



Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Civil Secretariat, Home Department
Jammu/Srinagar

Subject: - Individual Arms Licenses issued in the State of Jammu and Kashmir- instructions thereof.

Government Order No: - 264 Home of 2019

Dated:- 07/03/2019

Whereas, the Home Department, on the basis of inputs/reports from various agencies particularly CID of J&K Police and Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India regarding indiscriminate issuance of Arms licenses within the State of Jammu and Kashmir, in terms of Government Order No. 922-Home of 2018 dated 12.07.2018, ordered as under:

- i) *No fresh individual fresh license shall be issued by the District Magistrate(s) of the State of Jammu and Kashmir in terms of section 14(1)(b)(ii) of the Arms Act, 1959, till further orders;*
- ii) *The District Magistrates of the State of Jammu and Kashmir shall take urgent steps to revoke all such Individual Arms Licenses issued to various persons (excluding the personnel belonging to the State Police, Army and CAPFs), consequent to the notification of Arms Rules, 2016, as do not meet all the conditions prescribed in Rule 11 and Rule 12 of Arms Rules, 2016. Further, the District Magistrate shall direct all such persons, whose license is revoked, to deposit any arms or ammunition, with the officer I/C of the nearest Police Station, in terms of the Section 21 of the Arms Act, 1959 failing which action as warranted under law shall be initiated. This action shall be concluded within 15 days of issue of this order and compliance reported to the Home Department.*
- iii) *Further, all District Magistrates shall ensure strict compliance with the provisions contained in Arm Rules, 2016, at the stage of renewal of an Arms License.*

2. Whereas, the matter related to the issuance of Arms Licences in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, also came up for discussion in a meeting taken by Election Commission of India during its visit to the State in context of ensuing General Elections, 2019; and

3. Whereas, the Home Department has, accordingly, reviewed the matter in light of the discussions held in the meeting with ECI and also in context of the directions issued vide aforementioned Government Order; and

4. Now, therefore, with a view to ensure maintenance of law and order in the State, particularly, during the ensuing General Elections, 2019, it has been found expedient to issue the following directions/instructions to all the District Magistrates and District SSsP/SsP for strict compliance:

- (i) *The District Magistrates shall furnish the details of the individual Arms Licences issued by their offices for the period 2012 upto 12.07.2018 to the respective SSP/SP by or before 9th of March, 2019;*
- (ii) *The concerned SSP/SP shall, on receipt of such details, conduct an intensive verification of those licenses which have been issued to persons within his/her jurisdiction within a period of seven days and ensure adherence to ECI instructions regarding deposition of the licenced weapons;*
- (iii) *The Concerned SSP/SP shall, also, in respect of those State Subjects who belong to other Districts of J&K, immediately take up the matter with the SSP/SP of the domicile District of the licensee for the purpose of verification of licence and adherence to ECI instructions regarding deposition of the licenced weapons;*
- (iv) *The District SSsP/SsP, on receiving the above information from District Magistrates shall also verify and reconcile the information with the details of the Arms licences maintained in Form No. 123 (Form H) appended to Jammu and Kashmir Police Rules, 1960 (copy enclosed), as provided under Rule 537 of the aforesaid Rules.*

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-

(Shaleen Kabra) IAS

Principal Secretary to the Government

Home Department


Dated: 07.03.2019

No:- Home/AR/148/2018

Copy to the:-

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2. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Governor, J&K.
3. Chief Electoral Officer, J&K.
4. ADGP, CID, J&K.

5. Divisional Commissioner Jammu/Kashmir/Ladakh.
6. IGP Kashmir/ Jammu.
7. All Range DIsG of Kashmir/ Jammu.
8. All District Magistrates for information and compliance.
9. All SSsP/SsP for information and compliance.
10. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary.
11. Private Secretary to Principal Secretary, Home.
12. Concerned file.
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07.03.19.
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FORM NO. 123

[See rule 537]

[FORM H]

REGISTER OF LICENCES TO POSSESS ARMS AND AMMUNITION AND TO GO ARMED FOR THE PURPOSES OF SPORT, PROTECTION OR DISPLAY (A SEPARATE PART OF REGISTER FOR EACH DESCRIPTION OF WEAPON, I.E. SHORT GUN, RIFLES, REVOLVERS SWORDS ETC) THE REGISTER TO BE PERMANENT.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Serial No.	Tehsil	Number and description of weapon	Name of licence holder	Father's name caste etc.	Residence	No. and date of licence	Period for which licence is available	Date of renewal of licence	Remarks Action taken w licence expires of wea licensed, sale et

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