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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI  
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)**

**TUESDAY, THE TWENTY FIRST DAY OF APRIL  
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

**:PRESENT:**

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE TARLADA RAJASEKHAR RAO**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 10625 OF 2026**

**Between:**

Bokka Lakshmi, W/o. Venkata Srinivas, Aged about 44 years, R/o. D.No.4-173, East Street, Near Anjaneya Temple, Sangam Village AND Mandal, SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh -524308

**.... Petitioner**

**AND**

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Revenue (Excise) Department, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District - 522237.
2. The Commissioner of Prohibition AND Excise, Commissionerate of Prohibition and Excise, Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh. 522503
3. The District Prohibition and Excise Officer, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District. 524001
4. The Prohibition and Excise Inspector, State Task Force (STF), III Team, Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh 522503
5. The- Station House Officer, Prohibition and Excise Station, Buchireddypalem, SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh . 524305

**.... Respondents**

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is filed, praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue a Writ of Mandamus declaring the proceedings Rc.No.308/2024/A2 dated 18.04.2026 issued by the 3<sup>rd</sup> respondent suspending the A4 licence No. NLR /92/2024-2026 dated 18.11.2024 and

Seizing the A4 shop in G.SL.No. NLR/92/2024-26, M/s Kaveri Wines, Near Bus Stand, Sangam (V and M), SPSR Nellore District as illegal, arbitrary, without jurisdiction, violative of principles of natural justice, contrary to Government policy and Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently set aside the same by permitting the petitioner to run the A4 shop in G.SL.No. NLR/92/2024-26, M/s Kaveri Wines, Near Bus Stand, Sangam (V and M), SPSR Nellore District.

**IA NO: 1 OF 2026**

Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed, praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to suspend the operation of the impugned proceedings Rc.No.308/2024/A2 dated 18.04.2026 and consequently direct the respondents to forthwith de-seal the petitioner's licensed premises i.e., A4 shop in G.SL.No. NLR/92/2024-26, M/s Kaveri Wines, Near Bus Stand, Sangam (V&M), SPSR Nellore District and permit the petitioner to reopen and continue the business, Pending disposal of WP 10625 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of SRI BHOOMA MAHARSHI REDDY Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR PROHIBITION EXCISE for the Respondent Nos.1 to 5, and the Court made the following.

**ORDER**

Through impugned proceedings dated 18.04.2026, the 4<sup>th</sup> 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, vide 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 4<sup>th</sup> respondent to conclude the enquiry as expeditiously as possible.**

**4. In view of the above submissions, the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent is directed to conclude the enquiry as expeditiously as possible. Till such time, the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**SD/- T.SRINIVASA RAO  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

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**SECTION OFFICER**

**To,**

- 1. The Principal Secretary, Revenue (Excise) Department, State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District - 522237.**

2. The Commissioner of Prohibition AND Excise, Commissionerate of Prohibition and Excise, Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh. 522503
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5. The- Station House Officer, Prohibition and Excise Station, Buchireddypalem, SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh . 524305(1 to 5 by RPAD)
6. One CC to SRI. BHOOMA MAHARSHI REDDY Advocate [OPUC]
7. Two CCs to GP FOR PROHIBITION EXCISE ,High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
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**HIGH COURT**

**TRR, J**

**DATED:21/04/2026**

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**ORDER**

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**DIRECTION**

