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NO-V-11010/1/88-ARMS  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
Ministry of Home Affairs

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New Delhi, the 28th Sept. 1989

To, The Chief Secretary,  
All State Government and,  
Union Territory Administrations.

Subject: Issue of Licences for prohibited Bore/Somi-Automatic Weapons-  
Review of Instructions.

Sir,

I am directed to say that under the marginally noted instructions, no licences are to be issued for prohibited

NO-V-11018/59/77-GPA.V. Dt. 16-7-1977 bore/semi-automatic  
NO-V-11018/8/78-GPA.V. Dt. 16-7-1981 fire-arms of category  
NO-V-11018/8/78-GPA.V. Dt. 26-6-1982 1 (c) to members of  
NO-V-11019/3/88-ARMS Dt. 17-2-1988 the public including  
Police/ Defence personnel. The powers to issue such licences were  
withdrawn from the State Government/U.T. Administrations and are now  
vested in the central Governments under the Arms (Amendment) Rules,  
1987, issued under GSR No.695 (E) dated 8-8-1987., Although Schedule II  
as amended by GSR 695 (E) dated 8-8-1987 has been replaced by the Arms  
(Amendment) Rules, 1989, issued Vides GSR No-52 (E) dated 24-1-1989,  
the powers to issue such licences continue to be vested in the Central  
Government.

7- In a recent review of the instructions regarding issue of licences for prohibited bore/semi-automatic was it has been decided by the Government of India that keep<sup>ING</sup> view the law and order situation and requirements of inter security/ the restriction on issue of licences for such weapon may be continued as matter of policy.

8- However, in order to avoid hardship to existing holders of prohibited bore/semi-automatic weapons and in rare cases where there in genuine justification on security grounds it has been decided to consider requests of:-

- 3) Defence personnel who were allotted cush weapons by Defence authorities upto June, 1982.
- 4) Legal heirs of deceased licences holders who would like to keep such weapons as family heirlooms on sentimental reasons.

9- It has been that cases falling in the above categories should be examined with all possible care by the State Government/U.T. Administrations before being forward to the Government of India. The applications with due recommendations of the State Government/U.T . Administration, and after completion of the prescribed statutory procedure may be submitted to the Government of India alongwith:-

- (E) Application in from-A (revised) duly completed in all respects:
- (F) Two attested copies of passport sizes photographs,
- (G) Pre-paid challan for the prescribed licences fee:
- (H) Issue voucher regarding of weapon by the Defence authorities in respect of the cases falling under category (1) in para-3 above.

10- Hindi version will follow.

11- recant of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

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