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NOTIFICATION BY THE DISTRICT PROHIBITION AND EXCISE OFFICER, VISAKHAPATNAM

- Read: 1) A.P. EXCISE (GRANT OF LICENCE OF SELLING BY BAR AND CONDITIONS OF LICENCE) RULES, 2025 (G.O.Ms.No.276, REVENUE (Excise-II) Department, dated.13.08.2025.)  
2) G.O.Ms.No.275, Revenue (Excise-II) Department, dated 13.08.2025.  
3) C.R.No.4154/2025/CPE/E3-4, Dt.16.08.2025 of the Commissioner of Proh. & Excise, A.P., Mangalagiri.

NOTICE OF DRAWL OF LOTS FOR GRANT OF LICENCE TO SELL INDIAN MADE FOREIGN LIQUOR & FOREIGN LIQUOR BY BAR UNDER RULE 8 OF THE ANDHRA PRADESH EXCISE (GRANT OF LICENCE OF SELLING BY BAR AND CONDITIONS OF LICENCE) RULES, 2025.

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Date:18.08.2025


WHEREAS, the licence for the right of selling by Bar is to be granted for the licence period from 01-09-2025 to 31-08-2028 and whereas the Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise has fixed the number of Bars to be licensed in the Nagar Panchayat/Municipality/Municipal Corporation / Tourism Centre/UDA/Metropolitan Development Authority Areas vide Cr.No. 4154/2025/CPE/E3, dt.16.08.2025.

I, R.Prasad, District Prohibition and Excise Officer / License Issuing Authority Visakhapatnam District, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Rule 8 of Andhra Pradesh Excise (Grant of licence of selling by Bar and conditions of licence) Rules, 2025 issue the following Notification for information of the public and intending applicants who may enroll online / hybrid for registration/ filing of application on or before 5:00 PM on 26.08.2025 and online, hybrid / offline for submission of application for consideration for grant of bar licence for the licence period mentioned above through drawl of lots on or before 5:00 PM on 26.08.2025 at office of the DPEO, Visakhapatnam.

<p>Bars situated in <u>ULB / Tourism Centre/UDA/Metropolitan Development Authority Areas</u> District: <b>121</b></p>	<p><b><u>Venue for registration and submission of offline applications.</u></b></p> <p><u>Details of Designated Centers:</u></p> <p>Office of the District Prohibition and Excise Officer, Visakhapatnam District.</p> <p><b><u>Address:</u></b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, UB Complex, Block-C, VMRDA, Udyog Bhavan Complex, Siripuram, Visakhapatnam – 530003.</p>
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The applicant, who will be granted the right to sell Indian Made Foreign Liquor/ Foreign Liquor by Bar as specified in the list appended to this Notification for the licence period from 01-09-2025 to 31-08-2028, shall be selected through drawl of lots.

The drawl of lots will be conducted at 08:00 AM on 28.08.2025 at **VMRDA, Children's Arena, Siripuram Junction, Visakhapatnam** (place of drawl of lots), by the authority as specified under Rule 13 of Andhra Pradesh Excise (Grant of Licence of Selling by Bar and Conditions of Licence) Rules, 2025. The terms and conditions governing the drawl of lots and the details of the Nagar Panchayats, Municipalities, Municipal Corporations, Tourism Centers, UDAs and Metropolitan Development Authority Areas where licences are to be granted are appended herewith.

  
District Proh & Excise Officer,  
License Issuing Authority, Visakhapatnam

<b>Gazet te Sl. No</b>	<b>Unit (Municipal Corporation/ Municipality /Nagar Panchayat / Tourism centre /UDA/Metropoli tan Development Authority Areas)</b>	<b>Name of the Unit in which the Bar is proposed (Municipal Corporation/ Municipality /Nagar Panchayat/ Tourism centre/UDA/ Metropolitan Development Authority Areas)</b>	<b>Non- Refund able Applica tion Fee in Rs.</b>	<b>License period (01.09. 2025 to 31.08. 2028)</b>	<b>Retail Excise Tax for 2025-26 (in Rs.)</b>	<b>Retail Excise Tax for 2026-27 (in Rs.)</b>	<b>Retail Excise Tax for 2027-28 (in Rs.)</b>
VSP/ 2B/01	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	5,00,000	2025-28	75,00,000	82,50,000	90,75,000
VSP/ 2B/02	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	5,00,000	2025-28	75,00,000	82,50,000	90,75,000
VSP/ 2B/03	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	5,00,000	2025-28	75,00,000	82,50,000	90,75,000
VSP/ 2B/04	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	5,00,000	2025-28	75,00,000	82,50,000	90,75,000
VSP/ 2B/05	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	5,00,000	2025-28	75,00,000	82,50,000	90,75,000
VSP/ 2B/06	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	5,00,000	2025-28	75,00,000	82,50,000	90,75,000
VSP/ 2B/07	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	5,00,000	2025-28	75,00,000	82,50,000	90,75,000
VSP/ 2B/08	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	5,00,000	2025-28	75,00,000	82,50,000	90,75,000
VSP/ 2B/09	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	5,00,000	2025-28	75,00,000	82,50,000	90,75,000
VSP/ 2B/10	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	5,00,000	2025-28	75,00,000	82,50,000	90,75,000
VSP/ 2B/11	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)	5,00,000	2025-28	75,00,000	82,50,000	90,75,000

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**SCHEDULE FOR THE DRAWL OF LOTS FOR BARS**

- 18.08.2025 : Publication of list of Bars in District Gazettes and commencement of submission of applications
- 26.08.2025 (Upto 5.00 PM) : Last date & time for online/ hybrid/ offline registration and submission of applications
- 28.08.2025 (08.00 AM) : Drawl of lots by the District Collectors
- 28.08.2025 : Intimation of Selection

  
District Proh. & Excise Officer /  
License Issuing Authority, Visakhapatnam.

## **CONDITIONS GOVERNING DRAWL OF LOTS**

### **1. Application Procedure**

#### **Procedure for online enrolment:**

The applicant may submit any number of applications for any number of Bars for participation in the selection process of Bars through online / hybrid / offline mode.

- a) Applicant shall open URL: <https://oc.hpfsproject.com> online and click on "Enroll" button; applicant shall provide all the required information by filling Form- B(R).
- b) After enrolment, applicant/user shall login into his account with his User ID (Registered Mobile number) and password.
- c) After logging in, the applicant/user will be able to initiate a new application against Bar Gazette serial number in "create application" screen.
- d) Applicant shall enter all the fields as seen in the "create application" screen and select the payment mode and accept the terms and conditions
- e) Applicant can apply for any number of Bars GSL Nos. and any number of applications against same Bar.
- f) Applicant after selecting GSL Nos. proceeds to paying processing fee of Rs. 10,000 and application fee of Rs. 5,00,000/- (both fees are non-refundable).
- g) Applicant can view all the applications he has submitted and can view the status of each application.
- h) Applicant can download/ print Registration certificate in Form BR1, Form 1B and Entry pass E1 for the applications generated by clicking on Print icon.

Application Payment Modes:

**Online mode:** In case the applicant opts for online mode for registration and submission of application, he shall fill in Form-B(R) and select Gazette Sl.No of the bar notified in a Unit i.e., Municipal Corporation / Municipality / Nagar Panchayat / Tourism centre/ UDAs/Metropolitan Development Authority Areas. He shall pay Rs.5,10,000 (towards the Non-refundable application fee of Rs.5,00,000 (Rupees five lakhs only) and Processing Fee of Rs. 10,000 (Rupees ten thousand only)) by way of Debit Card / Credit card / Net Banking. On successful payment, the applicant may download the documents in Form-1B (Application for grant of licence), Registration certificate in Form-BR1 and Entry Pass in Form-E1, which are system generated and no physical signatures of any officer is required on these documents.

**Hybrid Mode:** In case the applicant opts for hybrid mode, he shall first register through online mode by filling Form-B(R) and select the Gazette Sl.No of the bar notified in a Unit i.e., Municipal Corporation / Municipality / Nagar Panchayat / Tourism centre/ UDAs/Metropolitan Development Authority Areas and select the payment mode as manual in CFMS. Once this is done, the system generates a unique e-challan number that is tagged to his application. He shall take system generated e-challan number and proceed to any State Bank of India (SBI) branch and make payment of Rs.5,10,000 (towards the Non-refundable application fee of Rs.5,00,000 (Rupees five lakhs only) and Processing Fee of Rs.10,000 (Rupees ten thousand only)) against the system generated e-challan number (transaction number). After successful payment, application will be confirmed by the System as completed and he can download the documents in Form-1B (Application for grant of licence), Registration certificate in Form-BR1 and Entry Pass in Form-E1, which are system generated and no physical signatures of any officer is required on these documents.

**Offline Mode:** In case the applicant opts for offline mode for registration and submission of application, he shall pay Rs.5,00,000 (Rupees five lakhs only) towards Non-Refundable Application Fee by way of Citizen Challan facility provided in CFMS under appropriate Head of Account or by way of Demand Draft drawn on a scheduled Commercial bank situated anywhere in India and also Grameena Banks situated in Andhra Pradesh sponsored by Scheduled Commercial Banks *in favour* of the District Prohibition and Excise Officer.

The applicant shall also pay Rs. 10,000 (Rupees ten thousand only) towards Processing Fee by way of Demand Draft / Bank Voucher / UPI *in favour of* Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise.

He shall then visit the notified Application Reception Centre with his details. The staff on duty at the counter will digitize his details by filling Form-B(R) and he shall select the Gazette Sl.No of the Bar notified in a Unit i.e., Municipal Corporation / Municipality / Nagar Panchayat / Tourism centre/ UDAs/Metropolitan Development Authority Areas. The staff on duty at the counter after receiving of the Challan/Demand Draft drawn as specified above and after verifying the Challan/ Demand Draft, enter the payment particulars and generate documents in Form-1B (Application for grant of licence), Registration certificate in Form-BR1 and Entry Pass in Form-E1 and provide printed copies of the above to the applicant. The DPEO will be responsible to receive genuine Challan / Demand Draft and safely hold, till these are remitted into Treasury.

a) The applicant(s) shall also enclose the following along with the application:

- (i) Two recent passport size photographs along with photostat copy of Voter ID Card/Driving Licence / Passport / Bank Passbook/ AADHAR card/ Any other government approved Identity Card.
- (ii) Scheduled Tribe Certificate and local Scheduled Area Residence Certificate (only in respect of local S.T. candidates applying for Bars in Scheduled Areas).

**(1) Entry Pass (Rule 14 (1))**

The applicant shall submit/upload passport size photograph which shall be reflected in the Entry pass (system-generated). Such an Entry Pass should be brought by the applicant on the day of drawl of lots for getting entry into the place of drawl of lots. Persons without presenting Entry Pass will not be allowed to enter into the place of drawl of lots.

