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***Exemption to Certain Persons and Exclusion of certain classes of Arms & Ammunitions under the Arms Act, 1959***

**G.S.R. 991, dated 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1962** - Whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary and expedient in the public interest to exempt certain persons and classes of persons and exclude certain descriptions of arms and ammunition from the operation of all or some of the provisions of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959);

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 41 of that Act, the Central Government hereby-

- (i) exempts the persons or classes of persons specified in Column (1) of Schedule I hereto annexed, in respect of the arms and ammunition of the category or description specified in Column (2) thereof, when carried or possessed (save where otherwise expressly stated) for their own personal use, from the operation of such of the provisions of the said Act and subject to such conditions as are mentioned in Column (3) and (4), respectively, of that Schedule;
- (ii) excludes the arms and ammunition of the description specified in Column (1) of Schedule II hereto annexed, from such of the provisions of the said Act and subject to such conditions as are mentioned in Columns (2) and (3), respectively, of that Schedule:

Provided that the exemption hereby granted shall be subject to the following further conditions, namely:

- (a) it shall not be deemed to render lawful the import of arms or ammunition through the medium of post office;
- (b) the persons or classes of persons exempted shall-
  - (i) unless specifically exempted by the Central Government by notification in the Official Gazette, register in such manner and at such place as the Central Government may prescribe from time to time, any firearm or ammunition in respect of which the exemption has been granted;

- (ii) render such statistical information about different descriptions of arms and ammunition in respect of which the exemption has been granted in such *proforma*, if any, as may be required by the Central Government;
- (iii) whenever any arm or ammunition in respect of which exemption is granted is lost or stolen, forthwith report the occurrence of such loss or theft together with the details of the articles lost or stolen at the nearest police station.

## **SCHEDULE I**

### **PERSONS EXEMPTED**

<b>Persons or Classes of persons</b>	<b>Categories/ descriptions of arms &amp; ammunition</b>	<b>Provisions of the Act</b>	<b>Conditions</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
1.(a) President of India; Governor of a State or in the case of the State of Jammu and Kashmir, the Sadare-Riyasat, Lt. Governors or Chief Commissioners of Union Territories	All except 1(a)	Those contained in sections 3 & 4	
1.	Omitted vide Notification No. 16/12/71 (II) GPA –II dt. 3.5.1972		
3.	Omitted vide Notification No. 16/12/71 (II) GPA –II dt. 3.5.1972		
4.	Omitted vide Notification No. 16/12/71 (II) GPA –II dt. 3.5.1972		
5. The Officer Commanding unit of the armed forces or of the Territorial Army and when he is in possession of a pass granted and signed by his Officer Commanding, every serving member of the armed force.	Such arms and ammunition as are provided for sporting purposes by Government or from a regimental fund under the authority of the Officer Commanding the Unit.	Those contained in sections 3 and 4.	The exemption shall apply in the case of all serving members of the armed forces only in respect of the arms and ammunition and to the area and for the dates specified in the pass in the case of Officers Commanding, only



			in respect of the purchase and stocking of arms and ammunition which are provided for sporting purposes by Government or from a regimental fund.
6. A member of a rifle club/association approved by the Central Government when engaged as such member in connection with target practice or shooting competition.	Arms and ammunition in respect of which the club/association holds licence in Form VI.	Those contained in Sections 3 & 7(a)	The exemption shall apply when the arms and ammunition are intended to be taken out of the premises of the club/association, only if he possesses a pass signed by the President/ Secretary of the club/association and then only in respect of the arms or ammunition and in the area and for the dates specified in the pass; and when the arms or ammunition are intended to be taken out of the district, the pass shall be attested by a First Class Magistrate or Justice of the Peace.

## SCHEDULE II

### ARMS AND AMMUNITION EXCLUDED

Arms & Ammunition	Provisions of the Act	Conditions
1	2	3
<p>I. (1) (a) Toy cannon weighing not more than 27 kgs. and having-</p> <p>(i) calibre of less than one inch;</p> <p>(ii) length of bore of less than 24 inches; and</p> <p>(iii) interior of the bore unrifled</p> <p>(b) Old iron cannon balls</p>	All except Section 5	
(2) Recapper, decapper and turnover machines.	All; provided that the use of these machines is restricted to loading or re-loading cartridge for one's own personal use and for no other purpose.	
<p>(3) Air-guns, air rifles and air-pistols which satisfy the following test, namely, that -</p> <p>the projectiles discharged from such guns or pistols do not perforate a target 12 inches square formed by deal-wood boards of even grain, free from knots, planed on both sides and of thickness of 1/2 inch and 1 inch for air-pistols and airguns/rifles, respectively:</p>	All; provided that the Central Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, retain all or any of the provisions of the Act in respect of air-pistols or of any class thereof in the case of persons or of any specified area.	

<p>Provided that in making and estimating the test the following conditions shall be observed, namely:-</p> <p>(a) the weapon shall be held horizontally with the muzzle at a distance of five feet from the target;</p> <p>(b) the test shall be repeated twenty times for each class of projectile which can be discharged from the weapon; and</p> <p>(c) perforation shall be deemed to be effected, -</p> <p>(i) in a case where the projectile is a dart, if the point of dart pierces the back of the target, and</p> <p>(ii) in any other case, if the projectile passes completely through the back of the target.</p>		
<p>(4) Air-guns, air-rifles and air-pistols required for imparting training in their use.</p>	<p>Those contained in Sections 3 and 9 (a) (i); provided that the exemption shall be valid only when the weapons are used in connection with training in their use and training is imparted under the supervision of a licensee or an instructor approved by the Central Government in this behalf.</p>	
<p>(5) All Arms</p>	<p>Those contained in section 5 in so far as it relates to petty repairs without the use of spare parts carried out</p>	

	by or in the presence of, or under the written authority of, the owner lawfully possessing the weapon, subject to such conditions & restrictions as may be imposed by the Central Government in this behalf.	
(6) Arms & ammunition required for, and not kept or used for any purpose other than the navigation or operation of aircraft.	All	
(7) Arms, other than filled or empty grenades, which are in the possession of a regiment or military mess or trophies or curiosities or otherwise solely for purposes of ornament or display.	All	
(8) Sights for rifles imported for the use of, or for sale to officers, Junior Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers, and Petty Officers of the Indian Navy, Army or Air Force or of the Indian Territorial Army or non-Commissioned Officer and soldiers of the Indian Army on a written permit from the Officer Commanding the regiment to which they belong.	All	
(9)(a) All explosive substances which may be used for filling the ammunition defined in Section 2 (1) (b) (iii), other than ingredients of ammunition, in item (vii) of that sub-clause, unless and until any of them becomes a part of	All except those relating to export: Provided that the Central Government may by notification in the official Gazette, retain all or any of the provisions of the Act, in the case of any class of persons or of any specified area.	

