
Ministry of Home Affairs

New Delhi, 12th September, 1985

NOTIFICATION

S.O. 667(E): ---- 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 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 the 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 of 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 or is holding the office of the General Secretary or 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 1st 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 Championship, the Olympic Games, the World Shooting Championship or the World Ladies or World Junior Shooting Championship;

(b) "International medallist" means a person who has won an individual medal in an International Championship, or equaled or bettered, in the same Championship, the score of the

bronze medallist;

(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:

(a) “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.

Serial No.	Persons or classes of persons	Categories/Descriptions of arms	Conditions
1	2	3	4
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	(i) Rifles in caliber .22 Long Rifle (also known as .22 LR) excluding semi-automatic rifles. (ii) Target rifle (full bore) provided (a) it is single shot without any magazine; (b) it has a minimum diameter or barrel of 20mm at muzzle end; (c) its caliber is .243 or 30.06 or .308; and (d) it has a minimum length of barrel of 635 mm. (iii) Target pistol having a minimum barrel length of 103 mm and minimum overall length of 225mm, caliber .22 short, .32 Smith & Wesson Long Wadcutter (also known as .32 S&W Long WC), or .38 Special Wadcutter and the rear sight adjustable in both directions i.e.	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. 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. The person should qualify for the exemption by virtue of performance in a pistol or revolver event. The person

		<p>left-right as well as up down.</p> <p>(iv) Target revolver having a minimum barrel length of 150 mm and caliber .32 S&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>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 shotguns 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 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 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 .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</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</p>

		<p>mm and minimum overall length of 225 mm. caliber .22 short, or .32 Smith & 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 & Wesson Long (also known as .32 S&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>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> <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>
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</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</p>

		<p>or 7.62 or 7.5 Swiss 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, or .32 Smith & 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 150mm and caliber .32 Smith & Wesson Long (also known as .32 S&W L) and the rear sight adjustable in both directions i.e. left-right as well as up-down.</p>	<p>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 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>(v) Shot guns of 12 bore.</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 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> <p>The exemption is restricted to one weapon of any category mentioned in column. The</p>

			person must hold a certificate issued by the appropriate certifying bodies specified in the proviso to the notification.
5	Junior Target Shooter.	(i) .22 calibre Long Rifle (also known as .22 LR) excluding semi-automatic rifles. OR (ii) 12 bore shot gun; OR (iii) Target pistol having a minimum barrel length of 130 mm, minimum overall length of 225 mm., caliber .22 short, .32 Smith & Wesson Long Wadcutter (also known as .32 S&W Long WC(), or .38 Special Wadcutter and the rear sight adjustable in both directions i.e. left-right as well as up-down.	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.
6	Rifle clubs or pistol clubs and Associations licensed by Central or State Governments.		

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Ministry of Home Affairs

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NOTIFICATION

S.O. No. 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 12th September, 1985,

namely: -

1. 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 of 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.

2. Conditions (Col.4) against SI. No.3 (International Target Shooter) of schedule attached with the notification No. S.O.667 (E) dated 12.09.85, the worlds “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 Skeet.

(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.

2. 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 under : -

(i) “Total number of short 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 I which he has achieved the competence”.

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

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 12th 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 12th 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]

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