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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPC No. 3563 of 2026

- M/s Legend Distilleries Private Limited A Company Registered Under Companies Act Through Its Power Of Attorney Holder Mr. Debashish Chakraborty S/o Late Shri Kamlesh Chakraborty Aged About 44 Years Having Site Office At Plot No. 97 C, Sector -A, Industrial Area, Sirgitti, District -Bilaspur (C.G.) -491995

... Petitioner(s)

versus

1. State Of Chhattisgarh Through Principal Secretary, Commercial Tax (Excise) Department, Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar Nava Raipur, District -Raipur C.G.
2. Commissioner, Excise, G.S.T. Bhawan, Sector 19, Nava Raipur, District -Rraipur (C.G.)
3. Additional Commissioner, Excise, G.S.T. Bhawan, Sector 19, Nava Raipur, District -Rraipur (C.G.)
4. Collector, District -Bilaspur
5. Managing Director, Chhattisgarh State Beverages Corporation Limited, Chokranala, Labhandi, District -Raipur (C.G.)
6. Senior Technical Director, N.I.C., Chokra Nala Labhandi, District - Raipur

... Respondent(s)

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For Petitioner	:	Mr. Manoj Paranjpe, learned Senior Counsel appears alongwith Mr. Ashish Tiwari, Advocate.
For Respondent/ State	:	Mr. Shobhit Mishra, Dy. Govt. Advocate.
For Respondent No.5	:	Ms. Sara Jain, Advocate.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amitendra Kishore Prasad

Order on Board

03/11/2026

1. By way of the present writ petition, the petitioner seeks issuance of an appropriate writ, order or direction commanding the respondents to immediately issue the User ID and password required for operationalising the petitioner's CS1-B (Country Liquor) licence and to permit the petitioner to commence procurement and supply operations in accordance with law. The petitioner further seeks quashing of the impugned notice/order dated 02.07.2026 issued by respondent No. 3, whereby the User ID and password issued for operating the FL-9 licence in respect of Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) have been withheld/suspended without complying with the principles of natural justice or the statutory requirements under Section 31 of the Chhattisgarh Excise Act, 1915. The petitioner, therefore, seeks following reliefs, including quashing of the impugned communication and restoration of its Live ID and password :

> *"10.1. Call for the entire records of the case; and/or,*
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> *10.2. Issue a writ of certiorari or any other appropriate writ setting aside / quashing the action of Respondent - State in issuing the order / notice dated 02.07.2026 (ANNEXURE P-16) as being arbitrary, illegal and bad in law and being in clear violation of principles of natural justice; and/or,."*

10.3. Issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ order or direction qua the Respondent No. 1 & 2 to act upon the letter submitted by Petitioner seeking issuance of User ID and password with respect to CS1-B license for procurement and supply of Country Liquor; and/or,

10.4. Pass any other order that this court may deem fit in the facts and circumstances of the case."

2. Learned Counsel appearing for the State submits that, despite service of notice, the petitioner did not appear before the concerned authority. Consequently, his Live ID and password were blocked by order dated 02.07.2026 issued by Respondent No.3- Additional Commissioner Excise, Raipur to secure his presence. He further submits that the petitioner has now appeared before the concerned authority and that, in view of the order dated 09.07.2026 passed by this Court, his Live ID and password have been restored.

3. Learned Counsel for the Petitioner submits that, since the petitioner has already appeared before the concerned authority and his Live ID and password have been restored, he does not wish to press the present petition at this stage. However, he prays that liberty may be reserved in favour of the petitioner to approach this Court again if any adverse order is passed against him. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the basis for initiating the proceedings against the petitioner no longer survives, as the Madhya Pradesh High Court has passed an order in favour of the distillery company, which has subsequently been affirmed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 27.10.2026 passed in ***The State of Madhya***

Pradesh and Another v. SOM Distilleries Pvt. Ltd. & Others, arising out of SLP (C) Nos. 36079–36080 of 2026.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the material available on record.

5. Having considered the submissions advanced by learned counsel for the parties, this Court finds that the petitioner's Live ID and password have already been restored and in the meanwhile, on 24.09.2026 the Hon'ble Madhya Pradesh High Court vide common judgment in WP No. 22400/2026 and WP No. 25859/2026 set-aside the order of Excise Department, Bhopal and directed for renewal/restoration of license in the State of Madhya Pradesh. Further, the said judgment has been affirmed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 27.10.2026 in SLP (C) No.36079-36080/2026. Hence, the basis of the order dated 02.07.2026 issued by the Excise Department, Chhattisgarh does not survive any more, as such, the present petition is disposed off in light of the orders passed by the Hon'ble MP High Court and order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

6. All pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

Sd/-
(Amitendra Kishore Prasad)
Judge

Chandrakant