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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

WPC No. 3551 of 2026

- Som Distilleries And Breweries Odisha Pvt. Ltd. Company Registered Under The Companies Act Having Its Registered Office At 23, Zone - II Maharana Pratap Nagar Bhopal 462011 M.P. And Plant At Mouza Barpada Po Garudagaon Ps Tangi Tahasil Tangi Choudwar District- Cuttack - 754022 Odisha Through Shri Baldev Kumar Arora S/o Shri Pritam Das Arora Aged About 60 Years R/o 81 -B Rambag Colony Shinde Ki Chawani - Lashkar R.S. Grid Gwalior- 474002 M.P.

... Petitioner

CHANDRAKANT DEWANGAN

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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- Raipur (C.G.).
3. Additional Commissioner Excise G.S.T. Bhawan Sector- 19, Nava Raipur District Raipur (C.G.).
4. Collector, District- Bilaspur.
5. Collector, District – Raipur.
6. Managing Director, Chhattisgarh State Beverages Corporation Limited Chokranala Labhandi, District- Raipur (C.G.)

... Respondent(s)

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.6	:	Ms. Sara Jain, Advocate.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Amitendra Kishore Prasad

Order on Board

03/11/2026

1. By way of the present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the petitioner, a company engaged in the manufacture and bottling of foreign liquor (beer) in the State of Odisha, challenges the communication dated 02.07.2026 issued by respondent No. 3, whereby its Live ID and password required for operating its licensed business in the State of Chhattisgarh were deactivated. The petitioner contends that the impugned action was taken without prior notice, an opportunity of hearing, or disclosure of the material relied upon, in violation of the principles of natural justice and the procedure prescribed 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, order or direction setting aside / quashing the order / notice dated 02.07.2026 (ANNEXURE P-7) issued by Respondent No. 3 as being arbitrary, illegal and bad in law and being in clear violation of principles of natural justice; and/or,*

10.3. 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-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