

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE TAXES AND EXCISE
HIMACHAL PRADESH**

No.7-238/2023-EXN-Pt-III-22041-66

Dated Shimla-09

02-09-2024

ORDER

Whereas, the General Election to Legislative Assemblies in the State of Haryana is scheduled on 05-10-2024 and UT of Jammu and Kashmir, 2024 is scheduled on 18-09-2024 and 01-10-2024 and Counting is scheduled to take place on 08th October, 2024.

And whereas, for the purpose of ensuring free, fair, peaceful and smooth elections, it has been directed by the Election Commission of India that States should declare "Dry Days" 48 hours before the close of polls and the counting day.

Now therefore, I, Dr. Yunus, Financial Commissioner (Excise)-cum-Commissioner of State Taxes and Excise, Himachal Pradesh in exercise of powers conferred under Section 5 (1) of the Himachal Pradesh Excise Act, 2011, rules framed there under and conditions No.1.2 and 8.1. of the Excise Announcements for the year 2024-25, hereby order that the following periods/days shall be observed as "Dry Days" within 3 Kilometers of the respective polling areas adjoining to the State of Haryana and UT of Jammu and Kashmir as under :-

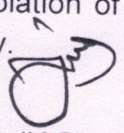
Name of State/UT	Date (s) of Poll	Date of Counting	Dates for Declaring Dry Days.	Remark
Haryana	05-10-2024	08-10-2024	03-10-2024 (6:00 PM) to 05-10-2024 (6:00 PM) and 08-10-2024.	Area upto 3 kms of Inter-State Border falling with the districts of Sirmaur, Revenue Distt. BBN, Baddi and Solan
Jammu & Kashmir	18-09-2024	08-10-2024	16-09-2024 (6:00 PM) to 18-09-2024 (6:00 PM) and 08-10-2024.	Area upto 3 kms of Inter-State Border falling with the district of Chamba
	01-10-2024	08-10-2024	29-09-2024 (6:00 PM) to 01-10-2024 (6:00 PM) and 08-10-2024.	

Further, on all the days/periods/within the area (in kms) specified above, no spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquors or other substances of like nature shall be sold/served, given or distributed at a hotel, eating house or tavern, shop or in other place (public or private) in Himachal Pradesh (Sirmaur, Revenue Distt. BBN, Baddi, Solan and Chamba). No liquor shop, hotel, restaurant, club and establishment selling/serving liquor, shall be permitted to sell/serve liquor to anyone on the aforesaid

days/periods/within the area (in kms). Non proprietary clubs, Star Hotels, restaurants, etc. and Hotels run by anyone even if they are issued different categories of licenses for possession and supply of liquor, shall also not be permitted to serve liquor on these days/periods/within the area (in kms).

Further, the concerned Collector (Excise), Dy. Commissioner of State Taxes and Excise / Asstt. Commissioner of State Taxes and Excise Incharge of the respective District as well as the Jt. Commissioner of State Taxes and Excise (Flying Squad) are directed to implement this order scrupulously and ensure compliance by all licensees, their employees and all concerned within their respective jurisdiction and also make arrangements for extensive patrolling in the neighboring areas of their respective jurisdiction to ensure compliance.

Further, it is also made clear that concerned Addl./ Jt. Commissioner of State Taxes, Dy./Asstt. Commissioner of State Taxes and Excise, STEOs, ASTEOs and all other excise officers shall be responsible for any violation of Excise Laws within their respective jurisdictions. The matter be given top priority.


Dr. Yunus (IAS)
Financial Commissioner (Excise)-cum-
Commissioner of State Taxes and Excise,
Himachal Pradesh.


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Copy forwarded to :-

1. The Chief Secretary, Himachal Pradesh/ Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir for information please.
2. The Chief Electoral Officer, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-09 for information please.
3. The Principal Secretary (ST&E) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh for information please.
4. The Principal Secretary (Home) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh for information please.
5. The Commissioner of Excise Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir for information and necessary action please.
6. The Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Electoral Officer, Solan, Sirmaur & Chamba, Himachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please.
7. The Superintendent of Police, Solan, BBN Baddi Sirmaur & Chamba, Himachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please.
8. The Director Public Relation with the request to upload the "Dry Day" order on DPR/State Government website for information and necessary action please.
9. The Addl./Jt. Commissioner of State Taxes and Excise (SZ/NZ) Shimla, Mandi & Palampur, H.P for information and necessary action please.
10. The Addl. CST&E (IT) HQ with the direction to upload the same on the official website for information and necessary action please.

11. The Jt. Commissioner of State Taxes and Excise (Flying Squad) (SZ/NZ) Parwanoo, Una and Palampur, H.P. for information and necessary action please
12. Dy. Commissioner of State Taxes and Excise, I/c District, Solan, Sirmour, RD BBN, Baddi & Chamba H.P. for information and necessary action please
13. The Reader to the Financial Commissioner (Excise), H.P.
14. Guard file.


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