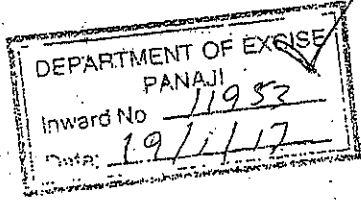


**MOST URGENT  
SUPREME COURT MATTER**



No. 1/9/2016 - Fin (R&C)(a) / 1592  
Government of Goa,  
Office of the Chief Secretary,  
Secretariat, Porvorim, Goa.

Date: 18/01/2017.

**ORDER**

Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has issued an Order dated 15/12/2016 in Civil Appeal Nos. 12154-12166 of 2016 (arising out of SLP (C) nos. 14911-14913 of 2013) namely the State of Tamil Nadu represented by its Secretary Home, Prohibition and Excise Department & others *versus* K. Balu & another. *Vide* the said Order certain directions are issued viz. for removal of all liquor vends on National & State Highway across the country, removal of all advertisements and signboards depicting sale of liquor and to forthwith stop granting any new licences along the Highways.

2. Hon'ble Supreme Court has issued directions to all the States and Union Territories which is reproduced as under:

- (i) *All States and Union Territories shall forthwith cease and desist from granting licences for the sale of liquor along national and state highways;*
- (ii) *The prohibition contained in (i) above shall extend to and include stretches of such highways which fall within the limits of a municipal corporation, city, town or local authority;*
- (iii) *The existing licences which have already been renewed prior to the date of this order shall continue until the term of the licence expires but no later than 1 April 2017;*
- (iv) *All signages and advertisements of the availability of liquor shall be prohibited and existing ones removed forthwith both on national and state highways;*
- (v) *No shop for the sale of liquor shall be (i) visible from a national or state highway; (ii) directly accessible from a national or state highway and (iii) situated within a distance of 500 metres of the outer edge of the national or state highway or of a service lane along the highway.*

3. Now, therefore in order to implement the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India it is expedient to have a coordinated and united effort of all stakeholder Departments. Hence, it is decided to constitute a Core Committee comprising of the following Officers, viz.:

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| i.   | Commissioner of Excise.                 | ... Chairman. |
| ii.  | Principal Chief Engineer (PWD).         | ... Member.   |
| iii. | Collector (North) or his representative | ... Member    |


iv.	Collector (South) or his representative	... Member
v.	Superintendent of Police (North)	... Member
vi.	Superintendent of Police (South)	... Member
vii.	Director of Municipal Administration.	... Member.
viii.	Director of Panchayats.	... Member.
ix.	Director of Settlement and Land Records.	... Member.

4. The Terms of Reference for the Core Committee shall be as follows:

- a. Monitor the implementation of the Order and submit its forth nightly report on action taken to the Office of Chief Secretary, Government of Goa.
- b. The Core Committee shall meet as frequently as required but not less than once in fifteen days.
- c. The Core Committee shall break up responsibilities between their respective Departments and ensure that adequate directions are issued and manpower is assigned to carry out the work at the taluka level. The Core Committee shall constitute Taluka Level Teams for the purpose of carrying out the exercise of surveying, identification, demarcation of identifiable landmarks at the distance of 500 metres from the outer edge of the national or state highway, etc.
- d. It is required to ensure that the said Order of Hon'ble Supreme Court is implemented in totality before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

5. The District Collectors and Superintendents of Police shall render all the necessary help and assistance to the Core Committee in implementing the Order as and when requested for by the Chairman of the Committee.

*By Order and in the name  
of Governor of Goa*

  
(Dharmendra Sharma)  
Chief Secretary

- To
1. Commissioner of Excise.
  2. Principal Chief Engineer (PWD).
  3. Director of Municipal Administration.
  4. Director of Panchayats.
  5. Director of Settlement and Land Records.
  6. Collector of North Goa District.
  7. Collector of South Goa District.
  8. Superintendent of Police, North Goa.
  9. Superintendent of Police, South Goa.

Copy to,

1. Director General of Police, Police Headquarters, Panaji.
2. Finance Secretary, Finance (R & C) Department, Secretariat.
3. O.S.D. to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Minister's Block, Secretariat.