**(2) Persons not eligible to file applications and participate in the drawl of lots (Rule 9)**

The following persons shall not be eligible to participate in the selection process, namely :-

- (a) A person who is below the age of 21 years;
- (b) A person who has been convicted of any offences specified in clause(d) of sub-section (1) of Section 31 of the Act in respect of which he has been penalized or convicted within the preceding ten years;
- (c) A person who has been convicted or whose licence has been cancelled for breach of any of the conditions of licence granted under Section 31 of the Act within the preceding ten years;
- (d) A person who has been held guilty either in a departmental proceeding or in a Court, of an offence under Section 37 or 37-A of the Act for adulteration of toddy by mixing any article injurious to public health or otherwise within the preceding ten years;
- (e) A person who is a defaulter of excise revenue;
- (f) A person who is adjudged as an insolvent by a competent Court.

**(3) Impersonation not allowed (Rule 10)**

No person shall submit application on behalf of any other person unless he is authorized by such person.

**(4) Announcement of names of persons who filed applications: (Rule 13(8)(b))**

At the commencement of the selection process, the Selection Authority shall first announce the names of persons and the number of persons who have filed applications for a particular Bar.

**(5) No selection for a bar shall be conducted unless a minimum of four applications: (Rule 13(8)(c))**

No selection for grant of a bar licence shall be conducted, unless a minimum of four applications are received for that particular bar. In such case, the last date and time fixed for receipt of applications for that particular bar shall be extended till such date, as the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise may direct.

**(6) Applicants and drawl of lots : (Rule 13(8)(d))**

Where there are four or more applications received for a notified Bar, the selection among the applicants for grant of licence shall be conducted through drawl of lots by the District Collector, irrespective of the presence of the applicants.

**(7) Drawl of lots by the authority: Rule 13 (8)(d & e)**

- (a)** Where there are more than four application, the authority under whose aegis the drawl of lots may take place, shall proceed with the drawl of lots and one applicant shall be selected and his name shall be declared as selected. The successful applicant's application shall be accepted.
- (b)** The District Collector, after selecting the applicant in respect of a Bar, may continue drawl of lots and select two more applicants from among the remaining applicants as reserve applicants, the first and the second who may, subject to the provisions of these rules, be allotted the bar in the order of selection, in case the selected applicant fails to comply with the conditions laid down under these rules.

**(8) Confirmation Register:- (Rule 15)**

Every applicant, who is selected for the grant of licence, shall sign his name or affix his thumb-impression against the relevant entry in the register maintained for the purpose. The District Collector shall also obtain the signatures of Reserve Applicants selected under Rule 13 (8) (e) and the remaining applicants in separate registers maintained for the purpose.

**(9) Postponement of drawl of lots :- (Rule 13(7))**

If the authority under whose aegis drawl of lots is conducted, considers that the selection process should be postponed to a future date/time or shifted to a different venue for any reason he may do so by recording the reasons there-for and after notifying the same to the applicants.

**(10) One person can obtain licences for more than one Bar:- (Rule 13(8)(f))**

There shall be no restriction on the number of Bar licences, a person can hold at a time.

**(11) Payment of 1<sup>st</sup> installment of Retail Excise Tax by the successful applicant:- (Rule 18(6))**

The applicant shall pay a sum equal to **the 1<sup>st</sup> installment** of the annual Retail Excise Tax for the bar by way of Challan in treasury **on the day of selection or on the succeeding bank working day** after successful selection.

**(12) Procedure to be followed in case of non-payment of 1<sup>st</sup> installment of Retail Excise Tax: - (Rule 19)**

In case of failure to remit **1<sup>st</sup> installment** of the Retail Excise Tax **on the day of selection or the succeeding bank working day**, the Bar shall be allotted to the reserve applicant, if no reserve applicant is available, action shall be taken to re-notify the Bar with prior permission of the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise.

**(13) Other requirements to be fulfilled by the selected applicant: (Rule 18(6))**

The successful applicant shall submit Bank Guarantee in Form 3B, for the amount equal to one sixth of the annual Retail Excise Tax valid till the expiry of the license period, issued by a Scheduled Bank situated in Andhra Pradesh, within thirty days of grant of licence.

**(14) Re-allotment in case of failure to furnish B.G.:-**

In case of failure to furnish the Bank Guarantee as required under Rule 18 (6) within the time specified, the selection made for the concerned Bar shall be cancelled by the District Collector and the amounts already paid shall be forfeited to the Government. In such case, the bar may be re-allotted to the reserve applicant selected under the provisions of Rule 13 (8) (e), and if no one is available, action may be taken to re-notify the Bar with prior permission of the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise.

In case the successful applicant fails to establish restaurant within (15) days from the date of grant of Provisional Licence, the Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise may extend the time for establishment of restaurant by another (15) days. In case the licensee fails to establish the restaurant within the extended period as well, the licence shall stand cancelled and the bar shall be allotted to the reserve applicant under the provisions of Rule 13 (8) (e), and if no one is available, action may be taken to re-notify the Bar with prior permission of the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise

The selected applicant shall continue to be responsible for the Retail Excise Tax of that Bar till the next successful applicant takes over

**(15) Selected applicant to execute Counterpart Agreement:- (Rule 22)**

After making payment of Retail Excise Tax, it shall be the duty of the Selected applicant to execute a counterpart agreement in conformity with the tenor of the Licence in form 4-B on the stamp paper of the requisite value as per the provisions of the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 before taking out a licence for the sale of Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor by bar.

**(16) Selection of Premises:- (Rule 25)**

The successful applicant after fulfilling the statutory and regulatory requirements under Rule 18 before obtaining licence shall select a suitable premises anywhere in the unit viz., Nagar Panchayat, Municipality or Municipal Corporation and their belt areas or Tourism Center or UDAs or Metropolitan Development Authority Areas, as the case may be, in which the Bar is notified for sale of IMFL & FL in conformity with Rule 25 and obtain a licence in Form- 2B from the District Prohibition and Excise Officer to commence business from 1-09-2025.

The selected applicant under Rule 13 may establish Restaurant within (15) days from the date of grant of licence following all norms and regulatory approvals.

**(17) Licensing Authority: (Rule 16)**

The Deputy Commissioner shall be competent to grant the privilege of Bar, disposed under Rule 13 (8) and the District Prohibition and Excise Officer shall issue the Licence in the prescribed Form.

**(18) Payment of Bar additional ARET( Rule 28)**


- (1) The bar licensee shall be permitted to purchase liquor / beer from APSBCL Depots on the same price charged for A4 shops and the ARET additionally levied on Bars shall be collected from the Bar licensee on or before the due date of Retail Excise Tax installment for the preceding months. The Bar licensee shall be required to submit a bank guarantee in Form-3B equal to 1/6th of annual Retail Excise Tax as security towards payment of Bar additional ARET, valid till the end of licence period, before obtaining Provisional Licence or regular licence.



- (2) The licence holder of the bar, shall not be issued stocks of IMFL and FL by the APSBCL Depot concerned, unless the District Prohibition and Excise Officer confirms in writing the submission of Bank Guarantee by the licensee towards ARET additionally levied on Bars.
- (3) In case of failure by the licence holder to pay the ARET additionally levied, the Bank Guarantee submitted by the licence holder shall be invoked and adjusted towards the additional ARET due and the licensee shall be required to submit a fresh Bank Guarantee equal to 1/6th of annual Retail Excise Tax valid till the end of licence period.
- (4) The AP State Beverages Corporation Limited shall issue necessary guidelines to ensure furnishing the details of additional ARET due from each licensee, for the specific period at periodical intervals for smooth collection of additional ARET along with Retail Excise Tax installments.
- (5) In case the average of six months' collectible ARET additionally levied on Bar exceeds the value of the Bank Guarantee so furnished, the licence holder shall be required to increase the value of the Bank Guarantee equal to the total average additional ARET demand.
- (19) Licence to be granted to the successful applicant in Form 2B will be governed by :**

1. The A.P. Excise Act, 1968 and rules made thereunder.
2. A.P. Intoxicating liquors (Prohibition of Advertisements) Act 1978
3. The A.P. Excise (Grant of licence of selling by Bar and conditions of licence) Rules, 2025.
4. A.P. Excise (Import, Export and Transport of Indian made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor – Permits) Rules, 2005.
5. The orders issued by the Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise, Andhra Pradesh from time to time as the Chief controlling authority in all matters connected with the administration of the Andhra Pradesh Excise Act.

For any discrepancies and un-intended omissions in the list of Bars, the Department will not be held responsible. The intending applicants for participation in the selection process may approach the Commissioner's office/ Deputy Commissioner's Office / District Proh and Excise Officer's office to obtain correct information.

  
District Proh & Excise Officer,  
License Issuing Authority, Visakhapatnam

Form-B(R)  
(See Rule 13)  
**Enrollment / Registration Form**

- (1) Name of the Applicant :
- (2) Full Residential Address :
- (3) Age :
- (4) Registered Mobile No. :
- (5) Aadhar Number :

**Form 1(B)**  
**(See Rule 13)**  
**Application for Grant of Bar Licence of GSL No. \_\_\_\_\_ as Notified**  
**in the District Gazette**

[Barcode]

Affix latest  
passport size  
photograph of  
the applicant

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_

GAZETTE No. \_\_\_\_\_ DATED \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT :

1. Name of the Applicant :

2. Age :

3. Full Residential Address :

4. Mobile No. :

5. Identity Proof  
(Aadhar Card / Voter ID Card / Bank Passbook/  
Driving Licence / Passport / Other) :

6. Identity Proof Number :

7. Gazette Serial Number of  
The Bar :

8. Nagar Panchayat/  
Municipality /Municipal  
Corporation / Tourism  
Centre/  
UDAs/Metropolitan  
Development Authority  
Areas of the Bar as  
notified in the Gazette :

9. Individual/partnership  
applicant) Firm/Company/LLP (give details)

(to be filled by the

Individual

partnership

Company

I hereby declare that the particulars given above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. If at a later stage any of the facts are found to be false the licence may be cancelled and I may be prosecuted as per the Andhra Pradesh Excise Act, 1968 or the Rules made thereunder.

I hereby declare that I am not disqualified under Rule 11 of the A.P. Excise (Grant of Licence of Selling by Bar and Conditions of Licence) Rules 2025.

I hereby, undertake to abide by the Rules and Licence Conditions prescribed under the Andhra Pradesh Excise Act, 1968 and I shall abide by the decision of the Selection Authority in all matters connected with my application(s).

Place:Signature of the Applicant

Date:

**Form- BR-1**  
**(Rule 13)**  
**REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE**

[Barcode]

Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_ DATED \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Name of the Applicant :
- 2. Age
- 3. Full Residential Address :
- 4. Mobile No. :
- 5. Identity Proof

(Aadhar Card / Voter ID Card / Bank Passbook/  
Driving Licence / Passport / Other) :

- 6. Identity Proof No
- 7. Gazette Serial No. of the Bar :
- 8. Nagar Panchayat/ Municipality / :  
Municipal Corporation /  
Tourism Centre/ UDAs/Metropolitan Development Authority Areas of the Bar  
as notified in the Gazette

This certifies that the applicant has registered with the Licensing Authority, duly paying the Processing Fee and Non-refundable Application Fee as required under the Rule 13 of A.P. Excise (Grant of Licence of selling by Bar and conditions of Licence) Rules 2025 for participation in the selection process for the above said Bar.

