



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

[3332]

TUESDAY, THE 7th DAY OF JULY 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

WRIT PETITION NO: 18207/2026

Between:

M/s.bahubali Wines, and Others

...PETITIONER(S)

AND

The State Of Andhra Pradesh and Others

...RESPONDENT(S)

Counsel for the Petitioner(S):

1.HARINADH NIDAMANURI

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

1.GP FOR PROHIBITION EXCISE

The Court made the following:

INTERIM ORDER:

Notice before admission.

2. Learned Government Pleader for Excise takes notice for respondents.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the respondents are collecting excess Retail Excise Tax for the petitioners' shops contrary to the notification. He further submitted that in similar circumstances, a coordinate bench of this Court in W.P.No.7240 of 2026, granted interim orders, accordingly, prayed to pass similar orders in this writ petition.

4. On the other hand, learned Government Pleader for Excise vehemently opposed for granting interim orders and sought time for filing counter. He further submitted the petitioner has no case for granting interim order.

5. Perused the record.

6. When this Court is inclined to grant two weeks time, learned Government Pleader insisted for four weeks time for filing counter.

7. When an Interlocutory application has been filed, the question of granting long time would not be proper as this Court has to adjudicate the interlocutory stay application and if not adjudicated, it amounts to denial of justice. However, a perusal of the order referred by learned counsel for the petitioner would go to show that there is a direction to the respondents to re-fix the Retail Excise Tax as per 2011 census.

8. *Prima facie*, a point has been made out for consideration, as such, this Court is inclined to pass the following interim order:

“The respondents are directed to re-fix the Retail Excise Tax as per 2011 census.”

9. For counters, post on 04.08.2026.

JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI

Date: 07th July, 2026

Note: Issue C.C. by 07.07.2026

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