

DEPARTMENT OF STATE TAXES AND EXCISE
HIMACHAL PRADESH

No.7-238/2024-EXN-

Dated Shimla-09

2024

ORDER

Whereas, the Bye Elections for Various Assembly Constituencies in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Uttrakhand, West Bengal are scheduled to be held on 10th July, 2024 and Counting is scheduled to take place on 13th July, 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 48 hours before the close of polls and the counting day as "Dry Days".

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 Himachal Pradesh as under :-


Name of State	Date (s) of Poll	Date of Counting	Dates Declaring for Dry Days.	Remark
Himachal Pradesh	10-07-2024	13-07-2024	08-07-2024 (6:00 PM) to 10-07-2024 (6:00 PM) and 13-07-2024	10 Dehra AC, 38 Hamirpur AC and 51 Nalagarh AC and area upto 3 kms of the respective Assembly Constituencies.
Punjab	10-07-2024	13-07-2024	08-07-2024 (6:00 PM) to 10-07-2024 (6:00 PM) and 13-07-2024	Area upto 3 kms of the Inter-State Border falling within 51 Nalagarh AC in Revenue District BBN (District Solan),

Further, on all the days/periods specified above and 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. 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. 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.

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/Punjab for information please.
2. The Chief Electoral Officer, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-09 for information please.
3. The Principal Secretary (Home) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh for information please.
4. The Principal Secretary (ST&E) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh for information please.
5. The Commissioner of Excise Punjab for information and necessary action please.
6. The Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Electoral Officer, Solan, Hamirpur, Kangra, Himachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please.
7. The Superintendent of Police, Solan, BBN Baddi, Hamirpur and Kangra 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/CZ/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/CZ/NZ) Parwanoo, Una and Palampur, H.P. for information and necessary action please
12. All the Dy. Commissioner of State Taxes and Excise, I/c District, H.P. for information and necessary action please
13. The Asstt. Commissioner of State Taxes and Excise I/c Distt. Kinnaur, H.P. for information and necessary action please
14. The Reader to the Financial Commissioner (Excise), H.P.
15. Guard file.


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