Registration is subject to the verification and validity of the documents filed and payments made. In the event of any fraudulent activity, the applicant shall be prosecuted as per the Andhra Pradesh Excise Act, 1968 and the Rules made thereunder.

Authorized signatory

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\*This document is system-generated and signature is not required

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
PROHIBITION AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT

**Affix Latest  
Passport Size  
Photograph of  
the Applicant**

Date:

Sri \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Residential address \_\_\_\_\_

a) Gazette Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
b) Nagar Panchayat/  
Municipality/  
Municipal Corporation /  
Tourism Centre//  
UDAs/Metropolitan  
Development Authority  
Areas

Authorized signatory

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Received Demand Draft Number \_\_\_\_\_ bank \_\_\_\_\_ from Sri  
\_\_\_\_\_, aged \_\_\_\_\_, R/o  
\_\_\_\_\_ for Bar Gazette Sl. No. (       ) \_\_\_\_\_ District on     -10-2024.

Authorized Officer

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**Model Check Memo for verification of documents filed by the Applicant:-**

MODEL CHECK MEMO FOR VERIFICATION OF APPLICATION

Applicant has to enclose the following documents along with the application in Form-1(B).

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|---|--------|
| 1. Two recent Passport size photos  | Yes/No |
| 2. Identity Proof   | Yes/No |
| 3. DD/Challan for Rs.5,00,000/-<br>towards Non-Refundable Application Fee   | Yes/No |
| 4. Scheduled Tribe Certificate and local scheduled<br>area residence certificate, in case the Bar is<br>located in scheduled area | Yes/No |

Signature of the Authorized Officer	Signature of the Verifying Officer
Entry pass is issued	Received the entry pass
Entry Pass Issuing Officer	Signature of the Applicant

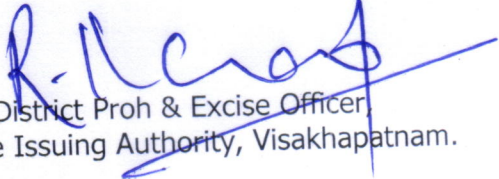


**HEAD OF ACCOUNT TO REMIT THE  
NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE(4317)**

Major Head	0039	State Excise
Minor Head	800	Other Receipts
Sub-Head	02	Collections of Fee
Detailed Head	800	User Charges

**HEAD OF ACCOUNT TO REMIT THE  
RETAIL EXCISE TAX (9191)**

Major Head	0039	State Excise
Minor Head	105	Foreign Liquor and Spirits
Sub-Head	97	Retail Excise Tax

  
District Proh & Excise Officer,  
License Issuing Authority, Visakhapatnam.

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

Prohibition and Excise - Bar Policy for 2025-28 (i.e., from 1.09.2025 to 31.08.2028) for disposal of Bars - Orders - Issued.

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**REVENUE (EXCISE-II) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.MS.No. 275**

**Dated: 13-08-2025  
Read the following:**

1. GO Rt. No.460, Revenue (Excise) Department, Dated 17.06.2022
2. GO Ms. No.527, Revenue (Excise) Department, Dated 13.07.2022.
3. GO Rt. No.582 Revenue (Excise) Dept., dated 29.08.2024.
4. From Director, Excise and Prohibition, CR.No.4154/2025/CPE/E3, Dated:04.08.2025.
5. Govt. Memo. No. REV01-CPE0EXPM(POMT)/1/2025-Excise, Dated:07.08.2025.
6. From the Director, Excise & Prohibition, AP, e-office file No. REV04-15023/203/2025-E-COPE (Comp. No. 2927885) along with Lr. C.R.No.4154/2025/CPE/E3, Dated:12.08.2025.

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**ORDER:**

The Government have reviewed the Excise policies implemented during 2019-24 and prepared the Way Forward regarding the excise policies to be pursued for the ensuing Excise years. Pursuant to the Way Forward, a Cabinet Sub Committee has been constituted vide reference 3<sup>rd</sup> read above for recommending Draft New Comprehensive Excise Policy on Retail Trade, Pricing of Liquor and Taxation.

2. The Cabinet Sub Committee has conducted an in-depth evaluation of the current Bar Policy of the State with reference to the various bar policies followed previously and those prevailing in the States of Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh, as well as feedback from stakeholders. Further, the Committee assessed the performance of the existing Bar policy with respect to critical metrics including wider public participation in selection process, revenue generation efficiency etc.

3. After thorough deliberations, the Cabinet Sub Committee has observed that till 2017 bar licences were granted annually and renewed year after year. In 2017, a new Bar policy was issued for five-year period ending 2022, continuing the existing bar licences and disposal of population-based bars by way of drawl of lots. This was followed by an auction model for disposal of (840) bars with a three-year licence period (2022-25). The Bar policy issued in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above expires on 31.08.2025.

4. The Committee also noted that under the existing policy (44) bars remained undisposed for 2024-25, despite several re-auction notifications. The high lease amounts have made the bar business unviable in many places. If the policy is continued, a significant number of Bars may not opt for renewal and the disposal of remaining bars is a difficult proposition considering the high bid amounts with further 10% escalation. All these necessitate a change in the Bar policy for the coming years framing an open and transparent policy with liberalisation and ease of doing business while safeguarding revenues.

5. After detailed deliberations, the Cabinet Sub Committee observed that considering the shortcomings experienced in the existing auction method, in the present context where the Department's repeated attempts of disposing the left over/dropped (44) Bars have failed even after several notifications, this Auction model has turned out to be an unviable option for the disposal of bars and conduct of business in this category. The alternative option of Drawl of lots presents a highly transparent

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and open method for ensuring wider participation, level playing field and competition as was evident in the disposal of A4 shops as well as in the disposal of new Bars in the Telangana State recently. Accordingly, the Cabinet Sub Committee recommended to adopt the drawl of lot principle for disposal of the bars in the new policy. It was also recommended to allow participation by applicants without any restriction on numbers and without prior condition of having a restaurant to open up the trade for wider participation and prevent the control of syndicates over the business. Further to prevent any extraneous factors from influencing the participation and thus restricting government revenue the Cabinet Sub Committee recommended that the drawal of lots should be conducted only when minimum 4 applications are received for each bar.

6. The Committee also observed that communities with toddy tapping as traditional occupation i.e., Geetha Kulalu, which were allocated 10% additional shops over and above the existing A4 Retail shops, by exclusive reservation for them vide G.O.Ms.No.211, Revenue (Excise) Department, dated: 30.09.2024 as a measure of equity and social empowerment, need to be extended similar benefit by allocating 10% Bars over and above the existing number of bars by providing exclusive reservation, as a mark of the Government's intention to empower these communities socially and economically with similar principles of allocation and concessional license fee.

7. Besides, bars may be permitted in Airports, except in Tirupati airport, to cater to the needs of tourists and travellers looking at the growing number of flights.

8. The Committee further observed that Andhra Pradesh with (890) bars including bars in Star Hotels and Micro Breweries has the lowest bar to population ratio compared with the neighbouring states and other major revenue earning States. Keeping in view of this and growing economic activity and urbanisation, a provision may be created for permitting Bars in areas in Urban Development Authority, Metropolitan Development Authority, Industrial Corridors / hubs and Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in due course based on requirement.

9. The Committee also noted that the business hours in the neighbouring Telangana state is from 10 AM to 12 midnight on weekdays with additional provision for 10 AM to 1 AM on Fridays and Saturdays. In alignment with the Telangana policy to some extent, the Committee opined that timing may be allowed from 10 AM to 12 midnight. Brands with MRP Rs.99/- (180ml size) may not be permitted to the Bars as this segment is meant for lower income group consumers. In order to ease the initial financial burden on the licensees, the annual Retail Excise Tax may be collected in six installments with a bank guarantee for one installment. Similarly, the mechanism of payment of Bar additional ARET may be changed so that the licensee would purchase liquor / beer at the price charged for A4 shops and pay the additional ARET at a later specified date secured with a bank guarantee.

10. Basing on the above observations, the Cabinet Sub Committee has made recommendations on the draft new Bar policy and requested to send proposal to the Government accordingly. Accordingly, vide reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited, the Director, Prohibition and Excise has submitted the recommendations of the Cabinet Sub Committee for examination to the Government. The Government has approved the recommendations of Cabinet Sub Committee for formulating the new Excise policy for disposal of Bars to be implemented for 2025-28 vide reference 5<sup>th</sup> read above.

11. Further, the Government has requested Director, Prohibition and Excise to submit guidelines for the Bar Policy 2025-28 vide reference 5<sup>th</sup> read above. Accordingly, the Director, Prohibition & Excise has submitted draft guidelines in the reference 6<sup>th</sup> read above.

12. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal submitted by the Director, Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, hereby formulate the Excise Policy for 2025-28 in respect of Bars.

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13. Accordingly, the following notification will be published in an Extra-Ordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated:13.08.2025 :-

**NOTIFICATION**

**PROHIBITION & EXCISE POLICY FOR DISPOSAL AND ALLOTMENT OF BARS FOR  
THE PERIOD 2025-28**

1. **Number of Bars:** The number of bars shall be fixed at (840) and additional 10% bars shall be reserved for Geetha Kulalu as a measure of equity and social empowerment as done in case of Retail Shops. This number is exclusive of Bars in respect of Star Hotels, Microbreweries and Airports.
2. **Bars for Geetha Kulalu:** The distribution of Bars for Geetha Kulalu shall be on the lines of guidelines adopted for A4 shops meant for reserved category.
3. **Method of disposal:**
  - 3.1. All bars shall be disposed of by way of Drawl of Lots on the model of A4 Shops by inviting applications from public.
  - 3.2. A separate notification and guidelines shall be issued for disposal of the (84) Bars earmarked for Geetha Kulalu, over and above the (840) bars under open category.
4. **Number of Applications and Number of Licences:**
  - 4.1. There shall be no limit on the number of applications that may be filed by a person or the number of bar licenses a person can hold.
  - 4.2. Drawl of Lot shall be conducted only when minimum (4) applications for any Bar are received.
5. **Application Process:**
  - 5.1. Interested applicants or their authorized representatives may file applications online or offline or hybrid in the prescribed application form to participate in the selection process for grant of Bar License.
  - 5.2. The procedure for online, offline and hybrid methods of application shall be set out in the District Gazette notification inviting applications for disposal of Bars.
6. **Licence period:** The licence period shall be (3) years from 1.09.2025 to 31.08.2028.
7. **Annual Retail Excise Tax:**
  - 7.1. The Retail Excise Tax for the bar under open category to be allotted by drawl of lots shall be Rs.35.00 Lakhs (up to 50,000 population), Rs.55.00 Lakhs (between 50,001 - 5,00,000 population) and Rs.75.00 Lakhs (Above 5,00,000 population) per annum subject to increase by 10% year on year.

