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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(IS-II Div. / Arms Section)

MDC National Stadium
Near India Gate
New Delhi, the dated 17th Jan, 2018

To

The Chief Secretaries of all State Governments/
Administrators of all Union Territories Administrations

Subject: Clarification regarding rules 10&39 of the Arms Rules, 2016.

Sir,

Rule 10 of the Arms Rules 2016 provides that "Every applicant applying for a license in Form II, Form III and Form IV; or a rifle club or association or firing range or staff employed by such club, association or firing range, applying for a license in Form V; or a manufacturer or dealer or gunsmith or staff employed by such manufacturer, dealer or gunsmith applying for a license in Form VII, Form VIII, Form IX-A, shall be required to complete arms and ammunition safety training course. Further Rule 39 provides for provisions for issuance of license for accredited trainers".

This Ministry is examining the issue in consultation with Government agencies having expertise on this matter and is in the process of issuing detailed policy guidelines containing syllabus etc for accredited trainer.

In the mean time various licensing authority have approached this Ministry for issuing the interim clarification on the above mentioned issue. In view of same it is felt necessary to address the issues interimly to facilitate the licensing authorities. It is hence decided that till the time such guidelines are circulated, the licensing authorities are allowed to get the weapon handling training from the armour employed with State Police Department and the certificate in prescribed Performa S-1 may be issued by a committee/mechanism established by the State Government concerned for such purpose. The State Governments are further directed that no additional requirements of furnishing of documents or eligibility norms be levied on applicants apart from conditions and norms specified in the Arms Rules 2016.

Yours faithfully,

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