Additional Standing Counsel files letter No.5718/Judicial dated 07.03.2026 issued by the Collector and District Magistrate, Jagatsinghpur, which is addressed to the learned Advocate General, Odisha Cuttack and submits that pursuant to the said order, the Collector and District Magistrate, Jagatsinghpur has already taken up the application of the Petitioner for issuance of arm license for hearing and the same is under active consideration. He further submits, as a reasoned order is required to be passed after due hearing and examination of all the relevant materials as per the provisions of the Arms Act,1959 and Arms Rules, 2016, some more time is required for final disposal of the application of the Petitioner. The written instruction filed in the Court is taken on record.

5. The matter be listed on 9th April, 2026.

6. As the order dated 30.10.2023 passed in W.P.(C) No.26798 of 2023 has already been corrected vide order of the even date passed in I.A. No.8829 of 2024 arising out of W.P.(C) No.26798 of 2023, the Collector and District



Magistrate, Jagatsinghpur shall take a decision on the application of the Petitioner for issuance of arm license within a period of four weeks' hence, after giving him due opportunity of hearing and communicate the outcome of the said application to the Petitioner so also to the Office of the learned Advocate General.

7. The learned State Counsel is also directed to place on record the final outcome of the application for arm license of the Petitioner on or before the next date of listing.

8. Needless to mention here that, the Petitioner is to cooperate with the Collector & District Magistrate, Jagatsinghpur for early disposal of his application for issuance of arm license.

9. Liberty is granted to the learned State Counsel to utilize the digitally signed copy of this order available on the website of this Court for the purpose of communicating the same to the Collector and District Magistrate, Jagatsinghpur for compliance, in terms of the order of this Court dated 30.10.2023, passed in WP(C) No.26798 of 2023.

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(S.K. Mishra)
Judge