7.2. The Retail Excise Tax for the bars reserved for Geetha Kulalu shall be 50% of Retail Excise Tax prescribed for open category Bars across the slabs, subject to increase of 10% year on year.

8. **Instalments:** The annual Retail Excise Tax shall be paid in (6) equal instalments along with submission of a Bank guarantee equal to one instalment.

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9. **Location:**

9.1. Bars shall be located in ULBs and their belt areas and notified Tourism Centres except religious Tourism Centres.

9.2. The existing norms and method of measuring distance from Educational Institutions, Places of public worship, Hospitals etc. to Bars prescribed under reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above shall be continued.

9.3. A provision shall be created for permitting Bars in Urban Development Authority Areas / Metropolitan Development Authority areas, Industrial corridors/hubs and SEZs in due course as per requirement.

9.4. The selected applicant shall be permitted to establish the Bar anywhere in the Municipal Corporation including its 10 KM belt area from the periphery (within the Revenue District) or in the Municipality including its 3 KM belt area from the periphery (within the Revenue District) or in the Nagar Panchayat, or other places so permitted from time to time, as the case may be, subject to such restrictions laid down under the rules.

10. **Non-refundable Application Fee:** Non-refundable Application fee shall be Rs.5 Lakhs for each application along with a Processing fee of Rs.10,000/-.

11. **Eligibility:** Any person above the age of 21 years and not disqualified under the Bar Rules, shall be eligible to apply. Restaurant shall not be a pre-condition for participation in the selection process. The selected applicant may establish Restaurant within (15) days from the date of grant of licence following all norms and regulatory approvals.

12. **Business Hours:** The business hours shall be from 10 AM to 12 midnight.

13. **Brands Permitted:** All brands of IMFL and FL other than IMFL brands with MRP Rs.99/- of 180 ml size (including different sizes), shall be permitted.

14. **Bar Additional ARET:** The ARET additionally levied on Bars shall be collected on or before a specified later date as specified in the Rules under payment mechanism of Bar additional ARET, while allowing the bar licensees to purchase liquor / beer from APSBCL Depots on the same price charged for A4 shops. The Bar licensee shall submit a bank guarantee equal to one annual Retail Excise Tax instalment as security.

15. **Air Port bars:** Bars will be permitted in Airports (Except Tirupati Airport). Any applicant recommended by Airport Operator shall be considered eligible for grant of Airport bar licence. Government will issue separate guidelines detailing the process and conditions of grant of license for Airport Bars.

16. **Hon'ble Supreme Court Guidelines:** While establishing Bars, the guidelines issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court regarding establishment of such Bars on National/State Highways shall be strictly adhered to.

17. **Restrictions on establishment of Bars in Tirupathi:** No Bar shall be permitted on the road from Tirupathi Railway Station to Alipiri via RTC Bus Stand, Leelamahal circle, Nandi circle, Vishnu Nivasam, Srinivasam. Likewise, no Bar shall be permitted on the road from Leelamahal - Nandi circle - Alipiri - SVRR Hospital - SVIMS in Tirupathi Municipal Corporation area.

18. **Undisposed Bars:** The Commissioner / Director, Prohibition and Excise is permitted to relocate undisposed Bars anywhere in the State as he deems fit.
19. **Schedule:** The schedule for the entire process starting from issuance of notification and all other activities up to the start of operation of Bars will be specified by the Commissioner / Director, Prohibition and Excise.

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20. **General Provisions:** The entire process of applications, allotment, establishment, licensing, and functioning of Bars shall be governed by:
- 20.1. The Andhra Pradesh Excise (Grant of license of selling by Bar and conditions of license) Rules, 2025.
  - 20.2. The Andhra Pradesh Excise Act, 1968 and rules made there under.
  - 20.3. The Andhra Pradesh Intoxicating liquors (Prohibition of Advertisements) Act, 1978.
  - 20.4. The Andhra Pradesh (Regulation of Trade in IMFL, FL) Act, 1993 and rules made there under.
  - 20.5. Any other circulars/instructions issued by competent authorities from time to time.
14. The Director, Excise and Prohibition shall take necessary action accordingly.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**MUKESH KUMAR MEENA  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)**

To

The Commissioner of Printing and Stationery and Stores Purchase, AP, Vijayawada (He is requested to furnish 100 copies to Govt. and 500 copies to the Director, Excise & Prohibition, AP, Mangalagiri and 50 copies to the Commissioner, I&PR, Vijayawada)

The Director, Prohibition & Excise, A.P. Mangalagiri.

The Managing Director, AP State Beverages Corporation Limited, Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The Law Department.

The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada

The Commissioner, I&PR, AP, Vijayawada.

The P.S. to Prl. Secy. to Hon'ble CM.

The PS to Chief Secretary to Government.

The PS to Hon'ble Minister for Prohibition and Excise.

The PS to Prl. Secy. To Govt., Revenue (Excise) Department.

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**SECTION OFFICER**

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

Rules - The Andhra Pradesh Excise (Grant of Licence of Selling by Bar and Conditions of Licence) Rules, 2025 - Notification -Issued.

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**REVENUE (EXCISE - II) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.MS.No. 276**

**Dated: 13-08-2025**

**Read the following:**

1. G.O.Ms.No.527, Revenue (Excise) Dept. Dt.13.07.2022.
2. G.O.Ms.No.533, Revenue (Excise) Dept. Dt.19.07.2022.
3. G.O.Ms.No.131, Revenue (Excise -II) Dept. Dt.26.04.2025.
4. From the Director, Excise & Prohibition, A.P., Cr.No.4154/CPE/2025/E3, Dt.4.08.2025.
5. Govt. Memo. No. REV01-CPE0EXPM(POMT)/1/2025-Excise, Dated: 07-08-2025.
6. From the Director, Excise & Prohibition, A.P., e-office file Comp. No. 2927885 along with Lr. Cr.No.4154/CPE/2025/E3, Dt.12.08.2025.
7. G.O.Ms.No.275, Revenue (Excise.II) Dept., Dated:13.08.2025.

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**ORDER:**

The following notification will be published in an Extra-ordinary Issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated the 13<sup>th</sup> day, August ,2025.

**NOTIFICATION**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 72 read with Sections 17, 28 and 29 of the Andhra Pradesh Excise Act, 1968 (Act 17 of 1968) and by Sections 12 read with 6 and 7 of the AP (Regulation of Trade in IMFL, FL) Act, 1993 (Act 15 of 1993) and in supersession of the Andhra Pradesh Excise (Lease of right of selling by bar and grant and conditions of licence) Rules, 2022 issued vide G.O.Ms.No.527 Revenue (Excise) Dept. Dt.13.07.2022 and amended from time to time and in partial modification of the orders issued in the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following Rules:

**Rules**

**1. Short title, extent and commencement:-**

- (i) These rules may be called the Andhra Pradesh Excise (Grant of Licence of selling by Bar and conditions of licence) Rules, 2025.
- (ii) They shall extend to all the areas where the Andhra Pradesh Excise Act, 1968 is in force.
- (iii) They shall come into force at once.

**2. Application:-**

These rules shall apply for the grant of licence of selling by Bar, conditions governing thereof and transport of Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor by such licensees.

**3. Definitions:-**



(1) In these rules unless the context otherwise requires: -

- a. "Act" means the Andhra Pradesh Excise Act, 1968.
- b. "APSBCL" means the Andhra Pradesh State Beverages Corporation Limited.
- c. "Bar" means the privilege granted under these Rules to an establishment where food is served, for sale of Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor, in loose or in sealed bottles for consumption on the licensed premises.
- d. "Beer" includes ale, stout, porter and all other fermented liquors usually made from malt.
- e. "Dry day" means a day on which no liquor shall be served in the licensed premises.
- f. "Excise Adhesive Label" means the label designed and approved by, printed and supplied by under the supervision and control of the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, from time to time in different forms for the purpose of its affixture to sealed bottles of different varieties and sizes containing liquor.
- g. "Foreign liquor" includes every liquor imported into India other than Indian Made Foreign Liquor.
- h. "Form" means a form appended to these rules.
- i. "Geetha Kulalu" shall mean the castes specified by the BC Welfare Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh for this purpose.
- j. "Government" means the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- k. "Highway" means National Highway or State Highway as notified by the competent authority.
- l. "Indian Made Foreign Liquor" means liquor produced, manufactured or compounded in India after the manner of Gin, Brandy, Whisky or Rum imported from Foreign Countries and includes, Wine, Beer, Milk punch and other liquors consisting of or containing any such spirits but does not include Foreign liquor".
- m. 'Licence' means licence granted under these rules.
- n. 'Licensee' means holder of such licence.
- o. "Licence period" ordinarily means the period of 36 months beginning from the 1<sup>st</sup> September of the first year and ending with 31<sup>st</sup> August of the third year or part thereof.
- p. "Licensed Premises" means premises where IMFL and FL are permitted to be sold by the licensee.
- q. "Micro Brewery" means a small Brewery as defined in A.P. Brewery Rules, 2006.
- r. "Municipal Corporation, Municipality and Nagara Panchayat" shall mean Municipal Corporation, Municipality and Nagara Panchayat as specified by the Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department (MA&UD), Government of Andhra Pradesh along with 10 KM belt area from the periphery of Municipal Corporation and 3 KM belt area from the periphery of Municipality.
- s. "Permit" means a permit issued under these rules.
- t. "Population" means the figure of population as officially published in the latest census.
- u. "Provisional Licence" means a temporary licence granted to the selected applicant under these Rules, subject to fulfilment of other conditions, pending grant of licence in Form-2B or Form-2B(R).
- v. Ready to Drink alcoholic beverage means any low alcoholic beverage made from spirit or any alcoholic beverage as base with admixture of natural juices and / or

artificial flavors, spices, coloring agents and sugar containing added alcohol of not more than 8% V/v, usually carbonated.

- w. "Retail Excise Tax" means the annual Retail Excise Tax payable by the licensee subject to 10% increase Year on Year as specified under these Rules.
  - x. "Scheduled Areas" means the scheduled areas notified under paragraph 6 of the Fifth Schedule of the Constitution of India.
  - y. "Star Hotel" means 3-Star & above category hotels as certified by the competent authority of Government of India.
  - z. "Transport Permit" means a permit issued by the competent officer for transport of Indian Made Foreign Liquor & Foreign Liquor from the Government / Andhra Pradesh Beverages Corporation Ltd./ Andhra Pradesh State Beverages Corporation Ltd. depot to the licensed premises.
  - aa. "Tourism Centre" shall mean Tourism Centres notified by the Tourism Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh or Government of India for this purpose.
  - bb. "Wine" means the fermented juice of grapes or other fruits with or without the addition of sugar or jaggery, the fermentation being produced by the yeast naturally present on the skin of fruit or added externally and having alcoholic strength not exceeding 42% v/v by proof spirit and includes Fortified Wines, Red Wines, Sparkling Wines and Sweet Wines.
- (2) The words and expressions used but not defined in these rules shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Andhra Pradesh Excise Act, 1968 and Andhra Pradesh Excise (Import, Export and Transport of Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor - Permits) Rules, 2005.