<p>such ammunition; fuses for blasting (safety or otherwise); tubes for firing explosives.</p> <p>(b) Cartridges made with not more than 15 kgs. of gun powder, and not containing their own means of ignition, when intended <i>bona fide</i> for private blasting purposes.</p>	<p>Those contained in section 3; provided that the Central Government may by notification in the Official Gazette, at any time prohibit possession without a licence in the case of any class of persons or of any specified area, if it considers necessary to do so in the interest of public safety.</p>	
<p>(10) Gun wads and wire cartridges.</p>	<p>Those contained in section 10</p>	
<p>(11) Cartridge cases of arms of one or more than one inch bore.</p>	<p>All</p>	
<p>(12)(a) Lead or bullets and birdshot not exceeding 5 kgs.</p> <p>(b) Pellets for air-guns and lead required in good faith for industrial and manufacturing purposes other than the manufacture of bullets and bird-shot up to any quantity.</p>	<p>All; provided that the Central Government may impose in respect of any class of persons or of any specified area, any restriction in quantity of lead to be so exempted.</p>	
<p>(13)(a) Chlorates acquired, possessed or sold by <i>bona fide</i> medical practitioners and dispensing chemists in accordance with such conditions as may be prescribed by the Central Govt;</p> <p>(b) Medicinal preparations (including tablets) containing chlorates acquired, possessed or</p>	<p>Those contained in sections 3 and 5</p> <p>Those contained in sections 3 and 5.</p>	

<p>sold by medical practitioners or dispensing chemists or acquired or possessed by anyone on the basis of a prescription or certificate by a medical practitioner, in accordance with such conditions as may be prescribed by the Central Government.</p>		
<p>2. Arms of category V</p>	<p>Those contained in sections 10 and 12, subject to the condition that the arms are exported or transported by air through a dealer and in accordance with rule 61:</p> <p>provided that the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, retain all or any of the provisions of the Act, relating to any area in respect of any type or description of arm.</p>	<p>The exemption shall apply to the whole of India</p> <p><i>(The words 'except where section 4 applies' omitted by Notn. No. F.11/23/68-P.IV, dated 25.10.1968)</i></p>
<p>3. (1) Kripans possessed or carried by Sikhs.</p> <p>(2) Khukris possessed or carried by Gurkhas of all classes.</p>	<p>Those contained in Section 4.</p> <p>Those contained in Section 4:</p> <p>Provided that the Central Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, retain all or any of the provisions of the Act in this behalf in respect of all Classes, or any class of Gurkhas, or of any specified area.</p>	<p>The exemption shall apply to any part of India where Section 4 applies.</p>

<p>(3) Uniform swords and dirks of recognized military or official patterns, when possessed by, or intended to be supplied to persons entitled to wear them as part of their uniforms.</p> <p>(4) Swords of honour possessed or carried by persons or by the heirs of persons to whom they were awarded by the Central Government or the State Govt.</p> <p>(5) Swords imported for presentation as prizes for members of the regular or auxiliary force.</p>	<p>Those contained in Section 4.</p> <p>Those contained in Section 4.</p> <p>Those contained in sections 4 &amp; 10.</p>	
<p>4.(1) Sulphur in quantities not exceeding 5 Kgs. <i>(Quantity Substituted for 50 Kgs by Notn. No. GSR 20 dt. 17.12.1970)</i></p> <p>(2) Saltpetre</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>	<p>The exemption shall apply to the whole of India except all districts on the external land frontier of India, and the districts of Sibsagar, Lakhimpur and United Mikir, and North Cachar Hills in Assam.</p>
<p>5. Saltpetre required for medicinal or goldsmith's purposes in quantities not exceeding 5 kgs.</p> <p>6. Any arms or ammunition brought into and landed in bond at, or brought into any port in India and declared under manifest conditions to be consignments for, any port to which export is not prohibited by rules or orders for the time being in force.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Those contained in Section 10.</p>	<p>The exemption shall apply only to the districts on external land frontier of India, and the districts of Sibsagar, Lakhimpur and North Cachar Hills in Assam.</p>

7. Arms and ammunition of category I (c) imported by officers of the Indian Foreign Service.	Those contained in Section 10.	
8.	Omitted by GSR 261 dt. 12-02-1976 (w.e.f. 28.2.1976)	
9. Arms and ammunition for despatch to the Government of Nepal or King of Nepal from or through India.	Those contained in Section 10.	The arms, etc. imported into, or acquired in, India for transport or export to Nepal shall correspond to the list furnished by the Central Government to the customs authorities at the port of disembarkation or the licensing authority at other places.
The following clause was added by Notification No. F.21/24/63-P IV dated 8.8.1966		
10. Spears and barchhas possessed by Nihang Sikhs	Those contained in Section 4	The exemption shall apply only to such areas in the State of Punjab where section 4 applies.



**Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs**

**NOTIFICATION**

In exercise of the powers conferred in section 41 of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959), the Central Government hereby makes the following further amendment in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs No. G.S.R. 991 dated the 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1962 namely:-

In Schedule II to the said notification in entry 8,

- (a) under column 1, for the expression "categories 1(b) and 1(c)" the expression "category 1 (b)" shall substituted; and
- (b) under column 3 for the expression "category 1(b) or category 1(c) or both" the expression "category 1(b)" shall substituted.

C.B. BUDGUJAR  
UNDER SECRETARY

**M.H.A. Notification No. F.16/12/71 (II) GPA-II, dated 03-05-1972**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 41 of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959), the Central Government hereby makes the following further amendments in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs, No. G.S.R. 991, dated the 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1962, namely:-

In Schedule I to the said notification entries 2,3,4 shall be omitted.

***Exemption to Certain Persons from Payment of Fees under the Arms Act, 1959***

**G.S.R. 993, dated 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1962:-** In pursuance of sub-rule (3) of Rule 57 of the Arms Rules, 1962, the Central Government hereby exempts in the public interest the persons or classes of persons specified or described in the first column to the sub-joined table, from the payment of fees for the grant or renewal of any licence in Form III set out in Schedule III to the said rules in respect of the arms or ammunition described in the second column of that table:

Provided that if application for renewal of any such licence is not made within one month of the date on which the licence expires, the licensing authority may, unless the applicant satisfies the licensing authority that he had sufficient cause for not making the application within that period, levy renewal fee at the rate specified in the Form:

Provided further that in respect of the persons and the class of persons specified against item No. 10 of the said Table, the exemption shall be granted only on the basis of reciprocity

**TABLE**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Persons</b>	<b>Arms or Ammunition</b>
1	2	3
1.(a)	Any Junior Commissioned Officer, Chief Petty Officer, Petty Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer, Soldier, Sailor or Airman of the armed forces of the Union, whether in service, or retired and in receipt as such of a pension, or any persons below the rank of Warrant Officer transferred to the Reserve and designated in this behalf by the Officer Commanding of Unit;	One supporting gun or rifle together with a reasonable quantity of ammunition of the same.
(b)	any person holding any rank in the Territorial Army who has been awarded the Territorial Army Decoration or the Territorial Army Medal;	

(c)	any person who was enrolled as a member of Corps of Volunteers under the Indian Volunteers Act, 1869 (XX of 1869), or who was a member of the late Indian Defence Force and who was awarded the Volunteer Officer's Decoration or the Long Service Medal and any person who held any rank in the late Auxiliary Force, India and was awarded the Volunteer Officers Decoration or the Long Service Medal or the Efficiency Decoration or the Efficiency Medal and any person who held any rank in the late Indian Territorial Force, who was awarded the Efficiency Decoration or the Efficiency Medal or any person who held any rank in the Indian States Forces maintained by the former Indian States;	
(d)	Officers and Warrant Officers of the Assam Rifles, Malabar Special Police, Eastern Frontier Rifles, the Bihar Military Police Units and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Military Police, whether in service or retired and in receipt as such of a pension; and	
(e)	Non-commissioned Officers and men of the Assam Rifles, Malabar Special Police, Eastern Frontier Rifles, and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Military Police nominated in this behalf by Commandants of Battalions to a number not exceeding five in each Company.	
2.	Any ex-Indian Commissioned Officers of the Army, Navy, Air Force or the Territorial Army, so long as he is entitled to wear the uniform of such force.	Revolvers or automatic pistols which formed part of equipment when in employment as such officer, together with a reasonable quantity of ammunition for the same, in respect of which licence may be granted/renewed.
3.	All ex-soldiers who on the 6 <sup>th</sup> November 1935, were settled in Ajmer.	Such arms or ammunition as may be considered reasonable by the District Magistrate, Ajmer.

