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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

WRIT PETITION NO. 10664 OF 2016

Sumit Ravindra Galinde

...Petitioner

Vs.

The Collector of Pune & Ors.

...Respondents

Mrs. Veena B. Thadhani, Advocate for the Petitioner

Ms. A.D. Vhatkar, AGP for the State

CORAM : M.S. KARNIK, J.

DATED : 10th OCTOBER, 2016

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Heard learned Counsel for the Petitioner and the learned
AGP appearing for Respondent Nos. 1, 2 & 3.

2. The Petitioner has challenged the order at **Exhibit-E** dated
NIL April, 2016 passed by Respondent No.1 the Collector of
Pune, State Excise Department, District Pune. The Petitioner has
also filed an appeal under Section 137(2) of the Maharashtra
Prohibition Act, 1949 (hereinafter referred to as the Act) before
the 2nd Respondent. The said appeal is pending since then.
Today when the matter came up for admission the only grievance

made by the Petitioner is that the Respondent No.2 the Appellate Authority may be directed to hear the appeal as expeditiously as possible.

3. According to the Petitioner if he succeeds in the Appeal he will be able to commence business and as of now he is paying huge amounts as licence fees each year to keep the licence alive without being able to commence business.

4. The prayer made by the learned Counsel for the Petitioner is reasonable. Accordingly the Respondent No.2 is directed to decide the appeal filed under Section 137(2) of the Act, the appeal memo of which is at **Exhibit-G** to the present Petition within a period of 4 weeks from 14th October, 2016. The same be decided on its own merits in accordance with law. The Petitioner undertakes to appear before Respondent No.2 on 14th October, 2016 at 11. a.m.

5. The Writ Petition is accordingly disposed of.

(M.S. KARNIK, J.)