#### **4. Licenses (Location):-**

Bar Licences may be granted in Nagar Panchayats, Municipalities and within 3kms from the periphery of such Municipalities, Municipal Corporations and within 10kms from the periphery of such Municipal Corporations, Tourism Centres (except places of religious tourism) as notified by the Department of Tourism of the Central Government or by the State Government in the Tourism policy, tourism resorts registered with the Tourism Department in order to promote tourism in the State, Star Hotels, Micro Breweries and in Airports.

Provided that the belt area of 10KM of a Municipal Corporation or 3KM of a Municipality, as the case may be, shall be limited to the Revenue district concerned only and in no case, it shall extend to the other Revenue district.

#### **5. Forms of licenses:**

- (1) **Form-2B:** A licence in Form-2B may be granted to a successful applicant in the open category bars for sale of Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor, other than IMFL brands with MRP Rs.99/- of 180 ml size (including different sizes), in glasses, pegs or in sealed bottles for consumption within the licensed premises but not for removing it out of the licensed premises.
- (2) **Form-2B(R):** A licence in Form-2B(R) may be granted to a successful applicant in the category of bars reserved for Geetha Kulalu for sale of Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor, other than IMFL brands with MRP Rs.99/- of 180 ml size (including different sizes), in glasses, pegs or in sealed bottles for consumption within the licensed premises but not for removing it out of the licensed premises.

- (3) **Form-2B(SH):** A licence in Form-2B(SH) may be granted to the restaurant in a Star Hotel licensed by local authority to serve food, for sale of Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor, other than IMFL brands with MRP Rs.99/- of 180 ml size (including different sizes), in glasses, pegs or in sealed bottles for consumption within the licensed premises but not for removing it out of the licensed premises.
- (4) **Form-2B(MB):** A licence in Form-2B(MB) may be granted to the holder of a Micro Brewery licence granted under AP Brewery Rules 2006 for sale of Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor, other than IMFL brands with MRP Rs.99/- of 180 ml size (including different sizes), in glasses, pegs or in sealed bottles for consumption within the licensed premises but not for removing it out of the licensed premises.

## **6. Grant of right to sell Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor:**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of these rules, the right to sell IMFL and FL by Bar shall ordinarily be granted by way of licence issued after publishing a notification and inviting applications from the public except in the case of Bars located in Star Hotels, Microbreweries and Airports.
- (2) In the case of Bars located in Scheduled Areas, the right to sell IMFL and FL by Bar shall be granted to local Scheduled Tribe candidates and in case there is no such applicant available it shall be granted to any other Scheduled Tribe candidate.

Provided that no Bar shall be established consequent to granting licence under these Rules in the Schedule Areas unless the Grama Sabha concerned gives its consent or is deemed to have given its consent to grant such licence to establish the Bar(s).

Explanation: For the purpose of this proviso, a Grama Sabha shall be deemed to have given its consent to establish the Bar(s), if it fails to indicate its consent or otherwise for establishment of the Bar(s) in village concerned within (4) weeks of seeking the same.

- (3) Ten percent (10%) additional Bars over and above the number of Bars specified under Open Category Bars shall be reserved for allotment to Geetha Kulalu. These Bars shall be distributed and disposed of by following similar guidelines issued for distribution and disposal of A4 Shops reserved for Geetha Kulalu and subject to provisions of Rule 7.

## **7. Establishment of Bars:-**

Subject to such directions, which the Government may issue in this regard from time to time, the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, having due regard to the requirement, public order, health, safety and other factors as he thinks fit, shall fix the number of Bars in both open category and reserved category meant for Geetha Kulalu in Municipal Corporations, Municipalities, Nagar Panchayaths and notified tourism centres (except religious tourism centres) and may relocate any un-disposed Bar(s) anywhere in the State as he thinks fit.

Provided that the number of Bars so fixed by the Commissioner of Proh. & Excise under this Rule shall not include the number of Bars in respect of Star Hotels, Microbreweries and Airports.

Provided further that the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise may permit bars, subject to the directions and guidelines issued by the Government from time to time, in the areas of Urban Development Authorities, Metropolitan Development Authorities, Industrial corridors/hubs and Special Economic Zones (SEZs), other than the areas covered by the bars notified in ULBs and their belt areas and notified tourism centres, in due course as per requirement.

Provided also that bar licences may be granted to the applicants recommended by the Airport operator in Airports (except in Tirupati Airport), subject to the directions and guidelines issued by the Government from time to time.

#### **8. Notification in the District Gazette: -**

Where it is proposed to grant Licence to sell IMFL and FL by Bar, the License Issuing Authority (District Prohibition and Excise Officer) may call for applications for grant of Licences in the Municipal Corporations, Municipalities, Nagar Panchayaths and notified tourism centres (except religious tourism centres), as approved by the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, by issuing a notification in the District Gazette at least (7) seven working days in advance of the date of selection containing the following particulars, namely:-

- (i) Serial number and name of the Municipal Corporations, Municipalities, Nagar Panchayaths and notified tourism centres (except religious tourism centres) where the Bar(s) will be established.
- (ii) In the case of Bars to be located in Scheduled Areas, the same shall be separately listed and numbered serially.
- (iii) The place of selection with time and date.
- (iv) The last date, time and place for receipt of applications.
- (v) The period of licence.
- (vi) Procedure of online, hybrid or offline enrolment by the applicant(s) for registration and submission of applications.
- (vii) Any other matter which may be considered by the License Issuing Authority necessary for information to the applicants.

Provided that the Licence Issuing Authority, subject to such directions as may be given by the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise from time to time, may notify any changes in the particulars notified in the District Gazette including extension of last date, time and place for receipt of applications.

#### **9. Persons not eligible to participate in the process of selection of applicants:-**

The following persons shall not be eligible to participate in the selection process, namely:-

- (a) A person who is below the age of 21 years;
- (b) A person who has been convicted of any offences specified in clause(d) of sub-section (1) of Section 31 of the Act in respect of which he has been penalized or convicted within the preceding ten years;
- (c) A person who has been convicted or whose licence has been cancelled for breach of any of the conditions of licence granted under Section 31 of the Act within the preceding ten years;
- (d) A person who has been held guilty either in a departmental proceeding or in a Court, of an offence under Section 37 or 37-A of the Act for adulteration of toddy

by mixing any article injurious to public health or otherwise within the preceding ten years;

- (e) A person who is a defaulter of excise revenue;
- (f) A person who is adjudged as an insolvent by a competent Court.

**10. Impersonation in filing applications not allowed:**

No person shall submit application on behalf of any other person unless he is authorized by such person.

**11. Disqualifications:-**

- (i) No licence shall be granted to a person who is found ineligible under Rule 9.
- (ii) If any person, who is disqualified under this rule, is found to be holding a licence, the licence shall be withdrawn in accordance with Section 32 of the Act and the Bar shall be re-notified/re-allotted for grant of fresh licence.

Provided that if such disqualification comes to the notice of the licensing authority before the licence is granted but after the selection process is completed, the selection authority shall conduct the selection process afresh after eliminating the disqualified applicant.

**12. Officers authorized to conduct the selection process:**

The District Collector shall be the Selection Authority to conduct the process of selection of applicants for grant of licence.

Provided that the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise may, in his discretion, authorize the Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise or any other officer of the Prohibition and Excise Department, not below the rank of a District Prohibition and Excise Officer, to conduct the selection process.

Provided further that the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise may authorize any District Collector to conduct the selection process in more than one district.

**13. Submission of applications for enrolment for registration and selection for grant of licence: -**

- (1) (a) The applicant may submit any number of applications for any number of Bars for participation in the selection process of Bar through online, hybrid or offline mode.
- (b) **Online mode:** In case the applicant opts for online mode for registration and submission of application, he shall fill in Form-B(R) and select Gazette Sl.No of the bar notified in a Unit i.e., Municipal Corporation / Municipality / Nagar Panchayat / Tourism centre. He shall pay Rs.5,10,000 (towards the Non-refundable application fee of Rs.5,00,000 (Rupees five lakhs only) and Processing Fee of Rs.10,000 (Rupees ten thousand only)) by way of Debit Card / Credit card / Net Banking. On successful payment, the applicant may download the documents in Form-1B (Application for grant of licence), Registration certificate

in Form-BR1 and Entry Pass in Form-E1, which are system generated and no physical signatures of any officer is required on these documents.

- (c) **Hybrid Mode:** In case the applicant opts for hybrid mode, he shall first register through online mode by filling Form-B(R) and select the Gazette Sl.No of the bar notified in a Unit i.e., Municipal Corporation / Municipality / Nagar Panchayat / Tourism centre and select the payment mode as manual in CFMS. He shall take system generated e-challan number and proceed to any State Bank of India (SBI) branch and make payment of Rs.5,10,000 (towards the Non-refundable application fee of Rs.5,00,000 (Rupees five lakhs only) and Processing Fee of Rs.10,000 (Rupees ten thousand only)) against the system generated e-challan number (transaction number). After successful payment, application will be confirmed by the System as completed and he can download the documents in Form-1B (Application for grant of licence), Registration certificate in Form-BR1 and Entry Pass in Form-E1, which are system generated and no physical signatures of any officer is required on these documents.
- (d) **Offline Mode:** In case the applicant opts for offline mode for registration and submission of application, he shall pay Rs.5,00,000 (Rupees five lakhs only) towards Non-Refundable Application Fee by way of Citizen Challan facility provided in CFMS under appropriate Head of Account/ Demand Draft drawn on a scheduled Commercial bank situated anywhere in India and also Grameena Banks situated in Andhra Pradesh sponsored by Scheduled Commercial Banks in favour of the District Prohibition and Excise Officer.

The applicant shall also pay Rs.10,000 (Rupees ten thousand only) towards Processing Fee by way of Demand Draft / Bank Voucher / UPI in favour of Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise.

He shall then visit the notified Application Reception Centre with his details. The staff on duty at the counter will digitize his details by filling Form-B(R) and he shall select the Gazette Sl.No of the Bar notified in a Unit i.e., Municipal Corporation / Municipality / Nagar Panchayat / Tourism centre. The staff on duty at the counter after receiving of the Challan/Demand Draft drawn as specified above and after verifying the Challan/ Demand Draft, enter the payment particulars and generate documents in Form-1B (Application for grant of licence), Registration certificate in Form-BR1 and Entry Pass in Form-E1 and provide printed copies of the above to the applicant. The DPEO will be responsible to receive genuine Challan / Demand Draft and safely hold, till these are remitted into Treasury.