4.	Retired police officers who are permitted to wear on ceremonial occasions or when calling on Government officials the uniform of the rank which they held in the force at the time of retirement.	Swords or revolvers which formed part of equipment as a police officer, together with reasonable quantity of ammunition for the same.
5.	Government servants whose possession of arms - such possession not being exempt from the provision of the Act under Section 45 (b) thereof-is declared by the Central Government to be in the public interest	Such arms or ammunition as are specified in the declaration.
6.	The heirs or successors of persons holding swords or other arms received by them as gifts from the Central Government, or the State Government, and who were exempt under Schedule I of the Indian Arms Rules, 1924, before its revision with effect from the 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 1950, from the operation of the prohibitions and directions contained in the Indian Arms Act, 1878 (11 of 1878).	Such arms as were received as gifts together with, where necessary, a reasonable quantity of ammunition for the same.
7.	Any person, who is exempt from the operation of the prohibitions and directions contained in Sections 13-15 of the Indian Arms Act, 1878 (11 of 1878) on 15.8.1947, or immediately before the coming into force of the Arms Rules, 1962, but who is no longer exempt under the Arms Rules, 1962 and does not fall within the purview of Section 14 of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959).	Such arms or ammunition in respect of which the person was exempt on the dates as specified in Column 2 and for which licence may be granted/ renewed.  <i>(Substituted by GSR 701 dated 20.6.1973)</i>
8.	Indian citizens who have received any of the following honours or awards, namely : (i) The Param Vir Chakra (ii) The Ashoka Chakra, Class-I (iii) The Maha Vir Chakra (iv) The Ashoka Chakra, Class-II (v) The Vir Chakra (vi) The Ashoka Chakra, Class-III (vii) The Victoria Cross (viii) The Distinguished Service Order (ix) The Distinguished Service Cross	Such arms or ammunition as may be considered reasonable by the authority or officer issuing the licence.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(x) The Distinguished Flying Cross.</li> <li>(xi) Awards for meritorious service which are not lower than the Meritorious Service Medal, provided that the person concerned is an Indian National and that he was in receipt of the Award before the 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1947</li> <li>(xii) The George Cross.</li> <li>(xiii) The Military Cross</li> <li>(xiv) The Albert Medal.</li> <li>(xv) The King Police and Fire Services Medal.</li> <li>(xvi) The George Medal.</li> <li>(xvii) The Edward Medal</li> <li>(xviii) The Indian Distinguished Service Medal.</li> <li>(xix) The Medal for Saving Life at sea.</li> <li>(xx) The Indian Order of Merit (Civil and Military Division).</li> <li>(xxi) The Indian Police Medal.</li> <li>(xxii) The British Empire Medal.</li> <li>(xxiii) The President's Police and Fire Service Medal.</li> <li>(xxiv) The Police Medal.</li> </ul>	
9.	Such members of village defense societies or other similar organizations formed under schemes sponsored by the Central Government or any State Government, as are issued arms licences and are supplied arms and/or ammunition under such schemes.	Such arms or ammunition as are covered by the licences.
10.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Heads of Foreign Diplomatic Missions, Foreign Diplomatic Agents and the staff of the Foreign Missions in India;</li> <li>(b) Foreign Consular Officers &amp; the Staff of the Foreign Consular Missions in India; and</li> <li>(c) The spouses of the persons mentioned in sub-items (a) and (b).</li> </ul> <p>Provided that they are nationals of the States they represent.</p>	Such arms or ammunition as may be owned in the official or private capacity from the date of appointment in India.

### 3

#### ***Limited Period Exemption to the persons of Coorg Race***

**S.O. 1920, dated 6<sup>th</sup> July, 1963** - Whereas the Central Government is of opinion that it is necessary and expedient in the public interest to exempt certain classes of persons from the operation of some of the provisions of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959);

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 41 of that Act, the Central Government hereby exempts the classes of persons specified in Column 1 of Schedule I hereto annexed, in respect of the arms and ammunition of the category or description specified in Column 2 thereof when carried or possessed for their own personal use; from the operation of such of the provisions of the said Act and subject to such conditions as are mentioned in columns 3 and 4, respectively, of that Schedule:

Provided that the exemption hereby granted shall be subject to the following further conditions, namely:

- (a) it shall not be deemed to render lawful the import of arms or ammunition through the medium of post office;
- (b) the classes of persons exempted shall-
  - (i) unless specifically exempted by the Central Government by notification in the Official Gazette, register in such manner and at such place as the Central Government may prescribe from time to time, any fire-arm or ammunition in respect of which the exemption has been granted;
  - (ii) render such statistical information about different description of arms and ammunition in respect of which the exemption has been granted in such proforma, if any, as may be required by the Central Government;
  - (iii) whenever any arms or ammunition in respect of which exemption has been granted is lost or stolen, forthwith report the occurrence of such loss or theft together with the details of the articles lost or stolen at the nearest police station:

## SCHEDULE - I

<b>Class of Persons</b>	<b>Categories/ Description of Arms &amp; Ammunition</b>	<b>Provisions of the Act</b>	<b>Conditions</b>
Every person of Coorg race and every Jumma tenure holder in Coorg.	All except Categories I and II of Schedule I to the Arms Rules, 1962.	Those contained in Sections 3 & 4.	The arms or ammunition carried or possessed by any person herein exempted whilst residing or travelling outside the district of Coorg shall not exceed one rifle with 100 rounds of ammunition for the same and one smooth-bore breech or muzzle loading gun with 500 cartridges or the equivalent or in leaden shot and gun powder.

2. In the Table appended to the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification No. F.15/13/59(VI)-P-IV, dated 13-07-1962 (G.S.R. 993, published in the Gazette of India, Part II, Section 3(i), dated the 28-07-1962 Clause (b) in Column 3 against Item 7 thereof shall be deleted.

**4*****Exemption to Army Personnel for holding certain weapons***

**G.O. 2461, dated 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1964** - Whereas the Central Government is of opinion that it is necessary and expedient in the public interest to exempt certain classes of persons from the operation of the provisions of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959);

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (a) of Section 41 of that Act, the Central Government thereby exempts the classes of persons specified in Clause 1 of the Schedule hereto annexed, in respect of the arms and ammunition of the category or description specified in Column 2 thereof when carried or possessed for their own personal use, from the operation of such of the provisions of the said Act and subject to such conditions as are mentioned in Columns 3 and 4, respectively, of that Schedule;

**SCHEDULE**

<b>Class of person</b>	<b>Description of arms</b>	<b>Provisions of the Act</b>	<b>Conditions</b>
(1) Every officer holding Commission in the regular army	One sword	Those contained in Sections 3 & 4	The exemption hereby made shall be operative after the retirement of the classes of persons mentioned in Column 1 from their services
(2) Every officer of the Territorial Army.	-Ditto-	-Ditto-	-Ditto-
(3) Every Junior Commissioned that of the Territorial Army	-Ditto-	-Ditto-	-Ditto-
(4) Every officer and Junior Commissioned Officer of the Gurkha Regiments & Garhwal Rifles	One "Khukri" and two small "knives" in addition to one sword	-Ditto-	-Ditto-
(5) Every officer and Junior Commissioned Officer of the Assam Regiments.	One "Dah" in addition to one sword	-Ditto-	-Ditto-



***Exemption to the Museum of Bureau of Investigation***

**S.O. 1124, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 1968:-** In pursuance of clause (b) of Section 45 of the Arms Act, 1959 (59 of 1959), the Central Government hereby directs that nothing in the said Act shall apply to the acquisition and possession by or on behalf of the Director, Bureau of Investigation of arms or ammunition for the museum of the said Central Bureau of Investigation located in New Delhi.

