

# Mohan Singh v. State of Punjab (1963)

Court: Supreme Court of India

Citation: AIR 1963 SC 174

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## **Facts:**

Mohan Singh was convicted under Sections 19(f) & 25 of the Arms Act, 1959, for possession of an unlicensed revolver used in a homicide. He appealed, arguing improper evidence handling and lack of mens rea.

## **Issues:**

Whether mere possession of an unlicensed firearm establishes guilt under the Arms Act.

## **Holding:**

The Court upheld the conviction, ruling that the offence under Section 25 is one of strict liability; knowledge of licence status is irrelevant once conscious possession is proved.

## **Significance:**

Affirmed stringent standards of the Arms Act to deter illegal firearms, shaping subsequent interpretation of possession-based offences.