- (2) The applicant(s) shall also enclose the following along with the application:
- (i) Two recent passport size photographs along with photostat copy of Voter ID Card/ Driving Licence / Passport / Bank Passbook/ AADHAR card/ Any other government approved Identity Card.
  - (ii) Scheduled Tribe Certificate and local Scheduled Area Residence Certificate (only in respect of local S.T. candidates applying for Bars in Scheduled Areas).
  - (iii) Caste Certificate and Residence Certificate in respect of applicants filing applications for the Bars reserved under Sub-Rule (3) of Rule 6.
- (3) The online, hybrid or offline modes of registrations and submission of applications referred to above shall be specified in the District Gazette concerned along with details of Designated Centres and the applicants shall follow the procedure prescribed therein.

- (4) For the applicants applying through Off-line mode, the Authorised Authority after due verification of the documents submitted by the applicant as laid down under sub-Rule (2) may issue Form-1B (Application for grant of licence), Registration certificate in Form-BR1 and Entry Pass in Form-E1 (system generated).
- (5) The applications not accompanied by the relevant documents/ enclosures specified under sub-rule (2) shall be forthwith rejected by the Selection Authority.
- (6) Every application shall be taken into consideration if it is presented on or before the prescribed date and time and no application shall be received after the prescribed date and time notified by the License Issuing Authority.
- (7) The selection process shall be taken up at the place, time and date notified in the presence of the applicants who are available at the time of selection.

Provided that if the District Collector considers that the selection process should be postponed to a future date/time or shifted to a different venue for any reason he may do so by recording the reasons there-for and after notifying the same to the applicants.

(8) Selection Process:

- (a) The selection process shall be taken up Bar-wise, as notified in the District Gazette.  
Provided that the Commissioner may, for sufficient reason(s) to be recorded in writing, withdraw any Bar from the selection process before the same is commenced.
- (b) At the commencement of the selection process, the Selection Authority shall first announce the names of persons and the number of persons who have filed applications for a particular Bar.
- (c) No selection for grant of a bar licence shall be conducted, unless a minimum of four applications are received for that particular bar. In such case, the last date and time fixed for receipt of applications for that particular bar shall be extended till such date, as the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise may direct.
- (d) Where there are four or more applications received for a notified Bar, the selection among the applicants for grant of licence shall be conducted through drawl of lots by the District Collector, irrespective of the presence of the applicants.
- (e) The District Collector, after selecting the applicant in respect of a Bar, may continue drawl of lots and select two more applicants from among the remaining applicants as reserve applicants, the first and the second who may, subject to the provisions of these rules, be allotted the bar in the order of selection, in case the selected applicant fails to comply with the conditions laid down under these rules.
- (f) There shall be no restriction on the number of Bar licences a person can hold at a time.
- (g) The successful applicant shall sign his name or affix his thumb impression against the relevant entry in the Register maintained for the purpose.
- (9) The District Collector may, by order, reject any application on the ground that the applicant has indulged in impersonation referred to under Rule-10.
- (10) The selected applicant shall follow the procedure prescribed under these Rules to obtain the licence.

**14. Removal of certain persons from the place of selection:-**



- (1) No person other than the officers on duty and persons duly authorized by the District Collector shall enter the place of selection without presenting an entry pass in Form- E1 which is system generated and issued to the applicants duly affixing his passport size photograph.
- (2) When it comes to the notice of District Collector that any person at the place of selection and during the time of selection behaves or acts in a disorderly or riotous manner or in such other manner as it is likely to cause loss to the Government or forbids any person from participating, the District Collector may cause his removal from the place of selection.

**15. Signature in the Register: -**

Every applicant, who is selected for the grant of licence, shall sign his name or affix his thumb-impression against the relevant entry in the register maintained for the purpose. The District Collector shall also obtain the signatures of Reserve Applicants selected under Rule 13 (8) (e) and the remaining applicants in separate registers maintained for the purpose.

**16. Licensing authority: -**

The Deputy Commissioner shall be competent to grant the privilege of Bar, disposed under Rule 13 (8) and the District Prohibition and Excise Officer shall issue the Licence in the prescribed Form.

The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise shall be competent to grant prior clearance under Rule 21 or any other cases where Prior Clearance is required as per Rules, subject to such directions and guidelines issued from time to time by the Government regarding different categories of Bars.

**17. Selected applicant shall obtain licence: -**

The selected applicant shall obtain Bar Licence after fulfilling the statutory and regulatory requirements in respect of the premises where the Bar will be located.

Provided that the selected applicant may be issued a Provisional Licence in Form-2B(P) by the District Prohibition & Excise Officer concerned on payment of prescribed Retail Excise Tax pending grant of licence in Form-2B or Form-2B(R) as the case may be, in the exigencies of administration.

**18. Retail Excise Tax for Bars, mode of levying and method of payment:-**

- (1) The annual Retail Excise Tax for the Bar licence granted under open category and category of bars reserved for Geetha Kulalu shall be levied on the basis of population as detailed below:

Population Slab	Retail Excise Tax (RET) per annum in ₹ Lakhs for Open Category Bars	Retail Excise Tax (RET) per annum in ₹ Lakhs for Bars reserved for <i>Geetha Kulalu</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)
Up to 50,000	35	17.5
50,001 to 5,00,000	55	27.5
Above 5,00,000	75	37.5

Note: The annual Retail Excise Tax for each bar licence granted under open category and category of bars reserved for Geetha Kulalu shall be subject to 10% increase year on year.

Provided that the annual Retail Excise Tax of a Bar situated in the 10 KM belt from the periphery of a Municipal Corporation and in the 3 KM belt from the periphery of a Municipality, measured in a straight line on the horizontal plane, shall be at the rates of annual Retail Excise Tax of Bar situated within the limits of such Municipal Corporation and Municipality respectively.

Provided further that where the Bar falls within the belt area of a Municipal Corporation as well as a Municipality, the Retail Excise Tax payable shall be the Retail Excise Tax applicable to the Bar situated in the belt area of the Municipal Corporation.

Explanation :- For the purpose of this Rule, the belt area of 10KM of a Municipal Corporation or 3KM of a Municipality, as the case may be, shall be limited to the Revenue district concerned only and in no case it shall extend to the other Revenue district.

- (2) The annual Retail Excise Tax for Bar licence in respect of Star Hotel shall be Rs.25,00,000 (Rupees twenty-five lakhs only) per annum, duly merging the existing components of annual Licence Fee and Non-refundable Registration Charge.
- (3) The annual Retail Excise Tax for Bar licence in respect of Microbrewery shall be as per the population slabs as specified in column (2) of the table under sub-rule (1) and subject to increase of 10% year on year.
- (4) The annual Retail Excise Tax in respect of licence granted during the currency of the licence period shall be on the following scales.
  - (a) Licence granted between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> November: Full annual Retail Excise Tax for each of the three years.
  - (b) Licence granted between 1<sup>st</sup> December and February 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> : 3/4<sup>th</sup> of the annual Retail Excise Tax for the first year and full annual Retail Excise Tax for each of the remaining two years.
  - (c) Licence granted between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> May: ½ of the annual Retail Excise Tax for the first year and full annual Retail Excise Tax for each of the remaining two years.
  - (d) Licence granted between 1<sup>st</sup> June and 31<sup>st</sup> August: ¼ of the annual Retail Excise Tax for the first year and annual Retail Excise Tax for each of the two years.
- (5) The annual Retail Excise Tax of a Bar licence granted under open category and category of bars reserved for Geetha Kulalu, Star Hotel and Microbrewery shall be paid either in one lump-sum or in six equal instalments at the option of the successful applicant.
- (6) Where the selected applicant opts to pay the annual Retail Excise Tax in six equal installments, he shall pay the first installment of the annual Retail Excise Tax of the first year for the Bar on the day of selection or the succeeding bank working day by way of Challan. He shall also submit a Bank Guarantee in Form-3B, for the amount equal to one sixth of the annual Retail Excise Tax valid till the expiry of the Licence

period, issued by a Scheduled Bank situated in Andhra Pradesh, within thirty days of grant of licence.

- (7) The Licensee of a Bar shall remit the annual Retail Excise Tax (RET) installments (Each installment is equal to  $1/6^{\text{th}}$  of the applicable annual Retail Excise Tax) by way of Challan as detailed in the table given below.

Installment of RET	Due Date for remittance
1 <sup>st</sup> Installment	On the Day of selection or on the succeeding Bank working day
2 <sup>nd</sup> Installment	20 <sup>th</sup> October of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Year
3 <sup>rd</sup> Installment	20 <sup>th</sup> December of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Year
4 <sup>th</sup> Installment	20 <sup>th</sup> February of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Year
5 <sup>th</sup> Installment	20 <sup>th</sup> April of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Year
6 <sup>th</sup> Installment	20 <sup>th</sup> June of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Year
7 <sup>th</sup> Installment	20 <sup>th</sup> August of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Year
8 <sup>th</sup> Installment	20 <sup>th</sup> October of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year
9 <sup>th</sup> Installment	20 <sup>th</sup> December of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year
10 <sup>th</sup> Installment	20 <sup>th</sup> February of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year
11 <sup>th</sup> Installment	20 <sup>th</sup> April of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year
12 <sup>th</sup> Installment	20 <sup>th</sup> June of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year
13 <sup>th</sup> Installment	20 <sup>th</sup> August of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year
14 <sup>th</sup> Installment	20 <sup>th</sup> October of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year
15 <sup>th</sup> Installment	20 <sup>th</sup> December of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year
16 <sup>th</sup> Installment	20 <sup>th</sup> February of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year
17 <sup>th</sup> Installment	20 <sup>th</sup> April of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year
18 <sup>th</sup> Installment	20 <sup>th</sup> June of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year

- (8) The Retail Excise Tax shall be paid into the concerned Government treasury in the district in which the Licenced premises is located.
- (9) In case the Licensee fails to remit the Retail Excise Tax instalment on the due date prescribed under sub-rule (6), he may remit the instalment amount subsequently subject to payment of penal interest as per Rules and Retail Excise Tax additionally as detailed below:

Within 10 days from the due date	10% of the Instalment amount
From 11 <sup>th</sup> day to 20 <sup>th</sup> day from the due date	20% of the Instalment amount
From 21 <sup>st</sup> day to 30 <sup>th</sup> day from the due date	30% of the Instalment amount

- (10) In case of default in payment of any instalment, the Bank Guarantee amount shall be adjusted against the instalment of Retail Excise Tax and other dues. In such case the licensee shall be required to submit a fresh Bank Guarantee.
- (11) If a licence is surrendered in the middle of the licence period, the Bank Guarantee and the Retail Excise Tax paid shall be forfeited to the Government.
- (12) In case the licence is refused, the Retail Excise Tax paid shall be refunded.

