

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE
&
DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER, HOOGHLY.
JUDICIAL MUNSHIKHANA SECTION
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ORDER

Whereas the Lok Sabha General Election, 2019 has been announced by the Election Commission of India on 10.03.2019 vide. Notification No. ECI/PN/23/2019 Dt. 10th March, 2019 of the Election Commission of India, New Delhi.

AND

Whereas as per the direction of the Election Commission of India Notification No. ECI/PN/23/2019 Dt. 10th March, 2019 , Hooghly Rural District level screening committee has scrutinized the status of licensed holders of Arms in the Hooghly Rural District of Hooghly.

AND

Whereas, it is expedient to impose restriction regarding holding of Licensed Arms.

AND

Whereas, in order to conduct the ensuing Election, 2019 peacefully in the entire areas of the Hooghly Rural District of Hooghly, it is necessary to impose certain restriction on licensed Arms.

AND


Whereas, on perusal of review and assessment report of Superintendent of Police (Rural), Hooghly regarding license holders and licensed arms in this Hooghly Rural District based on the criteria such as persons involved in criminal cases, violence and rioting, released on bails and or apprehension that they may misuse their fire arms or may get involved in any law and order problem or in threatening the other persons and also based on the decision of the Screening Committee meeting some preventive measures are required to be taken.

Therefore, I Shri Jagdish Prasad Meena, IAS, District Magistrate, Hooghly, in exercise of the power conferred upon me u/s.17 (3) (b) of the Arms Act, 1959(Act. No. 54 of 1959) and the Arms Rules, 1962 read with the Indian Arms Act, 1878 do hereby order to deposit all the licenses of Fire Arms of this Hooghly Rural District till the process of Lok Sabha General Election, 2019 is finally over and direct as per provisions of Section 21(1) of the said act that all the licensees of Fire Arms with fire arms of this Hooghly Rural District shall mandatorily deposit their firearms to the respective police stations and the same will remain deposited their till one week after the counting is over i.e. till 30th May 2019. Institutional license holders like Banks, Financial Institutions, Factories; Persons engaged with Security Agencies or any other person may apply for exemption, with reasons, to the concerned Police Station who has jurisdiction of the area, from this order, making out their case with appropriate documents. Those cases will be decided on case-to-case basis on merit by the Screening Committee.

The sportsmen who are the members of National Rifle Association, at different levels and have to participate in various sporting events in which they use their rifles, will be exempted from these restrictions.

Further, order is passed to the effect that the respective Inspector-in-Charge / Office -in-Charge of the Police Stations shall deposit the fire arms of the licensee in the armoury of the police stations under a proper acknowledgement to the licensee and would hand over back the said Fire Arms to the licensee on or after 27th May, 2019. They are also directed to serve the notices to all the licensed arms holder of the District within 18th March, 2019.

The licenced arms shall be deposited by the licensee within 7 days after the receipt of notice if not otherwise exempted.


District Magistrate &
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Hooghly.

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Memo. No. 335/1(25)

Dated: 11/03/2019

Copy forwarded for information to the:

1. Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Home Department, Nabanna, 325 Sarat Chatterjee Road, Mandirtala, Shibpur, Howrah- 711102 .
2. Commissioner, Burdwan Division, Chinsurah, Hooghly
3. Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal, Home(C&E) Deptt. Election Wing, 21, N.S Road, Kolkata- 1
4. The Commissioner of Police, Chandannagar Police Commissionerate, Chinsurah, Hooghly.
5. The Superintendent of Police(Rural), Hooghly with a request to kindly communicate this order to all Police Stations along with the direction to implement this order at the earliest.
- 5-8. Additional District Magistrate, General/ Development/ ZP/ LR, Hooghly
9. The Project Director, DRDC, Hooghly
10. PO-cum-DWO, Hooghly.
- 11-14 The Sub- Divisional Officer, Sadar/ Chandannagore/ Serampore/ Arambagh, Hooghly.
15. The District Information & Cultural Officer, Hooghly with a request to publish a copy of this order in two local dailies for information of all concerned and also issue a press note.
16. The District Informatics Officer, Hooghly with a request to upload a copy of this order in District Website.
- 17-25. President/ Secretary _____
Political parties (All).


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