***Exemption to the General Reserve Engineer Force, Nagaland***

**S.O. 2151, dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 1969:-** In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 41 of the Indian Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959), the Central Government, being of opinion that it is expedient in the public interest so to do hereby exempts the members of the General Reserve Engineer Force, who are ex-servicemen and are serving in, and located within, the Sector of responsibility of Chief Engineer, project Pushpak (Mizo Hills) or Chief Engineer, Project Sewak (Nagaland) and are armed in self-defense to ward off the attacks of the hostiles and to protect the officers and members of, and the property belonging to the Force, from the operation of the provisions of the said Act.

***Exemption to the volunteers of the Village Volunteers Work Force Organization under the Director General of Security***

**G.S.R. 2113 - dated the 21<sup>st</sup> August, 1969** - Whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary and expedient in the public interest to exempt certain classes of persons from the operation of some of the provisions of the Arms Act, 1959;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 41 of that Act, the Central Government hereby exempt the classes of persons specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto annexed in respect of the arms and ammunition of the category or description specified in column 2 thereof when carried or possessed or used in the course of their training and other work under the Directorate General of Security from the operation of such of the provisions of the said Act and subject to such conditions as are mentioned in columns 3 and 4 respectively of that schedule.

**SCHEDULE**

<b>Class of persons</b>	<b>Categories/Description of Arms &amp; Ammunition</b>	<b>Provisions of the Act</b>	<b>Conditions</b>
Such volunteers as are undergoing training or carrying out work in any organization under the Directorate General of Security	Arms and Ammunition of the description / quantity shown in a duty slip issued to personnel working in any organization under the Directorate General of Security by a Gazetted Officer of the said organization so authorized by the Director General of Security or any Director in his organization.	Those contained in sections 3 and 4.	This exemption shall apply when arms and ammunition are issued or taken out in connection with training and other work under the Directorate General of Security subject to the possession of a duty slip signed by a Gazetted Officer of that organization so authorized by the Director General of Security or any Director in his organization in the areas and for the dates specified in the duty slip.

***Exemption to the General Reserve Engineer Force (Project Beacon) J & K***

**S.O. 1451, dated the 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1971:-**In exercise of the powers conferred by section 41 of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959), the Central Government, being of opinion that it is expedient in the public interest so to do hereby exempts the members of the General Reserve Engineer Force who are ex-servicemen and are serving in, and located within, the sector of responsibility of the Chief Engineer, Project Beacon (J & K) and are armed in self-defense to ward off the attacks of unruly elements and to protect the officers and members of, and property belonging to, the Force, from the operation of the provision of the said Act.

***Exemption to the volunteers of the Village Volunteers Work Force Organization under the Administrator, Manipur***

**G.S.R. 693 - dated the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1971 -** Whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary and expedient in the public interest to exempt certain classes of persons from the operation of some of the provisions of the Arms Act, 1959;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 41 of that Act, the Central Government hereby exempts the classes of persons specified in column (1) of the Schedule hereto annexed, in respect of the arms and ammunition of the category or description specified in column (2) thereof, when carried or possessed or used in the course of their training and other work under the Administrator of Manipur from the operation of such of the provisions of the said act and subject to such conditions as are mentioned in columns (3) and (4) respectively of that Schedule.

## SCHEDULE

Class of persons	Categories/Description of Arms & Ammunition	Provisions of the Act	Conditions
Such volunteers as are undergoing training or carrying out work in Village Volunteer Force organization under the Administrator, Manipur.	Arms and Ammunition of the description or quantity shown in a duty slip issued to personnel working in Village Volunteer Force organization under the Administrator Manipur by such officers of the organization as may be authorized by the Administrator in this behalf.	Those contained in sections 3 and 4.	This exemption shall apply when arms & ammunition are issued or taken out in connection with training and other work under the Administrator Manipur subject to the possession of a duty slip signed by an officer of the Village Volunteer Force organization so authorized by the Administrator, Manipur in the area and for the dates specified in the duty slip.

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#### ***Exemption to the General Reserve Engineer Force (Project SEWAK, Manipur)***

**G.S.R. 950, dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 1971** - In exercise of the powers conferred by section 41 of the Indian Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959), the Central Government, being of opinion that it is expedient in the public interest so to do, hereby exempts the members of the GENERAL RESERVE ENGINEER FORCE, who are ex-servicemen and are serving in, and located within, the Sector of responsibility of Chief Engineer Project SEWAK (MANIPUR) and are armed in self-defense to ward off the attacks of the hostiles and to protect the officers and members of, and the property belonging to the Force from the operation of the provisions of the said Act.

***Withdrawal of all exemptions to erstwhile rulers from all exemptions under the Arms Act***

**G.S.R. 591, dated 3.5.1972** - Whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary and expedient in the public interest to withdraw the exemption, granted to certain persons and classes of persons, from the operation of all or some of the provisions of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959) or the corresponding provisions of the Indian Arms Act 1878 (11 of 1878).

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 41 of the said Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959), the Central Government hereby cancels all such notifications, issued from time to time so far as they relate to the exemption of any Ruler as defined in clause (22) of article 366 of the constitution or any member in article 366 of the Constitution or any member of the family of such Ruler from the operation of all or some of the provisions of the said Acts.

***Upholding the validity under the Arms Act, 1959 of the Hunter's Diplomas issued by the Portugese Government***

**S.O. 3721, dated the 8<sup>th</sup> September, 1972:-**Whereas by virtue of the proviso to sub-section (2) of section 4 read with section 3 of the Goa, Daman and Diu (Laws) Regulation, 1962 (12 of 1962), the Hunters Diplomas issued by the then Portuguese Government under Portaria No. 891, dated 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1930 granting exemption in the matter of use and carriage of arms independently of the respective licence shall be deemed to have been issued under the corresponding provisions of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959);

And whereas the Central Government is of the opinion, that it is necessary and expedient in the public interest to withdraw the exemption deemed to have been granted to the holders of such Hunters Diplomas from the operation of the relevant provisions of the said Act;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 41 of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959), the Central Government hereby cancels all such Hunters Diplomas with effect from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.

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***Exemption to the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Propellant Engineering Division, Trivandrum***

**G.S.R.15, dated the 28<sup>th</sup> December, 1974** - In exercise of the powers conferred by section 41 of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959), the Central Government being of opinion that it is expedient in the public interest so to do, hereby exempts the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Propellant Engineering Division, Trivandrum from the operation of such of the provisions of sections 3 and 5 of the said Act as are relatable to the possession, use and manufacture only of Perchlorate [an ammunition of category VI (b)] subject to the condition that this ammunition is exclusively used in connection with space science research work and development by the said organization.

***Exemption to the His Majesty the King of Bhutan and members of the Bhutanese Royal family***

**G.S.R. 388 - dated the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 1978** - Whereas the Central Government is of opinion that it is necessary and expedient in the public interest so to do;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of section 41 of the Arms Act 1959 (54 of 1959), the Central Government hereby exempts the classes of persons specified in column (2) of the Table below from the operation of the provisions of sections 3 and 4 of the said Act in respect of the category or description of arms and ammunition, specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, subject to the condition specified in the corresponding entry in column (4) of the said Table.

**TABLE**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Classes of persons</b>	<b>Category or description of arms and ammunition</b>	<b>Conditions</b>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	His Majesty the King of Bhutan and members of the Bhutanese Royal family.	All arms and ammunitions except those specified in category I(a) in Schedule I to the Arms Rules, 1962	
2.	Bhutanese Army / Police personnel moving individually or in groups either during journey between two points in Bhutan through Indian territory or for attending training etc., in India	All arms and ammunition.	Exemption shall be subject to the issue of a movement order/command certificate issued by an Officer of Royal Bhutanese Army Commissioned by the King of Bhutan or an Officer of corresponding rank in the Royal Bhutan Police.

