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ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
ORIGINAL SIDE

WPO/314/2026
SANJAY KUMAR PATODIA
-VS-
THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL AND ORS

BEFORE:

The Hon'ble JUSTICE SAUGATA BHATTACHARYYA

Date : 22.07.2026

Mr. S. Banerjee, Adv.; Mr. R. Kundu, Adv.; Ms. Labony Ray, Adv., for petitioner.
Mr. P. Agarwal, Adv., for State.

1. The Court: Petitioner prays for a direction upon the concerned police authority for consideration of his prayer for renewal of arms licence.
2. It is submitted by Mr. Banerjee, learned Advocate representing the petitioner, that on the count of refusal to issue police clearance certificate, petitioner is unable to apply online, as a result whereof no decision has been taken on the application for renewal of arms licence.
3. Prayer is made for giving direction upon the concerned police authority to take decision on the representation of the petitioner seeking renewal of arms licence.
4. Learned Advocate representing the State respondents has filed a communication dated July 13, 2026 of Additional O.C., Arms Act Department, and the same is taken on record. Copy

of the said communication dated July 13, 2026 is made over to the learned Advocate representing the petitioner.

5. It is disclosed in the said communication that apart from Karaya Police Station Case No.296 of 2019 and Eco Park Police Station Case No.222 of 2024, three other criminal prosecutions are pending, as a result whereof police clearance certificate is not issued in favour of the petitioner resultantly, petitioner is being restrained from making application seeking renewal of arms licence.
6. Having considered the respective submissions made on behalf of the parties and taking note of the relevant documents, it is found that initially arms licence was accorded to the petitioner which remained valid upto December 12, 2006. Thereafter licence was renewed which remained valid upon December 12, 2018 and thereafter there was no renewal of arms licence of the petitioner.
7. Therefore, it appears that petitioner is without arms licence from December 13, 2018 till date and as such there is no scope for passing interim order in this writ petition.
8. Let affidavit-in-opposition to this writ petition be filed by four weeks from date. Affidavit-in-reply thereto, if any, be filed within two weeks thereafter.
9. Parties shall be at liberty to mention the matter before the appropriate Bench for hearing after time fixed hereinabove to exchange affidavits.

(SAUGATA BHATTACHARYYA, J.)

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