

Joint Registrar (Judicial) (Budget)

May kindly see the online application of Sri Pramod Kumar Gangwar, Additional Principal Judge, Family Court, Lucknow by which he has requested for grant of permission to purchase a firearm.

In his application, Sri Pramod Kumar Gangwar has stated that for self protection as well as for protection of his family, he had applied for Arms License from the District Magistrate (Bareilly) vide his Application no. 1850 / XVP - F dated 21/07/2020 duly forwarded by the District and Sessions Judge, (Lucknow) and the District Magistrate, (Bareilly) vide his order dated 14/6/2021 has granted him license of Arms (copy of order can be seen as attachment). He has also stated that now he wishes to purchase a revolver under the aforesaid license for the security purpose. Thereafter through online objection, the officer was asked to intimate about make and model of firearm and other relating details. In reply, the officer has stated that he wants to buy a new Webley & Scott Revolver Model-(SMPL) from authorised Dealer Lucknow Arms Corporation, 10, Gautam Budh Marg, District-(Lucknow). The total price of firearm as given by the dealer is Rs 1,81,240 (Copy of quotation dated 11/01/2022 can be seen as attachment). He has also stated that he alongwith his wife Smt. Ritu Gangwar holds a saving account in G.P.O. (Lucknow) bearing A/c No. 4988064474, in which he has transferred Rs. 5,00,000/- from his Salary saving account and deposited Rs. 5,10,000/- dated 23/12/2020 for one year F.D. from which he has received the total maturity amount of Rs. 5,38,634/-, thus having a balance amount of Rs. 5,41,381/-. He has also attached the copy of said passbook. It is pertinent to mention here that as asked by Ld. Joint Registrar (J) (Budget), the officer was asked to clarify difference between make and model of weapon as permitted in Arms License and proposed to be purchased. In reply, the officer has stated that the Arms License of 1-NPB Revolver or Pistol 2-NPB Rifle has been sanctioned by The District Magistrate- (Bareilly) and the meaning of NPB is Non Prohibited Bore. Now he wants to buy Non Prohibited Bore, NPB Revolver on the basis of this License. He has further added that there is no difference between make and model of weapon as permitted in Arms License and proposed to be purchased. He has, therefore, requested to kindly place his application before the Hon'ble Court for grant of permission to purchase the aforementioned firearm.

In this connection, it is submitted that according to this Court's C.L. no. 11/ IV-h-16/ Admin (A) dated 12.04.2010, the officer is required to take permission of the Hon'ble High Court to purchase firearm, for which he has requested. His request is considerable, as he has submitted sufficient details of the proposed transaction. It is also pertinent to mention here that as per order dated 28.10.2021 of Hon'ble The Chief Justice, such matters i.e. work relating to 'Disposal of the matters of the Judicial Officers, wherein permission/ information for sale or purchase of movable/ immovable property and permission/ information to accept gift under U.P. Government Servants' Conduct Rules 1956" is assigned to Hon'ble Administrative Judge of the district concerned, where the concerned Judicial Officer is posted. As such, the matter is now likely to be placed before Hon'ble The Administrative Judge of the district concerned.

May, therefore, if approved, the file be laid before Hon'ble Mr. Justice Manoj Kumar Gupta, Administrative Judge, Lucknow also nominated for "Disposal of the matters of the Judicial Officers wherein permission/information for sale or purchase of movable/immovable property and permission/information to accept gift under U.P. Government Servant's Conduct Rules, 1956" for His Lordship's kind perusal and if His Lordship approves, Sri Pramod Kumar Gangwar, Additional Principal Judge, Family Court, Lucknow be granted permission to purchase a new Webley & Scott Revolver Model-(SMPL) from Lucknow Arms Corporation, 10, Gautam Budh Marg, District-(Lucknow), for Rs. 1,81,240/- as requested, subject to the conditions that relevant papers of purchase transaction be submitted by him immediately after its completion?

Archana Awasthi
Review Officer
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Assistant Registrar

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Manoj Kumar Gupta,

Administrative Judge, Lucknow

Submitted for kind perusal & order

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