**Exemption to the Tourists visiting Rajasthan from the Notification of the Rajasthan Government for possessing arms as defined in category 5 of Schedule I**

**G.S.R. 1414, dated the 20<sup>th</sup> November, 1978:-** In exercise of the powers conferred by the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification No. G.S.R. 1309, dated 1-10-1962, read with the provisions of section 4 of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959), the Rajasthan Government has regulated, vide their Notification No. F.1(89)/Shastra/74, dated 19-10-1974 published in the Gazette of Rajasthan, Extraordinary, the acquisition, possession or carrying of arms, other than firearms, covered by category 5 of Schedule I of the Arms Rules, 1962, such as sword, sword-stick, bhalla, bharshi, khukri, balam, katar, pharsa, bayonet, dharia, knife, chhurui, gandasas or baghnakh, arms within the municipal limits of Jaipur, Ajmer, Bharatpur, Alwar, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Kota, Sri Ganga Nagar and Bikaner.

Whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary and expedient in the public interest so to do;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 41 of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959), the Central Government hereby exempts following class of persons mentioned in column (2) of the subjoined Table below from the operations of provisions of said Act as in column (3) of the said Table.

**TABLE**

S.No.	Class of persons	Provisions of the Act
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Tourists	Section 4

Note 1: For purposes of this Notification the word "Tourist" means the person who not being the citizen of India visits India for not exceeding six months with no other object than the recreation, sight-seeing, participation in representative capacity in meetings convened by the Central Government or in the international conferences, Associations or other bodies.

2. It will apply to 'Tourists' of the countries specified by the Central Government vide their Notification No. G.S.R. 1420, dated 18-10-1962.



***Exemption to hold firearms and ammunition to Her Royal Highness Ashi Phuntso Codden, Senior Royal Grand Mother of Bhutan,***

**G.S.R. 282, dated the 15<sup>th</sup> February, 1978** - In exercise of the powers conferred by section 41 read with section 7 of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959), the Central Government being of the opinion that it is expedient in the public interest so to do, hereby exempts Her Royal Highness Ashi Phuntso Codden, Senior Royal Grand Mother of Bhutan, presently residing in Darjeeling, from the operation of section 10 of the said Act in so far as it relates to firearms and ammunition already brought into India, namely,-

- (1) One automatic Rifle Colt AR-15 Cal 223, 556 MM No. 015522 made in U.S.A. (Colts P.F.A. Mfg. Co., Hartford Conn) with 100 live bullets,
- (2) One automatic Pistol Browning F. No.9 MM, MKI No. 4T905 made in Canada (H.P. INGLIS) with 60 live bullets,
- (3) One automatic Pistol No. 414526-S(Baby)-Cal 6 M/M-35 by Fabrique Nationale D. Arms DC Guerre Herstal Belgique Browning Patent Depose, with 25 rounds of bullets,
- (4) One automatic Rifle Cal 223 serial no. 015439 Gin Colt AR-15 Mfg. Co. Hartford, Conn, USA, with 100 rounds of bullets,

subject to the condition that the aforesaid firearms and ammunition shall not be transferred to anyone in India for consideration or otherwise.

***Exemption to the Swai Man Singh-II Museum, City Palace, Jaipur***

**G.S.R. 4, dated the 21<sup>st</sup> December, 1979** - Whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that it is expedient in the public interest to exempt certain persons and to exclude certain description of arms relating to the Swai Man Singh-II, Museum, City Palace, Jaipur, from the operation of certain provisions of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959);

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of section 41 of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959), the Central Government hereby exempts the persons specified in column (1) of the Schedule hereto annexed and excludes the arms specified in column (2) to the extent of the number specified in column (4) of the said Schedule relating to the Swai Man Singh-II Museum, City Palace, Jaipur, from the operation of the provisions, of the said Act as specified in column (3) of the said Schedule, subject to the following conditions, namely:-

- (i) It shall be the duty of the General Manager of the said Museum to immediately make available information pertaining to arms and shall also make available the said arms for inspection of the Central Government or the State Government or any officer specially authorized by it;
- (ii) He shall keep proper record of the arms in a permanent register, each page of which shall be certified by the State Government; and it shall be subject to the verification from time to time by the Central Government or the State Government or any officer specially authorized by it;
- (iii) It shall be his duty to report to the nearest police station immediately about loss or theft of any of the arms;
- (iv) No arms shall be brought in or taken out of the premises of the Museum for exchange of the existing arms, except with the prior permission of the State Government;
- (v) The detailed record of 898 arms shown in column (4) of the said Schedule shall also be kept by the State Government;

## SCHEDULE

<b>Person exempted</b>	<b>Description of arms excluded</b>	<b>Provisions of the Act</b>	<b>Number of weapons exempted</b>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
General Manager, The Swai Man Singh-II Museum, City Palace, Jaipur.	(i) 3C. B.I. Guns. Sections 3 and 4  (ii) Muzzle Loading Pistols/Revolvers, Curios and weapons of historical value.  (iii) 3 D.M.L. Guns.  (iv) 4 Curios and weapons of historical importance.	Section 3 and 4	898

***Exemption to Arms Dealers from possessing any multiple projectile ammunition of 5 mm or more***

**GSR 378 (E) dt. 23.6.1980** (as amended by GSR 674(E), dt. 29.8.1983) –

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 41 of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959), the Central Government hereby exempts the licensed dealers and other licensees possessing any multiple projectile ammunition in which any projectile has a dimension of 5 mm or more, which has been declared to be prohibited ammunition vide the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs No. G.S.R. 375 (E), dated the 21<sup>st</sup> June, 1980 from the operation of the provisions of Section 7 of that Act, subject to the following conditions, namely:

- (a) that the persons or classes of persons exempted under this notification shall make a declaration about the quantity of above said prohibited ammunition within one month from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette to the Officer-in-Charge of the nearest Police station or where the prohibited ammunition is in possession of a member of the Armed Forces of the Union, to a Unit Armoury; and
- (b) that the above said prohibited ammunition shall not be sold or offered for consideration to anybody and the same shall be got converted into number cartridges within a period of four years from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.

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**G.S.R. 674 (E), dated 29th August, 1983:-**In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 41 of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959), the Central Government hereby makes the following amendment in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs No. G.S.R. 378 (E), dated 23.6.1980, namely:

"In the said notification in the sub-paragraph (b) of the paragraph 2, for the words 'three years', the words 'four years' shall be substituted."

***Exemption to Sports Persons*****NOTIFICATION**

**S.O. 667 (E) dated 12<sup>th</sup> September, 1985** - Whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary and expedient in the public interest to exempt certain classes of persons from the operation of some of the provisions of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959);

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 41 of the said Act, the Central Government hereby exempts the classes of the persons specified in column 2 of the Schedule hereto annexed, in respect of the arms of the category or description specified in the corresponding entry in column 3 thereof, when carried, possessed for their own personal use for the purpose of training or use in competitions, from the operation of the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 3 and sub-clause (i) of clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 9, of the said Act and subject to such conditions as are specified in the corresponding entry in column 4 of the said schedule:

Provided that the exemption hereby granted shall be subject to the following further conditions, namely:-

- (1) the certifying body for persons specified at serial No. 1 of the Schedule shall be Ministry of Sports, Government of India. The certificate shall specifically state that the award was conferred for excellence as a shooter, and not for administrative, developmental or promotional work connected with shooting;
- (2) the certifying body for persons specified at serial numbers 2,3,4 and 5 of the Schedule shall be the currently serving General Secretary or the Honorary Secretary of the National Rifle Association or the Indian Olympic Association. The fact that the General Secretary or the Honorary Secretary issuing such a certificate is holding the office of the General Secretary or of the Honorary Secretary in the year of issue of such certificate shall be duly certified by an officer of the Ministry of Sports not below the rank and status of an Under Secretary. The said certificate from the Ministry of Sports shall accompany the certificate issued by the said General Secretary or the Honorary Secretary of the said association in the case of every individual application;

- (3) all certificates issued by the National Rifle Association or the Indian Olympic Association shall be dated after the date of publication of this notification. Only the performances in any event held after the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1970 shall be relevant for purposes for the exemptions contained in this notification. Performances in any event prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1970 shall also be eligible for exemption under this notification, if any such performance is specifically directed in writing to be included by an officer not below the rank and status of an Under Secretary in the Ministry of Sports.
- (4) the person claiming exemption under this notification, has completed the age of sixteen years.