**19. Re-allotment in case of failure to submit Bank Guarantee or pay the installments due: -**

- (1) In case of failure to furnish the Bank Guarantee as required under Rule 18 (6) within the time specified, the selection made for the concerned Bar shall be cancelled by the District Collector and the amounts already paid shall be forfeited to the Government. In such case, the bar may be re-allotted to the reserve applicant selected under the provisions of Rule 13 (8) (e), and if no one is available, action may be taken to re-notify the Bar with prior permission of the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise.
- (2) In case the successful applicant fails to establish restaurant within (15) days from the date of grant of Provisional Licence, the Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise may extend the time for establishment of restaurant by another (15) days. In case the licensee fails to establish the restaurant within the extended period as well, the licence shall stand cancelled and the bar shall be allotted to the reserve applicant under the provisions of Rule 13 (8) (e), and if no one is available, action may be taken to re-notify the Bar with prior permission of the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise.
- (3) In case of failure to pay the instalments due, the licence of the bar shall be cancelled, and the bar shall be re-notified.
- (4) The selected applicant/Licensee shall continue to be responsible for the Retail Excise Tax of that Bar till the next successful applicant takes over.

**20. Failure to comply with directions entails rejection of application:-**

Failure to remit Retail Excise Tax or to rectify the defects or to comply with other directions relating to the premises, within the time allowed shall entail rejection of application.

**21. Grant of prior clearance :-**

- (1) A person intending to establish Bar in Star Hotel or in Micro Brewery, as the case may be, may submit an application in Form-1A to the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, enclosing a challan of Rs.10,00,000 (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) paid towards non-refundable Retail Excise Tax for grant of prior clearance.
- (2) The Commissioner having due regard to requirement and other factors as he deems fit and subject to such directions of the Government as may be issued from time to time in this regard, may grant prior clearance in Form-2A to such of the applicants covered under sub-rule (1).

Provided that the holders of bar licences in respect of Star Hotels and Micro Breweries existing on the date of commencement of these Rules and willing to continue shall not obtain prior clearance in Form-2A.

Provided further that the applicant selected for grant of licence under sub-rule (8) of Rule 13 need not obtain prior clearance in Form-2A.

Provided also that the selection or grant of prior clearance shall not confer any right on the applicant for grant of licence. The selected applicant or the holder of prior clearance shall not claim any compensation or loss in case the licence is not granted.

**22. Counterpart agreement:**

After making payment of Retail Excise Tax, it shall be the duty of the Selected applicant to execute a counterpart agreement in conformity with the tenor of the Licence in form 4-B on the stamp paper of the requisite value as per the provisions of the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 before taking out a licence for the sale of Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor by bar.

The counterpart agreement shall come into force with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> September, of the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the licence period in respect of selection of bars on or before 1<sup>st</sup> September, and in case where the selection/licensing takes place on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> September of the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the licence period, the counterpart agreement shall come into force from the date of selection/licensing and valid for the left over part of the licence period.

### **23. Commencement of licence:**

Mere selection of application does not entitle the applicant or confer on him any right to commence business until the licence has actually been issued. It shall be the responsibility of the successful applicant to comply with the statutory and regulatory requirements contemplated in Rule 18 within the time specified and execute the Counterpart Agreement referred to in Rule 22 and obtain a Provisional Licence or regular licence. If the successful applicant fails to do so, his selection shall stand cancelled automatically.

### **24. Grant of Bar licence :-**

- (1) The holder of prior clearance under Rule 21 or the applicant selected for grant of licence under Rule 13, as the case may be, may apply in Form-1B for grant of licence in Form-2B / Form-2B(R) / Form-2B(SH) / Form-2B(MB) to the District Prohibition and Excise Officer concerned.
- (2) The District Prohibition and Excise officer, after making such enquiry as he may think necessary, to ascertain the bona fides of the applicant and verifying the particulars furnished in the application shall examine the suitability of the premises for granting Bar and forward the same to the Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise concerned along with his report.
- (3) The Deputy Commissioner, after causing such enquiry as he may deem fit, may grant the licence.

### **25. Restrictions on the grant of Licence:-**

- (1) The selected applicant shall select suitable premises for sale of IMFL and FL anywhere in the Urban Local body notified in the District Gazette inviting applications, i.e., within the Municipal Corporation and Municipality including their belt areas, Nagar Panchayat and in Tourism centre, as the case may be.
- (2) A licence in Form-2B / Form-2B(R) / Form-2B(SH) / Form-2B(MB) shall not be granted:
  - a. Unless the premises has:
    - (i) A minimum plinth area of 200 Sq. Meters for the bar situated in the ULB with population exceeding 5 Lakhs;

Provided that for the bars situated in a ULB with population up to 5 Lakhs and in the belt area of Municipal Corporation / Municipality, the minimum plinth area shall be 150 Sq. Meters.

(ii) Sanitation facilities like wash basins, washrooms separately for ladies and gents.

(iii) Facility of cooking and serving complete meals to the consumers as licensed by local authority by providing a kitchen with a minimum plinth area of 15 Sq. Meters.

Provided that the selected applicant under Rule 13 may establish Restaurant within (15) days from the date of grant of licence following all norms and regulatory approvals.

(iv) Air conditioning or Air-cooling facility in consumption rooms and halls of licensed premises.

(v) Adequate vehicle parking arrangement.

b. Within 100 meters from educational institutions recognized by the Government, places of public worship such as Temples registered with the Endowments Department, Mosques registered with the Wakf Board, Churches established and managed by a registered Christian organization or Society and Hospitals.

c. Within 500 meters of predominantly residential area, but licenses may be granted if the proposed premises is located on a main road used for shopping purposes.

Provided that the restrictions in clauses (a) to (c) shall not apply to Star Hotels.

d. Within a distance of 500 Mts. of the outer edge of the National or State Highway or of a service lane along the Highway and the premises shall not be either visible or directly accessible from a National or State Highway.

Provided that in case of areas comprised in local bodies with a population of 20,000 or less, the distance shall be 220 Mts.

Provided further that the restrictions under sub-rule (2) (d) shall not apply to the Bars established within the Municipal areas.

e. Unless the applicant produces within (30) days from the date of grant of Provisional Licence, Trade Licence from the local authority concerned and relevant Licence under the Food Safety and Standards Act-2006 issued by competent authority for operation of the restaurant.

f. Unless the applicant produces lease deed on a Stamp paper for the proposed licensed premises from the owner of the premises.

g. Unless the applicant produces the approved drawings / plan of the licensed premises.

Explanation:- For the purpose of this rule

- i. "Place of public worship" means a temple registered with the Endowment Department, Mosque registered with Wakf Board and Church "established and managed by a registered Christian organization / society" and includes such other religious institutions, as the State Government may by order specify in this behalf;
- ii. "Educational Institutions" means any Primary school, Middle School and High School recognized by the State Government or Central Government, Junior College or any College affiliated to any University established by law:

- iii. "High Way" means National Highway or State Highway as notified by the competent authority.
  - iv. "Hospital" means any hospital which is managed or owned by a local authority, State Government or Central Government or any private hospital and has a provision of more than thirty (30) beds.
- (3) The distances referred to above shall be measured from the mid-point of the entrance of the proposed Bar premises along with the nearest path by which pedestrian ordinarily reaches the outer edge of the National / State Highway or Service lane, mid-point of the nearest gate of the hospital, educational institution or place of public worship, if there is a compound wall and if there is no compound wall to the mid-point of the nearest entrance of the educational institution/ place of public worship, or the entrance of the first house of the predominantly residential area.

## **26. Period of Licence:-**

Every licence shall be valid for three years commencing from 1<sup>st</sup> September of the first year ending with 31<sup>st</sup> August of the third year, subject to payment of Retail Excise Tax as prescribed.

Provided that the licence issued on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September shall be valid up to 31<sup>st</sup> August of the third year.

Provided further that a licence granted for a part of the licence period shall be valid for such period as may be specified by the licensing authority.

Provided also that every licensee shall commence his business from 1<sup>st</sup> September, or such other date as may be specified in the licence and shall keep the Bar open every day during the hours fixed till the expiry of the licence period with sufficient stock of Indian Made Foreign Liquor & Foreign Liquor unless the closure of the Bar is ordered by the competent authority for the period specified.

## **27. On death of applicant / licensee:-**

A licence issued under these rules shall be only to the person named therein and on his death the heir or legal representative may apply for continuance of the licence for the leftover licence period in his name to the Commissioner of Prohibition and excise within thirty days of the death of the licensee. The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise may, at his discretion, continue the licence in the name of the heir or legal representative of the deceased licensee, subject to fulfillment of eligibility conditions.

In case the applicant dies before the selection process or the selected applicant dies before grant of licence, the legal heir of the applicant or the selected applicant, as the case may be, permitted to participate in the selection process or obtain the licence duly complying with the provisions laid down under Rules 13, 18 and 22. In case the legal heir of the applicant or the selected applicant is not willing to participate in the selection process or obtain the licence after fulfilling the formalities prescribed under Rule 13, 18 and 22, the Bar shall be disposed of by fresh selection process.

## **28. Payment of Bar additional ARET:**

- (1) The bar licensee shall be permitted to purchase liquor / beer from APSBCL Depots on the same price charged for A4 shops and the ARET additionally levied on Bars

shall be collected from the Bar licensee on or before the due date of Retail Excise Tax installment for the preceding months. The Bar licensee shall be required to submit a bank guarantee in Form-3B equal to 1/6<sup>th</sup> of annual Retail Excise Tax as security towards payment of Bar additional ARET, valid till the end of licence period, before obtaining Provisional Licence or regular licence.

- (2) The licence holder of the bar, shall not be issued stocks of IMFL and FL by the APSBCL Depot concerned, unless the District Prohibition and Excise Officer confirms in writing the submission of Bank Guarantee by the licensee towards ARET additionally levied on Bars.
- (3) In case of failure by the licence holder to pay the ARET additionally levied, the Bank Guarantee submitted by the licence holder shall be invoked and adjusted towards the additional ARET due and the licensee shall be required to submit a fresh Bank Guarantee equal to 1/6<sup>th</sup> of annual Retail Excise Tax valid till the end of licence period.
- (4) The AP State Beverages Corporation Limited shall issue necessary guidelines to ensure furnishing the details of additional ARET due from each licensee, for the specific period at periodical intervals for smooth collection of additional ARET along with Retail Excise Tax installments.
- (5) In case the average of six months' collectible ARET additionally levied on Bar exceeds the value of the Bank Guarantee so furnished, the licence holder shall be required to increase the value of the Bank Guarantee equal to the total average additional ARET demand.

#### **29. Transport permit:-**

The transport permit may be issued authorizing movement of Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor within the State from the units of the Andhra Pradesh State Beverages Corporation Ltd., to the licensed premises. Such transport shall be governed by Andhra Pradesh Excise (Import, Export and Transport of Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor - Permits) Rules, 2005. The SHO shall monitor the Transport permits issued to the Bar licensees and submit weekly reports to the District Prohibition and Excise Officer concerned.

#### **30. Sale permitted at the licensed premises only:-**

- (1) The licensee shall sell the liquor only at the premises specified in the licence.
- (2) No change or alteration of the licensed premises shall be made during the licence period without the prior approval of the Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise.

Provided that such change or alteration may be permitted for valid reasons by the Deputy Commissioner subject to payment of an alteration fee of Rs.1,00,000 (Rupees one lakh only).

