

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT JABALPUR

WP No. 3332 of 2026

(IBRAHIM JAVED KHAN Vs UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS)

WP/2268/2026, WP/2456/2026

Dated : 19-02-2026

Shri Vishal Daniel - Advocate for petitioner in all the petitions.

Shri Arnav Tiwari and Shri Sanjay Kumar Patel - Advocates for respondent/Union of India.

Shri Swapnil Ganguly - Deputy Advocate General for respondents/State.

Issue notice to the respondents on payment of process fee within seven working days by RAD mode, failing which the petition shall stand dismissed without further reference to the Court.

Heard on the question of interim relief.

Counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that the petitioner in WP No. 2268 of 2026 is a renowned shooter whereas the other petitioners are aspiring shooters. They are having stipulated quotas allotted for grant of cartridges to them in terms of the provisions of the Arms Rules, 2016. However, owing to the impugned order, the petitioners are not in a position to participate in any of the upcoming competitions. It is pointed out that upcoming competitions are scheduled in March, 2026 and the petitioners have to practice for participation in the upcoming competitions; therefore, they require cartridges for practicing.

Learned Deputy Advocate General appearing for the State has filed reply in the matter and has drawn attention to Para 21 thereof wherein Collector can take a decision to enhance quota in the larger public interest and has submitted that they will be releasing 1000 cartridges for each of aspiring shooters as well as renowned shooter to enable them to practice for participation in the upcoming

competitions. 1000 cartridges quota will be renewed to them in case they are in a position to demonstrate that they have exhausted all the cartridges and used at the proper place of training. His statement is placed on record.

Under these circumstances, as a matter of interim relief and taking note of para 21 of the return, the respondents-authorities are directed to release 1000 cartridges to each one of the petitioners to enable them to practice and prepare for upcoming competitions. As soon as they exhausted the quota of 1000 cartridges, they are required to report back to the respondent No.4/Collector who will ascertain the use of cartridges and thereafter shall ensure the release of further cartridges to enable them to practice further.

The respondents are further directed to place on record the opinion of the Government of India regarding use of the sport category weapons as well as entitlement of the sports persons to the number of the cartridges.

It is informed by the counsel for the Union of India that the license of the Rifle Association of India has been cancelled. However, he is not in possession of any order. He is directed to place the same on record.

The petitioner's counsel is directed to implead the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India as a party respondent to the proceedings.

List along with WP No. 41056 of 2025 for analogous hearing.

(VISHAL MISHRA)
JUDGE