**Explanation:-**For the purposes of this notification,

- (a) 'international championship' means the Asian Games, the Asian Shooting Championships, the Asian Ladies or Asian Junior Shooting Championship, or the Commonwealth Games, the Commonwealth Shooting Championships, the Olympic Games, the World Shooting Championships or the World Ladies or World Junior Shooting Championships;
- (b) 'international medalist' means a person who has won an individual medal in an international championship or equalled or bettered, in the same championship, the score of the bronze medalist;
- (c) 'International target shooter' means a person who has achieved a rank among the first 15 positions in an International Championship;

Provided that where the number of participants in the event in question is less than 30, the person should have achieved a position of half the total number of participants in that event or better;

- (d) 'Renowned Shooter' means a person who has achieved a rank amongst the first fifteen positions in a National Championship in an open Men's Event or open Ladies event or Open Civilian's Event:

Provided that where the number of participants in the event in question is less than 30, the person should have achieved a position of half the total number of participants in the event, or better:

Provided further that the event should be according to current rules of International Shooting Union:

- (e) 'Junior target shooter' means a Person who has completed the age of sixteen years but is below the age of 21 year and has taken part in at least one State Level, Zonal Level, or National Level Shooting Competition recognized by National Rifle Association.

### **SCHEDULE**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Persons or classes of persons</b>	<b>Categories/Descriptions of arms</b>	<b>Conditions</b>
1.	Arjuna Award winners in Shooting	The category of arms used in that branch of Shooting Competition for which he has been conferred the Arjuna Award.	The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying bodies specified in the proviso to this notification.
2.	International medalist	<p>(i) Rifles in caliber .22 Long Rifle (also known as .22 LR) excluding semi-automatic rifles.</p> <p>(ii) Target rifle (full bore) provided (a) it is single shot without any magazine; (b) it has a minimum diameter of barrel of 20 mm at</p>	<p>The person should qualify for the exemption by virtue of performance in a rifle event. The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying bodies specified in the proviso to this notification.</p> <p>The person should qualify for the exemption by virtue of performance in a rifle event. The person must hold a certificate</p>

		<p>muzzle end; (c) its caliber is .243 or 30.06 or .308; and (d) it has a minimum length of barrel of 635 mm.</p> <p>(iii) Target pistol having a minimum barrel length of 103 mm and minimum overall length of 225 mm, caliber .22 short, .32 Smith and Wesson Long Wadcutter (also known as .32 S&amp;W Long WC), or .38 Special Wadcutter and the rear sight adjustable in both directions i.e. left-right as well as up down.</p> <p>(iv) Target revolver having a minimum barrel length of 150 mm and caliber .32 S&amp;W L or .38 Special also known as .38 Spl) and the rear sight adjustable in both directions i.e. left-right as well as up-down.</p> <p>(v) Shotguns of 12 bore</p>	<p>issued by the appropriate certifying bodies specified in the proviso to this notification.</p> <p>The person should qualify for the exemption by virtue of performance in a pistol or revolver event. The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying bodies specified in the proviso to this notification.</p> <p>The person should qualify for the exemption by virtue of performance in a pistol or revolver event. The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying bodies specified in the proviso to this notification.</p> <p>(i) The total number of shot guns exempted shall not exceed four, that is to say, two guns for trap shooting and two guns for skeet shooting.</p>
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			<p>(ii) The person must qualify for the exemption by virtue of his performance in the particular event.</p> <p>(iii) A person competent only in skeet shooting or only in trap shooting shall be entitled to two guns only for the particular event in which he has achieved the competence.</p> <p>(iv) The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying bodies specified in the proviso to this notification.</p>
3.	International Target Shooter	<p>(i) Rifles in caliber .22 Long Rifle (also known as .22 LR) excluding semi-automatic rifles.</p> <p>(ii) Target rifle (full bore) provided (a) it is a single shot without any magazine; (b) it has a minimum diameter of barrel of 20 mm at muzzle end; (c) its caliber is .243 or 30.06 or .303 or 7.62 or 7.5 Swiss or</p>	<p>The person should qualify for the exemption by virtue of performance in a rifle event. The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying bodies specified in the proviso to this notification.</p> <p>The person should qualify for the exemption by virtue of performance in a rifle event. The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying bodies specified in the</p>

		<p>.308; and (d) it has a minimum length of barrel of 635 mm.</p> <p>(iii) Target pistol having a minimum barrel length of 103 mm and minimum overall length of 225 mm, caliber .22 short, or .32 Smith &amp; Wesson Long Wad cutter (also known as .32 Special Wadcutter and the rear sight adjustable in both directions i.e. left right as well as up-down).</p> <p>(iv) Target revolver having a minimum barrel length of 150 mm and caliber .32 Smith and Wesson Long (also known as .32 S &amp; W L) or .38 Special (also known as . 38 Spl.) and the rear sight adjustable in both directions i.e. left-right as well as up-down.</p> <p>(v) Shot guns of 12 bore.</p>	<p>proviso to this notification.</p> <p>The person should qualify for the exemption by virtue of performance in a pistol or revolver event. The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying bodies specified in the proviso to this notification.</p> <p>The person should qualify for the exemption by virtue of performance in a pistol or revolver event. The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying bodies specified in the proviso to this notification.</p> <p>(i) The total number of shot guns exempted shall not exceed four, that is to say, two guns for Trap shooting and two guns for Skeet Shooting.</p> <p>(ii) The person must qualify for the exemption by virtue of his performance in the particular event.</p>
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			<p>(iii) A person competent only in skeet shooting or only in trap shooting shall be entitled to two guns only for the particular event in which he has achieved the competence.</p> <p>(iv) The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying bodies specified in the proviso to this notification.</p>
4.	Renowned Shooter	<p>(i) Rifles in caliber .22 Long Rifle (also known as .22 LR) excluding semi-automatic rifles.</p> <p>(ii) Target rifle (full bore) provided (a) it is a single shot without any magazine; (b) it has a minimum diameter of barrel of 20 mm at muzzle end; (c) its caliber is .243 or 30.06 or .303 or 7.62 or 7.5 Swiss or .308; and (d) it has a minimum length of barrel of 635 mm.</p>	<p>The person must qualify for the exemption by virtue of performance in a rifle event. The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying bodies specified in the proviso to this notification.</p> <p>The person must qualify for the exemption by virtue of performance in a rifle event. The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying bodies specified in the proviso to this notification.</p>

