In exercise of the powers conferred by section 22 of the Goa Excise Duty Act, 1964 (Act 5 of 1964), the Government of Goa hereby makes the following rules so as to further amend the Goa, Daman and Diu Excise Duty Rules, 1964, namely:

1. Short title and commencement.—(I) These rules may be called the Goa Excise Duty (Amendment) Rules, 2016.

(2) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Amendment of rule 90.— In rule 90 of the Goa, Daman and Diu Excise Duty Rules, 1964, in sub-rule (4),—

(i) for clause (f), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(f) No licence shall be granted to an applicant for sale of liquor, if the premises in which he proposes to open liquor shop is located on a State Highway or a National Highway:

Provided that a licence may be granted by the Commissioner with prior approval of the Government, subject to such conditions as the Commissioner may deem fit to impose in this regard, to open a liquor shop,—

(ii) after clause (f), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(g) No licence for wholesale of any liquor or retail sale of any liquor in sealed bottles, within the State of Goa, shall be granted unless the applicant himself or his parents is/are continuously residing in the State of Goa at least for a period of twenty-five years immediately before.
the date on which the applicant makes application for such licence.

Explanation: In case the applicant is a partnership firm or a company or a registered society, then all the partners or directors or members of such partnership firm or company or society, as the case may be, or their parents shall be continuously residing in the State of Goa at least for a period of 25 years immediately before the date on which application for licence is made to the Commissioner.

(h) No licence or renewal of licence shall be granted to the applicant who is having any criminal record or criminal case registered against him under any law for the time being in force.”;

(iii) in the first proviso, for the expression “sub-rule (4)”, the expression “clauses (a) to (d)” shall be substituted.

(iv) after sub-rule (4), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:

“(4A) The provisions of clauses (g) and (h) of sub-rule (4) shall be applicable also to any application for a licence made to the Commissioner on or before 04-08-2016, but no licence has been granted thereto.”

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

Ajit S. Pawaskar, Under Secretary, Finance (R&C).