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**Subject:** Issuance of individual Arms Licenses in terms of the Arms Act, 1959 and Arms Rules, 2016 -Instructions reg.

**Order No: 24-Home of 2023**  
**Dated: 22-11-2023**

In supersession of all previous orders on the subject, sanction is hereby accorded for issuing fresh individual Arms Licenses in the Union Territory of Ladakh. It is further ordered that all the concerned including District Magistrates (Licensing Authorities), besides following the provision of the Arms Act, 1959 and Arms Rules, 2016, shall also adhere to the following additional conditions:

1. The District Magistrates shall issue new Arms Licenses or renew old Arms Licenses for Non-Prohibited Bore Firearms only, for the purpose of 'self-protection' under 'Form-III' of the Arms Rules, 2016. For this, the District Magistrates shall take an 'undertaking' from the applicant in the shape of affidavit that 'the licensed weapon shall not be used for hunting wildlife (Wild Animals & Birds)'.
2. The Arms Licenses for the 'sport' category shall be issued by the Home Department to the bona fide applicants under rules.
3. The District Magistrates, while considering an application for grant of individual Arms License, shall necessarily obtain Aadhaar Card as a proof of identity.
4. The District Magistrates shall ensure that they entertain applications from Civilians for grant of license or renewal of Arms Licenses only from the bona fide resident of their district who possess the Ladakh Resident Certificate issued to them under *UT Ladakh Grant of Resident Certificate (Procedure) Order, 2021 Dated 08<sup>th</sup> October, 2021*.
5. In case of Defence/Paramilitary personnel serving in Ladakh, the Serving Certificate issued by the Commanding Officer of the Unit shall be mandatory to ascertain the residence criteria. Moreover, a specific report from the Police, certifying the same, shall be obtained by the District Magistrates before processing any application. *In no case, the District Magistrates shall deviate from the Rules 17 & Rule 24 of Arms Rules, 2016, concerning the addresses of the licensee.*
6. Before issuing the license for small arms like Pistols and Revolvers, the District Magistrates shall obtain a CID report from the SSP CID justifying the requirement of procuring the weapon in such cases. In other cases (like SBBL/DBBL licenses) the District Magistrates shall obtain a report from the Officer-in-charge of the nearest Police Station, regarding the character and antecedents of the applicant, as prescribed under the Arms Rules, 2016, in order to ascertain the suitability of granting license in each individual with respect to his/ her conduct social and public life, as also the internal security considerations.
7. The District Magistrates shall personally ensure that every service to be provided under the Arms Rules, including Grant of license, Renewal of license, Extension of area validity, making entry of Arms/ ammunition, Registration in case of change of residence

of the licensee etc. are mandatorily done through NDAL/ALIS portal and physical record (duly authenticated) of all such entries which are made on the said portal are maintained concurrently in their offices.

8. Accordingly, all the applications for issuance, renewal or any other Arms related services shall be received by the District Magistrates only through On-line mode viz. licensing portal NDAL-ALIS.
9. The District Magistrates shall personally ensure that data/detail of any prospective licensee or of a licensee who is accessing any service under Arms Rules, uploaded on NDAL-ALIS portal, is correct and error-free.
10. The District Magistrates, in coordination with the District Superintendents of Police, shall keep track of all the licensees within their jurisdiction and they shall ensure that the area validity of the license is adhered to by the licensees.
11. No delegation of powers about issuance/renewal or any other allied services under Arms Rules, shall be made by the District Magistrate to any authority subordinate to the licensing authority in violation of Arms Act 1959 and Arms Rules, 2016.

**By Order of the Lieutenant Governor, UT of Ladakh.**

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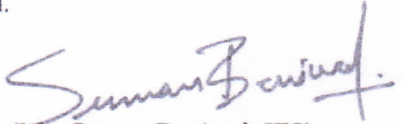
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