

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO.1819 OF 2014

M/s. 21st Century Entertainment Pvt. Ltd. Petitioner
Vs.
Union of India & Others Respondents

Mr. Dinesh Kumar Jain i/by PKA Advocates for the
Petitioner.

Mr. D.A. Dube with Mr. N.R. Prajapati and Mr. Y.R.
Mishra for the Respondent No.1-UoI.

Mr. Shrishailya S. Deshmukh for the Respondent
Nos.2 and 3.

CORAM: S.C. DHARMADHIKARI &
DR. SHALINI PHANSALKAR-JOSHI, JJ.

DATE : JULY 11, 2016

P.C:

All that this Court can direct in this petition is, if
there is an application and stated to be made for renewal of
licences to operate and run a retail-sale business of Indian made
foreign liquor/beer and in the premises, more particularly
described in the writ petition, then, that should be decided by
the Competent Authority as expeditiously as possible and within

a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Our order and direction does not oblige the respondents to renew the licences. They must take a decision on merit and strictly in accordance with law and the applicable policies. If they demand curbing of illegal and unauthorised liquor trade, then, that should be strictly enforced, irrespective of any direction of this nature. The writ petition is disposed of.

(DR. SHALINI PHANSALKAR-JOSHI, J.)

(S.C. DHARMADHIKARI, J.)