		<p>(iii) Target pistol having a minimum barrel length of 103 mm and minimum overall length of 225 mm. caliber .22 short or .32 Smith &amp; Wesson Long Wad cutter (also known as .32 Special Wadcutter and the rear sight adjustable in both directions i.e. left right as well as up-down).</p> <p>(iv) Target revolver having a minimum barrel length of 150 mm and caliber .32 Smith and Wesson Long (also known as .32 S&amp;W L) and the rear sight adjustable in both directions i.e. left right as well as up-down.</p> <p>(v) Shot guns of 12 bore</p>	<p>The person must qualify for the exemption by virtue of performance in a pistol or revolver event. The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying bodies specified in the proviso to this notification.</p> <p>The person must qualify for the exemption by virtue of performance in a pistol or revolver event. The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying bodies specified in the proviso to this notification.</p> <p>i) The total number of shot guns exempted shall not exceed four, that is to say, two guns for Trap shooting and two guns for Skeet Shooting.</p> <p>(ii) The person must qualify for the exemption by virtue of his performance in the particular event.</p> <p>(iii) A person competent only in Skeet Shooting or only in trap Shooting shall be</p>
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			<p>entitled to two guns only for the particular event in which he has achieved the competence.</p> <p>(iv) The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying bodies specified in the proviso to this notification.</p>
5.	Junior Target Shooter	<p>(i) .22 calibre Long Rifle (also known as .22 LR) excluding semi-automatic rifles.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>(ii) 12 bore shot gun;</p> <p>OR</p> <p>(iii) Target pistol, having a minimum barrel length of 130 mm, minimum overall length of 225 mm, caliber .22 short, .32 Smith &amp; Wesson Long Wadcutter (also known as .32 S&amp;W Long WC, or .38 Special Wadcutter and the rear sight adjustable in both directions i.e. left right as well as up-down).</p>	<p>The exemption is restricted to one weapon of any category mentioned in column. The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying bodies specified in the proviso to the notification.</p>
6.	Rifle clubs or pistol clubs & Associations licensed by Central or State Governments		

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### ***Exemption to Sports Persons***

#### **NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2002

**S.O. No. 831 (E):** In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 41 of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959), the Central Government hereby makes the following amendments in the Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs No. S.O. 667(E) dated 12<sup>th</sup> September, 1985, namely:-

**I.** Sub para (d) of the explanation may be substituted as follows.

“(d) “renowned shooter” means a person who is amongst the top ranking twenty five shooters in a National Championship in an open Men’s Event or open Ladies Event or open Civilian’s Event.

Provided that where the number of participants in the event in question is less than 30, the person should have achieved a position of half the total number of participants in the event, or better:

Provided further that the event should be according to current rules of International Shooting Union;”

**II.** Conditions (Col.4) against Sl.No.3 (International Target Shooter) of Schedule attached with the notification No. S.O. 667(E) dated 12.9.85, the words “Double Trap Shooting” may be added in sub-para (i) and (iii) and read as:-

- (i) “The total number of shot guns exempted shall not exceed six that is two guns for Target Shooting; two guns for Skeet Shooting and two guns for Double Trap Shooting;
- (ii) A person competent only in Skeet Shooting or only in Trap Shooting or in Double Trap Shooting shall be entitled to two guns only for the particular event in which he has achieved the competence.”

Sub para (ii) and (iv) will remain the same.

**III.** Conditions (Col.4) against SI. No. 4 (Renowned Shooter) of Schedule attached with Notification No. S.O. 667(E) dated 12.9.85 the words “Double Trap Shooting” may be added in sub-para (i) and (iii) and read as:-

- (i) “The total number of shot guns exempted shall not exceed six that is to say two guns for Trap Shooting, two guns for Skeet Shooting and two guns for Double Trap Shooting.
- (ii) A person competent only in Skeet Shooting or only in Trap Shooting or in Double Trap Shooting shall be entitled to two guns only for the particular event in which he has achieved the competence”.

Sub Para (ii) and (iv) will remain the same.

[No. V-11015/6/99-Arms]

(HARMINDER RAJ SINGH)

## **19-B**

### ***Exemption to Sports Persons***

#### **NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2004

**S.O. 568(E):** In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 41 of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959), the Central Government hereby makes the following amendments in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs number S.O. 667(E) dated 12<sup>th</sup> September, 1985, namely:-

In Schedule to the said notification, against serial numbers 2, 3 and 4

(1) In respect of the categories/descriptions of arms specified at items (i) to (iv), under column 4,

(b) Against the items (i) to (iv) each, the following words shall be inserted at the beginning, namely:-

"The total number of weapons exempted shall not exceed four in respect of the event/category in which the shooter has attained renowned status in addition to the number of weapons he is entitled to possess as a normal citizen as per provisions of the Arms Act, 1959, subject to overall ceiling of ten weapons"

(c) Against the items (i) to (iv) each, the following Note shall be inserted at the end, namely,

**"Note:** In case a shooter is renowned in more than two events, the total number of weapons such renowned shooter can possess shall not exceed ten";

(2) In respect of categories/descriptions of arms specified at item (v), under column 4, for items (i) and (iii) and also entries thereto, the following shall be substituted respectively, namely :-

(i) The total number of weapons exempted shall not exceed four guns each for Trap, Skeet and Double Trap shooting.



- (ii) A person competent only in Skeet shooting or only in Trap shooting or in Double Trap shooting shall be entitled to four guns only for the particular event in which he has attained the competence."

(No. V-11015/6/99-Arms)

RAKESH, Jt. Secy.

**Footnote:** The principal notification S.O. 667(E) dated the 12<sup>th</sup> September, 1985 was amended vide S.O. 831(E) dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2002.

Jt. Secy

## 19-C

### ***Exemption to Sports Persons***

#### **NOTIFICATION**

*New Delhi, the 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2007*

**S.O. 1864 (E)** - In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 41 of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959), the Central Government hereby makes the following amendments in the Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs No. S.O. 667(E) dated the 12<sup>th</sup> September, 1985, namely:-

In the said notification, for clause (d) of the explanation, the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

“ ‘Renowned Shooter’ means a person who has participated in a National Shooting Championship in an Open Men’s Event or Open Women’s Event or Open Civilian’s Event whether through Qualifying Tournament or Wild Card Entry conducted in accordance with the rules of the International Shooting Union, and has attained the Minimum Qualifying Score prescribed by the National Rifle Association.”

(No. V-11026/7/2006-Arms)  
L.C. GOYAL, Jt. Secy.

**Note:** The principal notification was issued vide Number S.O. 667(E) dated 12<sup>th</sup> September, 1985 and subsequently amended vide No. S.O. 831 (E) dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2002.

***Exemption from the applicability of Section 3(2) of the Arms Act to a Company, Firm, Bank or Industrial or other establishment***

**S.O. 954, dated December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1987:-** In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 41 of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959), the Central Government hereby exempts from the operation of the provisions of sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the said Act, the firearms required for safeguarding the property and personnel of any company, firm, Bank or industrial or other establishment subject to the following conditions, namely-

- (i) the licensing authority shall after taking into account the size, nature and location of the establishment and such other factors as such licensing authority may consider relevant and after considering the views of the establishment determine the number of firearms that may be acquired or possessed by such establishment;
- (ii) a licence shall be obtained from the licensing authority for each such firearm in favour of the person-in-charge of the security of such establishment or where there is no such functionary person-in-charge of the management of such establishment, by designation;
- (iii) upon such determination and issue of licences every such establishment in possession of fire-arms in excess of the number for which licences have been granted shall forthwith surrender such excess firearms to the officer-in-charge of the nearest police station or with a licensed dealer in the manner laid down under Section 24 of the said Act read with Rule 46 of the Arms Rules, 1962;

*Explanation* - For the purpose of this order-

- (a) "*bank*" means the Reserve Bank of India constituted under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 (2 of 1934) and the scheduled banks as specified in the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India, 1934 (2 of 1934);
- (b) "*company*" means company as defined in the Companies Act, 1956 (1 of 1956);

- (c) "*establishment*" includes, where such establishment has more than one branch, each of its branches;
- (d) "*fire-arms*" means arms and ammunition specified in Columns 2 and 3 of Category III of Schedule 1 to the Arms Rules, 1962.
- (e) "*firm*" has the same meaning as in the Indian Partnership Act, 1932 (9 of 1932);
- (f) "*industrial or other establishment*" means such establishment as defined in the Wages Act, 1936 (4 of 1936).

