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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE MOHAMMED NIAS C.P.

WEDNESDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025 / 23RD ASWINA, 1947

WP(C) NO. 18462 OF 2023

PETITIONER:

ALEXANDER VADAKKEDOM,
AGED 59 YEARS, S/O M.G.ALEXANDER,
Q1, 'ASWATHY GARDENS', ASWATHY TREET,
MENAMKULAM CHITTATTUMUKKU P.O.,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN-695301

BY ADV SRI.S.NIKHIL SANKAR

RESPONDENTS:

- 1 LAND REVENUE COMMISSIONER,
OFFICE OF THE LAND REVENUE COMMISSIONER,
REVENUE COMPLEX, PUBLIC OFFICE BUILDING,
MUSEUM JUNCTION, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN-695005
- 2 DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
CIVIL STATION BUILDING, CIVIL STATION P.O.,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN-676505
- 3 I.G & CITY POLICE COMMISSIONER,
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
C.V.RAMAN PILLAI ROAD, THYCAUD P.O.,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN-695014
- 4 STATION HOUSE OFFICER,
KAZHAKUTTOM POLICE STATION, KAZHAKUTTOM P.O.,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN-695582

SMT. SURYA BINOY, SENIOR GOVERNMENT PLEADER

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR
ADMISSION ON 15.10.2025, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY
DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:



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MOHAMMED NIAS C.P., J.

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Dated this the 15th day of October, 2025

JUDGMENT

The petitioner challenges Ext.P2 order passed by the 2nd respondent, which was affirmed by Ext.P7 appellate order issued by the 1st respondent, under which the application submitted by the petitioner for renewal of his arms licence was refused. Two reasons stated for the refusal are that there is no threat at present to the life and property of the petitioner, and his involvement in a criminal case.

2. The petitioner submits that as regards the first ground that the same is covered in his favour by the judgment of this Court in **Chandran Nair C. v. Additional District Magistrate, Kasaragod and Others [2015 (1) KHC 351]** and as regards the refusal to renew based on a pending criminal case, the issue is



covered in his favour by the judgment of this Court in **Jose Kuttiyany v. Land Revenue Commission, Trivandrum and Others [2015 (3) KHC 831]**.

3. Learned Government Pleader submits that the refusal in the instant case was based on Section 14 of the Arms Act, which authorises the licencing authority to refuse renewal on the ground of public peace or public safety, as well as Section 15 dealing with the renewal of licence.

4. Be that as it may, as there is no discussion or reason stated in Ext.P2 or Ext.P7 as required under the Act or Rules or a consideration of the principles laid down in the judgments referred above, the impugned orders cannot be sustained.

5. Under such circumstances, the impugned orders are quashed. There will be a direction to the 2nd respondent to consider the renewal application strictly in terms of the Act and Rules, and also referring to the judgments cited above. The petitioner will be afforded an opportunity of hearing, and fresh orders shall be passed on the renewal application within two months from the



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date of receipt of a copy of this judgment.

The Writ petition is allowed as above.

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MOHAMMED NIAS C.P.

JUDGE

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APPENDIX OF WP(C) 18462/2023

PETITIONER'S EXHIBITS

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| Exhibit P1 | TRUE COPY OF THE ARMS LICENSE ISSUED TO THE PETITIONER DATED 30/06/1992 |
| Exhibit P2 | TRUE COPY OF ORDER NO:A/8/401414 DATED 11/11/2022 ISSUED BY THE 2ND RESPONDENT |
| Exhibit P3 | TRUE COPY OF THE JUDGMENT PASSED BY THIS HONOURABLE COURT IN SAFAR T.K V LAND REVENUE COMMISSIONER AND ANOTHER REPORTED AS [2022 KHC 2501] |
| Exhibit P4 | TRUE COPY OF THE I.T.R FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-2023 FILED BY THE PETITIONER ON 29/12/2022 |
| Exhibit P5 | TRUE COPY OF THE APPEAL PREFERRED BY THE PETITIONER BEFORE THE 1ST RESPONDENT DATED 10/01/2023 |
| Exhibit P6 | TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT IN W.P(C)NO:4636/2023 DATED 10/03/2023 |
| Exhibit P7 | TRUE COPY OF ORDER NO:LR/6817/2022-LR(A2) DATED 25/04/2023 ISSUED BY THE 1ST RESPONDENT |
| Exhibit P8 | TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER PASSED BY THIS HONOURABLE COURT IN CRL M.A NO:1/2023 IN CRL M.C NO:2518/2023 DATED 24/03/2023 |