- (3) No shifting of the licensed premises shall ordinarily be permitted during the licence period from one location to another. However, shifting of the licensed premises may be considered by the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise for valid reasons within the same Municipality and Municipal Corporation including its belt areas, Nagar Panchayat, as the case may be, subject to payment of 1% of the applicable annual Retail Excise Tax or Rs.50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand only), whichever is higher, as shifting fee and on production of trade licence granted by the local authority concerned.



### **31. Licence and plan of the licensed premises to be exhibited:-**

The proforma licence shall be exhibited in a conspicuous place in the licensed premises. The Licensee shall also exhibit the approved drawings / plan of the licensed premises for verification by the Inspecting authorities.

### **32. Hours of Business:-**

The Licensee shall transact business from 10.00 AM to 12.00 midnight only, subject to such directions as may be issued by the Government from time to time.

### **33. Dry Days:-**

The Licensed premises shall be closed and no business be transacted on the following days declared as dry days:-

- (i) 26<sup>th</sup> January - Republic day
- (ii) 15<sup>th</sup> August - Independence day
- (iii) 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Gandhi Jayanthi.

Provided that the licensee shall not be entitled to any compensation whatsoever for the closure of the licensed premises.

### **34. Licensee not to transfer the licence without authority:-**

- (1) No licensee shall except with the sanction of the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise transfer his licence to any other person. The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise may allow such transfer of licence on payment of the prescribed fee and on production of a certificate from the licence issuing authority to the effect that no dues are pending and no cases involving contravention of Excise Act and Rules framed there under are pending against him and also on production of Sales Tax and Income Tax Returns for last two years
- (2) The fee payable by any licensee for the privilege of having the transfer of his licence to any other person shall be 25% of the applicable annual Retail Excise Tax.
- (3) Mere change in the name by keeping the entity intact does not amount to transfer of licence. In such cases the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise may allow change in the trade name subject to payment of fee of Rs.10,000 (Rupees ten thousand only) and on production of certificates referred to in sub-rule (1) above.
- (4) Conversion of proprietary concern into a partnership firm or a company or a partnership firm into a proprietary concern or a company or vice versa shall amount to transfer of licence.

### **35. Licensee not to declare any person to be or not to be his partner:-**

No licensee shall, except with the prior permission of the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, get any other person included as partner to his business, or get an existing partner excluded so long as the partnership nature of the business does not change.

Provided that the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise may, after such enquiry as he deem fit, permit the licensee at his request, to get any person(s) included as partner(s) or exclude any existing partner(s), so long as the partnership nature of

the business does not change, on payment of a fee of 5% of applicable annual Retail Excise Tax.

Provided further that where there was dissolution of partnership it shall be notified to the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise.

**36. Licensee not to stock unauthorized Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor:-**

The Licensee shall not stock or sell in the licensed premises Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor of any kind which he is not authorized to buy, stock or sell under the provisions of Act or Rules, Regulations or Orders made there under.

**37. The licensee not to stock Indian Made Foreign Liquor or Foreign Liquor at unauthorized place:-**

The licensee shall not stock Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor in any place other than the licensed premises. The licensee shall be held responsible for any Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor unauthorizedly kept outside or nearby the licensed premises.

**38. Licensee to sell Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor of specified Strength:-**

The Commissioner may, authorize the sale of any special brands of Indian Made Foreign liquor of weaker strength in a particular area, in a particular category of liquor, if he is satisfied with the wholesomeness or purity of such liquor.

**39. Indian Made Foreign Liquor or Foreign Liquor not to be adulterated:-**

The Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor offered for sale or stored in the licensed premises shall not be of substandard, deteriorated, spurious or adulterated and the licensee shall not tamper with the Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor in any manner so as to alter their quality, strength, nature or quantity.

**40. Adulterated Indian Made Foreign Liquor or Foreign Liquor to be seized:-**

It shall be competent for the inspecting officer, on finding any Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor unfit for use, substandard, adulterated or spurious or in respect of which it is believed that some substance has been admixed so as to make it unfit for consumption by any process or manner, to stop it from being sold and to seize the same forthwith and take necessary further action as per the provisions of the Act.

**41. Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor shall not be given or sold to certain persons:-**

No Indian Made Foreign liquor or Foreign Liquor shall be sold or given to the following persons namely:-

- (i) Lunatics;
- (ii) Persons known or believed to be in a state of drunkenness;
- (iii) Persons about whom it is known or suspected that they are likely to participate in the commission of sedition, insurrection, breach of peace or any other similar offence threatening public peace and tranquillity;
- (iv) Employees of the Police, Prohibition & Excise and Railway Departments or chauffeurs of motor vehicles while engaged in discharging their duties;

- (v) Soldiers in uniform and the camp servants of military officers in their uniform;
- (vi) Persons below (21) years of age.

#### **42. Restrictions on the sale of liquor to the customers:-**

The licensee shall sell Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor, Beer, Wine or Ready to Drink varieties, as the case may be, to the customers in sealed bottles, glasses or pegs for consumption within the licensed premises only but not for removing it out of the licensed premises.

#### **43. Bottles for sale to carry labels:-**

Every bottle of Indian Made Foreign liquor or Foreign Liquor in a Bar shall carry Excise Adhesive Label on the cap of the bottle in addition to the manufacturer's label as approved by the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise.

#### **44. Sale of only duty paid Indian Made Foreign Liquor or Foreign Liquor:-**

- (1) The licensee shall sell only duty paid Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign liquor
- (2) The Licensee shall purchase Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign liquor from the allotted depot of Andhra Pradesh State Beverages Corporation Ltd only on such terms as may be prescribed. However, the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise may permit the licensee to purchase the requirement of Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign Liquor from any other Depot of Andhra Pradesh State Beverages Corporation Ltd.

#### **45. Standard measures to be kept:-**

The licensee shall use only standard measures, as may be prescribed by the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise from time to time. The measures shall be got duly stamped by the Department of Legal Metrology.

#### **46. Certain acts prohibited in the licensed premises:-**

Notwithstanding any permit/ licence granted by any authority, gambling, dancing, any other acts of disorderliness or obscenity within the licensed premises shall be strictly prohibited.

#### **47. Harboursing of certain persons prohibited:-**

Persons, who are known or believed to have been convicted of any non-bailable offences and habitual offenders, shall not be employed nor shall they be allowed to assemble or remain in the licensed premises, and if such persons visit licensed premises the matter shall be forthwith reported to the nearest Police Station by the licensee.

#### **48. Provision for a night watchman:-**

No person other than a watchman shall be allowed to stay in the licensed premises during night time beyond the hours specified for closure of business.

#### **49. Employment of servants:-**

(1) No women shall be employed for sale of Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Foreign liquor without the special permission of the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise. No male person shall be appointed for such a purpose without the prior permission of the District Prohibition and Excise officer and every such person whether male or female before being employed shall obtain from the District Prohibition and Excise officer, a Nowkarnama in Form-5B, on payment of a fee of Rs.10,000 (Rupees ten thousand only) per annum.

(2) No nowkarnama shall be granted to the following persons:

- (i) Persons below twenty-one years of age;
- (ii) Persons suffering from any contagious diseases;
- (iii) Persons of unsound mind;

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PROHIBITION AND EXCISE  
ANDHRA PRADESH, MANGALAGIRI.**  
C.R.No.4154/2025/CPE/E3-4Dated: 16 .08.2025  
**Sri Nishant Kumar, I.A.S.,**  
**Director, Excise and Prohibition**  
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<b>Sub:-</b>	Prohibition and Excise Department – Visakhapatnam District – New Bar policy for the year 2025-28 - Disposal of Bars (2B Bars) through Drawl of Lots for the licence period from 1.09.2025 to 31-08-2028 – Fixing of Bars under Rule 7 of A.P Excise (Grant of Licence of selling by Bar and conditions of licence) Rules, 2025- Certain instructions issued – Regarding.
<b>Ref:-</b>	1. G.O.MS No:275, Revenue (Excise-II), Department, dated: 13.08.2025
	2. G.O.MS No:276, Revenue (Excise-II), Department, dated: 13.08.2025.
	3. Proposal of the DPEO, Visakhapatnam and DC, Visakhapatnam, dated.16.08.2025.

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The Government, vide references 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, has issued the New Bar Policy for the period 2025–28 along with the A.P. Excise (Grant of Licence of Selling by Bar and Conditions of Licence) Rules, 2025.

In the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited, the Deputy Commissioner, Prohibition & Excise, Visakhapatnam, and the District Prohibition & Excise Officer, Visakhapatnam, have submitted bar proposals to the CPE, proposing a total of (121) bars, proposed ULB-wise i.e., Municipal Corporation, Municipality, Nagar Panchayat, and Tourism Centre, in respect of Visakhapatnam District for the period 2025–28. The following are the details:

Name of District	Name of the MC/MPL/NP	Unit Name	Bars Proposed for fixation
Visakhapatnam	Municipal Corporation	GVMC	121
	<b>Total</b>		<b>121</b>

Rule 7 of AP Excise (Grant of licence of selling by Bar and conditions of licence) Rules, 2025 lays down the following:-



“Subject to such directions, which the Government may issue in this regard from time to time, the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, having due regard to the requirement, public order, health, safety and other factors as he thinks fit, shall fix the number of Bars in both open category and reserved category meant for Geetha Kulalu in Municipal Corporations, Municipalities, Nagar Panchayaths and notified tourism centres (except religious tourism centres) and may relocate any un-disposed Bar(s) anywhere in the State as he thinks fit.”

The proposal submitted by the Deputy Commissioner of Proh & Excise, Visakhapatnam and District Prohibition and Excise officer, Visakhapatnam has been carefully examined and in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 7 of AP Excise (Grant of licence of selling by Bar and conditions of licence) Rules, 2025, (121) Bars are hereby fixed unit wise in Visakhapatnam District duly approving the proposal of the Deputy Commissioner of Proh & Excise.

The District Prohibition & Excise Officer/License issuing Authority shall issue notification inviting applications for drawl of lots under Rule 8 of Andhra Pradesh Excise (Grant of licence of selling by Bar and conditions of licence) Rules, 2025. The schedule for issuing notification in the District Gazette and Drawl of Lots for disposal of bars is as follows:

18.08.2025	:	Publication of list of Bars in District Gazettes and commencement of submission of applications
26.08.2025 (Upto 5.00 PM)	:	Last date & time for online/ hybrid/ offline registration and submission of applications
28.08.2025 (08.00 AM)	:	Drawl of lots by the District Collectors
28.08.2025	:	Intimation of Selection

The model gazette Notification is enclosed herewith for reference.

  
**Director, Excise and Prohibition**  


To  
The Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Visakhapatnam  
Copy to the District Prohibition & Excise Officer, Visakhapatnam  
Copy to the District Collector, Visakhapatnam  
Copy submitted to the Principal Secretary to the Government (Revenue),  
Excise Department, A.P., Amaravathi.