

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATHI

MAIN CASE: W.P.No.10625 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl. No	DATE	ORDER	Office Note
1.	21.04.2026	<u>TRR, J</u> Through impugned proceedings dated 18.04.2026, the 4th respondent has suspended the petitioner's A4 shop licence by invoking Section 31(1)(b) of the Andhra Pradesh Excise Act, 1968, until further orders, pending further enquiry in the interest of public. 2. The said proceedings were assailed in the present writ petition on the ground that the respondents have issued a show cause notice on 04.04.2026 and the petitioner has submitted his explanation to the respondents. Without considering the same, the present suspension order came to be passed, <i>vide</i> impugned proceedings dated 18.04.2026, and it is clear violation of Principles of Natural Justice. Hence, prayed to set aside the said proceedings. 3. Learned Government Pleader for Excise Department, appearing on behalf of respondents, fairly admitted that the respondents ought not to have suspended the licence until further orders and requested this Court to direct the 4th respondent to conclude the enquiry as expeditiously as possible.	

		4. In view of the above submissions, the 4th respondent is directed to conclude the enquiry as expeditiously as possible. Till such time, the 4th respondent is directed not to interfere with the business activities of the petitioner. 5. For filing counter-affidavit, list this matter after Summer Vacation, 2026. <u>TRR,J</u> <i>KBN</i>	
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