

Division II - Exemptions, Exclusions and withdrawals

Persons of Coorg race and Jumma tenure holders in Coorg - exempted

II.3. S.O. 1920, dated 6.7.1963 - -

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 provisions of the Arms Act, 1954(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 1 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 column 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 arm or ammunition in respect of which exemption has been granted is 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 (This is actually in the form of a table)

(Column 1)Classes of Persons: Every person of Coorg race and every Jumma tenure Holder in Coorg.

(Column 2)Categories/descriptions of arms and ammunition : All except categories I and II of Schedule I to the Arms Rules, 1962.

(Column 3)Provisions of the Act: Those contained in sections 3 and 4

(Column 4) Conditions: The arms and ammunition carried or possessed by any person herein exempted whilst residing or traveling 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 13th July, 1962 (GSR No. 993 published in the Gazette of India, Part II, Section 3(i), dated 28th July, 1962) clause (b) in column 3 against Item 7 thereof shall be deleted.

(MHA Notn. No. F.17/4/62-P. IV, dt. 6.7.1963)