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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision: 24.03.2026**

Jagdeep Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Ranjan Lakhanpal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

1. The present writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of *certiorari*, *mandamus* or any other appropriate writ, order or direction for quashing of the order dated 03.03.2026 (Annexure P-6) whereby the petitioner's application for grant of arms licence has been rejected.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that vide Annexure P-6, learned Additional District Magistrate, Khanna has dismissed the application filed by the petitioner for grant of arms licence.

3. This Court raised a query to the learned counsel for the petitioner as to why no appeal has been preferred against the aforesaid order dated 03.03.2026 (Annexure P-6) which is appealable under Section 18 of the Arms Act to which he submitted that the order (Annexure P-6) has been passed in a *mala fide* manner.

4. This Court is unable to accept the aforesaid submission made by learned counsel for the petitioner. Once a statutory remedy of appeal is

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available under Section 18 of the Arms Act, the petitioner ought to have exhausted the same before invoking the extraordinary jurisdiction of this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India by filing the present writ petition.

5. In view of the above, the present writ petition is dismissed at this stage for the aforesaid reasons.

24.03.2026*Bhumika***(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE**

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned: | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable: | Yes/No |