***Exemption from the operation of the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 3 of Act for the use of humane treatment of animals for drug delivery or administering tranquilizers or research purposes, etc.,***

**NOTIFICATION**

**S.O.952(E) dated 20<sup>th</sup> March,2009:-** Whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary and expedient in the public interest to exempt certain classes of Organizations or Departments, both Governmental and non-Governmental, from the operation of some of the provisions of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959).

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 41 of the said Act, the Central Government hereby exempts the classes of Organizations or Departments specified under columns (2) of the Schedule hereto annexed, in respect of the arms of the category or description specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) thereof, when acquired or carried or possessed for the use of humane treatment of animals for drug delivery or administering tranquilizers or research purposes, etc., from the operation of the provisions of sub-section(1) of section 3 of the said Act and subject to such conditions as are specified in the corresponding entry in column (4) of the said Schedule, namely:-

**SCHEDULE**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Classes of organization or departments</b>	<b>Description of arms</b>	<b>Conditions</b>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Wildlife Departments, Zoos and Wildlife Sanctuaries, Animal husbandry, Animal welfare and Veterinary organizations, Science and technology Departments	Syringe Projector	Exemption is restricted for humane treatment of animals for drug delivery, administering tranquillizers or research purposes

	under the control of the Central Government or State Government or Union Territory administrations or autonomous institutions and their subordinate offices including Municipal Corporations and other local authorities.		
2.	Individuals, private organizations including the Non-Governmental Organizations working in the field of animal or wildlife welfare.	Syringe Projector	<p>(i) Arms licence for acquisition or carrying or possession shall be obtained from the Licensing Authority on the basis of the essentiality certificate to be issued by the concerned wildlife department, i.e. in the Ministry of Environment &amp; Forests, Government of India, the Forest Department of the State Governments or Union Territories;</p> <p>(ii) Individuals or persons already in possession of Syringe Projectors shall also be required to obtain arms licence.</p>

(File No. V-11026/38/2007, Arms)

(Lokesh Jha)  
Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

**MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS****NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013

**S.O. 591(E):-** In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 41 of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959), the Central Government hereby makes the following amendments in the Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs No. SO 667 (E) dated the 12<sup>th</sup> September, 1985 by way of modifying the text incorporating alterations brought through subsequent Notifications No. S.O. 831(E) dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2002; S.O. 568 (E) dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 and S.O. 1864(E) dated 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 and new provisions all together to make the orders comprehensive and reading as follows:

“whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary and expedient in the public interest to exempt certain classes of persons from the operation of some of the provisions of the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959);

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 41 of the said. Act, the Central Government hereby exempts the classes of the persons specified in column 2 of the Schedule hereto annexed, in respect of the arms of the category of description specified in the corresponding entry in column 3 thereof, when carried, possessed for their own personal use for the purpose of training or use in competitions, from the operations of the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 3 and sub-clause (i) of clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 9, of the said Act and subject to such conditions as are specified in the corresponding entry in column 4 of the said schedule:

Provided that the exemption hereby granted shall be subject to the following further conditions, namely:-

- (1) the certifying body for persons specified at Serial No. 1 to 3 of the Schedule shall be Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. The certificate shall specifically state that the award was conferred for excellence as a shooter.

- (2) The Junior Target Shooter claiming exemption under this notification has completed the age of twelve years.

Explanation - For the purposes of this notification,

- (a) 'International Championship' means the Asian Games, the Asian Shooting Championship, the Asian Women or Asian Junior Shooting Championship, or the Commonwealth Games, the Commonwealth Shooting Championships, the Olympic Games, the World Junior Shooting Championships; and the World Cups in senior as well junior events; para championships in all the above categories.
- (b) 'International Target Shooter'" means a person who has won an individual or team medal in an International Championship.
- (c) 'Renowned Shooter' means a person who has participated in a National Shooting Championship in an Open Men's Event or Open Women's Event or Open Civilian's Event whether through Qualifying Tournament or Wild Card Entry conducted in accordance with the rules of International Shooting Union and has attained the Minimum Qualifying Score prescribed by the National Rifle Association.
- (d) 'Junior Target Shooter' means a person who has completed the age of twelve years but is below the age of twenty one years and has taken part in at least one State Level, Zonal Level, or National Level Shooting Competition recognized by National Rifle Association.
- (e) 'Aspiring Shooter' means a person who has taken part in at least one State Level, Zonal Level, or National Level Shooting Competition recognized by National Rifle Association and attained the prescribed minimum qualifying score approved by the respective association.”



## SCHEDULE

Sr. No.	Persons or class of persons	Categories/descriptions of arms	Conditions
1.	Arjuna Awardee	General exemption on the number of arms to be possessed provided that the Arjuna Award is conferred in shooting.	The person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying bodies specified in the proviso to this notification.
2.	International Medalist/ Renowned shot	<p>Type of arms used in the event in which the person is an international medalist or a renowned shot.</p> <p>(i) Rifles in caliber. 22 Long Rifle (also known as .22LR).</p> <p>(ii) Center fire Rifles with calibers up to 8mm including all calibers lower than 8mm.</p> <p>(iii) Pistol/ Revolvers of caliber up and including 9 mm but excluding 9 mm parabellum (9x19 mm).</p> <p>(iv) Shotguns of caliber up to 12 bore/gauge including all calibers lower than 12 bore/gauge.</p>	<p>The total number of weapons exempted shall not exceed six in addition to the number of weapons he is entitled to possess as a normal citizen as per provisions of the Arms Act, 1959, subject to overall ceiling of ten weapons.</p> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <p>Even if a shooter is renowned in more than two events, the total number of weapons such renowned shooter can possess shall not exceed ten as mentioned above.</p>
3.	Junior Target shooter (12 years to 21 years)	Type of arms used in the event in which the person is a Junior Target Shooter.	The total number of weapons exempted shall not exceed four including the number of weapons the person is entitled to possess as a normal citizen as per provisions of the Arms Act, 1959.

			<p><b>Note:</b> Even if a shooter is Junior Target Shooter in more than two events, the total number of weapons such Junior Target Shooter can possess shall not exceed four as mentioned above.</p>
4.	Aspiring Shooters	<p>Type of arms used in the event in which the person is an international medalist or a renowned shot :</p> <p>(i) Rifles in caliber .22 Long Rifle (also known as .22 LR).</p> <p>(ii) Center fire rifles calibers up to 8 mm including all calibers lower than 8 mm.</p> <p>(iii) Pistol / Revolvers of caliber up and including 9 mm but excluding 9 mm parabellum (9x19 mm)</p> <p>(iv) Shotguns of caliber up to 12 bore/gauge including all calibers lower than 12 bore/gauge.</p>	<p>The total number of weapons exempted shall not exceed four including the number of weapons the person is entitled to possess as a normal citizen as per provisions of the Arms Act, 1959.</p>
5.	District Rifle Association / State Rifle Association / National Rifle Association of India /All Shooting clubs affiliated to the State or the National Rifle Association of India. All Shooting Ranges under the Sports	<p>(i) Rifles in caliber .22 Long Rifle (also known as .22LR).</p> <p>(ii) Center fire rifles calibers up to 8 mm including all calibers lower than 8 mm.</p> <p>(iii) Pistol/Revolvers of caliber up and including 9 mm but excluding 9 mm parabellum (9x19 mm)</p>	<p>No limit will be prescribed on the possession of Arms.</p>

	Authority of India or the Sports Authority of the State Governments.	(iv) Shotguns of caliber up to 12 bore/gauge including all calibers lower than 12 bore/gauge.	
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M. GOPAL REDDY, Jt. Secy.