

STATE TAXES AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT
HIMACHAL PRADESH

No.7-172/2022-EXN-34198-252

Dated Shimla-09

01-11-2022

ORDER

General Election for Legislative Assembly in the State of Himachal Pradesh is scheduled to be held on 12-11-2022. For the purpose of ensuring free, fair, peaceful and smooth elections that State should declare 48 hours before the close of polls and the counting day as "Dry Day".

Accordingly, it is here-by ordered that the following periods/days shall be observed as "Dry Day" in the State and within 3 Kilometers of the respective polling areas adjoining to the State of Himachal Pradesh in accordance with the provisions of the Himachal Pradesh Excise Act, 2011 & Punjab Excise Act 1914, the rules made there under and the Excise Announcements for the year 2022-23 & as per the guidelines of Election Commission of India.

1. 48 hours ending with the hours 10th, November, 2022 (Thursday) 5:00 PM to 12th November, 2022 (Saturday) (5:00 PM) fixed for the conclusion
2. The counting Day 8th December, 2022 (Thursday)

On all the days/period specified above & within the area (in kms) specified above, no spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquors or other substances of a 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. No liquor shop, hotel, restaurants, clubs and establishments selling/serving liquor, shall be permitted to sell/serve liquor to anyone whatsoever on the aforesaid days. 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, should also not be permitted to serve liquor on these days. The storage of liquor by individuals shall also be curtailed during the above period and the restrictions provided under the Excise Laws on the storage of liquor in the unlicensed premises shall be vigorously enforced.

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 these instructions scrupulously and ensure compliance of these orders by all licensees, their employees and all concerned within respective jurisdiction. They will make

arrangements for extensive patrolling in the neighboring areas of their respective jurisdiction to ensure total compliance with the above directions.

It is also made clear that concerned Addl./Jt. Commissioner of State Taxes and Dy./Asstt. Commissioner of State Taxes and Excise and all excise officers as per notification No.EXN-F(4)-1/2009-loose dated 22-07-2013 shall be responsible for any violation of Excise Laws within their respective area jurisdictions. The matter may be given top priority.

(Yunus) IAS

Commissioner of State Taxes and Excise,
Himachal Pradesh.

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :-

1. The Principal Secretary (Home) to the Government of H.P.
2. The Chief Electoral Officer, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-09 with reference to the letter No.3-16/2021¹-ELN-3543 dated 27-10-2022.
3. The Principal Secretary (ST&E) to the Government of H.P.
4. The Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Punjab at Patiala.
5. The Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Haryana at Panchkula.
6. The Commissioner of Excise, Uttrakhand at Dehradun.
7. The Commissioner of Excise, Uttar Pradesh.
8. The Excise Commissioner, J& K at Jammu.
9. The Dy. Excise Commissioner, Ladakh at Leh.
10. The Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Electoral Officer Shimla, Solan, Sirmaur, Kinnaur, Bilaspur, Mandi, Kullu, Hamirpur, Kangra, Una, Chamba, & Lahaul & Spiti, Himachal Pradesh.
11. The Superintendent of Police, Shimla, Solan, Sirmaur, Kinnaur, Bilaspur, Mandi, Kullu, Hamirpur, Kangra, Una, Chamba, & Lahaul & Spiti, Himachal Pradesh.
12. The Director Public Relation with the request to upload the "Dry Day" order on DPR/State Government website.
13. The Addl./Jt. Commissioner of State Taxes and Excise (SZ/CZ/NZ) Shimla, Mandi & Palampur, H.P.
14. The Addl. CST&E (IT) HQ with the direction to upload the same on the official website.
15. The Jt. Commissioner of State Taxes and Excise (Flying Squad) (SZ/CZ/NZ) Parwanoo, Una and Palampur, H.P.
16. All the Dy. Commissioner of State Taxes and Excise, I/c District, H.P.
17. The Asstt. Commissioner of State Taxes and Excise I/c Distt. Kinnaur, H.P.
18. Guard file.

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