

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PROHIBITION AND EXCISE
ANDHRA PRADESH, VIJAYAWADA.**

C.R.No.4154/2025/CPE/E3

Dated: 22.08.2025

**Sri Nishant Kumar, I.A.S.,
Director, Excise and Prohibition**

Sub:-	Prohibition and Excise Department – New Bar policy for the year 2025-28 - Disposal of Bars through Drawl of Lots – Refund of non-refundable application fee in case drawl of lots not conducted--Certain clarification issued – Regarding.
Ref: -	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.This office orders in Cr.No. 4154/2025/CPE/E3 Dated 16.08.2025

The Government, vide references 1st and 2nd cited, has issued the New Bar Policy for the period 2025–28 and the A.P. Excise (Grant of Licence of Selling by Bar and Conditions of Licence) Rules, 2025 (Bar Rules 2025) respectively. As per the bar policy 2025-28, (840) bars under open category and (84) bars under Reserved category (Reserved for Geethakulalu) shall be disposed of by way of drawl of lots.

As per rule 13 (1)(a) of the Bar Rules 2025, the applicant may file any number of applications for any number of bars notified in the District Gazette. Each application shall be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of Rs 5,00,000 and a processing fee of Rs 10,000.

Rule 13(8)(c) of Bar Rules 2025, lays down that “no selection for grant of a bar licence shall be conducted unless a minimum of (4) 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 CPE may direct.”

The Bar Rules 2025, however are silent as to whether the non-refundable application fee is refundable in case drawl of lots is not conducted due to less than (4) applications are received for a particular bar.

During the teleconferences conducted with the field level officers, it is gathered that the grey area in the rule provisions on the refund or otherwise of non-refundable application fee in the event of non-conduct of drawl of lots for a bar with less than (4) applications received, has led to serious apprehensions among the prospective applicants that in such case the non-refundable application fee will not be refunded. The field officers have also requested to issue necessary instructions clarifying the above matter.

Accordingly, it is clarified that in case drawl of lots are not conducted due to lesser number of applications are received as prescribed in Rule 13(8)(c), then non-refundable application fees will be refunded to the Applicants. All the field officers are directed to communicate this clarification to all prospective applicants to clear the apprehensions to facilitate wider participation in the selection process for the bars.

Sd/- Nishant Kumar
Director, Excise and Prohibition

To

All Deputy Commissioners of Prohibition and Excise in the State,
All the District Prohibition & Excise Officers in the State,
Copy to all the District Collectors in the State,
Copy submitted to the Principal Secretary to the Government (Revenue),
Excise Department, A.P., Amaravathi.

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Assistant Secretary (Hqrs)

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