

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
FINANCE (TAXATION) DEPARTMENT

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

Dated Dispur, the 12th September, 2016

No.FTX.95/2016/4 : In the light of announcement in the budget speech vide para 47, Governor of Assam is pleased to constitute the following Committee to recommend rates of duties/taxes both under Excise and VAT in liquor, keeping in mind the associated health hazards and trade diversion:

1. Chairman - Shri R. T. Jindal, IAS (Retired)
2. Member - Commissioner of Taxes, Assam
3. Member - Commissioner of Transport, Assam
4. Member - Dr. Gautam Mazumdar, HoD, Economics Deptt., Cotton College
5. Member - Shri Bhaskarjyoti Bora, HoD, Commerce Deptt., Gauhati University
6. Member Convenor - Commissioner of Excise, Assam

As it involves revenue generation of the State, recommendation from the Committee is sought within a fixed timeline, preferably by 30.9.2016. The Committee constituted would examine the following terms of reference:

1. To suggest an optimum Excise Duty/VAT structure for the State of Assam keeping in mind the resource mobilization for the State, associated health hazards and trade diversion to the neighbouring states due to less competitive pricing.
2. To suggest reforms in various permit/pass fees to protect the State revenue, local industry and employment.
3. To suggest the distance restriction criteria from educational, religious institutions, hospitals and nursing homes, National and State Highways and from shops of similar description.
4. To suggest the opening and closing hours of different kinds of licensed premises.
5. To suggest DRY DAYS in a calendar year.
6. To suggest Licence Fee rates of IMFL 'OFF' and 'ON' licences to protect the interests of local unemployed youth as well as to protect the interest of State revenue.
7. To suggest a standard formula for production of IMFL per unit of ENA received.
8. To suggest reforms in licence fee and duty structure for liquor meant for defence personnel and military canteens.
9. To suggest measures for curbing illicit-fake and non-duty paid liquor and plugging revenue leakages.
10. Any other associated taxes matter related to excisable goods/commodities/services which add to the overall cost of the item vis-à-vis neighbouring States.

Shri R.T. Jindal, IAS, (Retired), is to be extended all the facilities such as room, Secretariat, Vehicle, Security, Bungalow Peon etc. he was eligible at the time of his retirement and remuneration will be fixed at the level of his last drawn salary minus pension. In this regards, Finance (Taxation) Department will examine and take action as per rules.

Excise Department will serve the above Committee and all logistic support, etc. as required by the Committee will be arranged accordingly.

Sd/- V. B. Pyarelal
Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam,
Finance Department, Dispur.

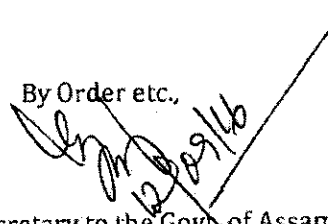
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1. P.S. to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam for appraisal of the Hon'ble Minister.
2. P.S. to the Hon'ble Finance Minister, Assam for appraisal of the Hon'ble Minister.
3. S. O. to the Chief Secretary, Assam for information.
4. Shri R.T. Jindal, IAS, (Retired) Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Industries & Commerce Department.
5. P.S. to the Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Finance Department.
6. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam, Excise Department.
7. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam, Transport Department.
8. The Commissioner of Taxes, Assam, Kar-Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
9. Dr. Gautam Mazumdar, HoD, Economics Deptt., Cotton College, Panbazar, Guwahati-1.
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By Order etc.,


Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Finance (Taxation) Department