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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**  
**CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**  
**WRIT PETITION NO.8911 OF 2024**

Deepak R. Keswani

.. Petitioner

**Versus**

The State of Maharashtra & Anr.

.. Respondents

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**Mr.Arvind Aswani**, Advocate for the Petitioner.

**Ms.S.D. Vyas**, Addl.G.P. for Respondent/State.

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**CORAM :B. P. COLABAWALLA &**  
**ARIF S. DOCTOR, JJ.**

**DATE : JULY 08, 2024**

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**1.** The above Writ Petition is filed seeking quashing and setting aside the Order/Communication dated 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024 bearing No.FLR112024/HOTELSAMAR/PI-CHI passed by Respondent No.2. No show cause notice was issued to the Petitioner to show cause as to why his license should not be suspended. By order dated 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024 the liquor license granted to the Petitioner has been suspended indefinitely.

**2.** The grievance made by the Petitioner is that under no circumstances can the license be suspended indefinitely and the authorities ought to pass an order in relation to the Petitioner's case in which a hearing took place on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**3.** The learned advocate submitted that in the facts of Petitioner's case, the violations alleged are all compoundable and do not warrant suspension of the license. He therefore, submitted that the suspension order ought to be stayed till the order is passed by Respondent No.2 in the case of the Petitioner.

**4.** We have heard the learned counsel for the Petitioner at some length. We are not inclined to stay the suspension order because we are inclined to direct Respondent No.2 to pass its order in relation to the hearing held by him on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (Petitioner's case) within a period of 4 weeks from today. Once this is the case, we do not think that the suspension order ought to be stayed because on the passing of the order by Respondent No.2, the suspension order will automatically come to an end, unless some punishment is imposed for the alleged offences.

**5.** In these circumstances, we dispose of this Writ Petition by directing Respondent No.2 to pass an order in relation to the hearing held by him on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in relation to FLR112024/HOTELSAMAR/PI-CHI as expeditiously as possible, and in any event, within a period of 4 weeks from today. Needless to add that we have not opined on the merits of the matter which shall be decided by Respondent No.2 whilst passing its order.

**6.** Writ Petition is accordingly disposed of. However, there shall be no order as to costs.

**7.** This order will be digitally signed by the Private Secretary/ Personal Assistant of this Court. All concerned will act on production by fax or email of a digitally signed copy of this order.

**[ARIF S. DOCTOR, J.]**

**[B. P. COLABAWALLA, J.]**