

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

**WRIT PETITION NO. 5941 OF 2026**

Jalgaon Jilha Retail Wine Association Through Its  
Authorized Member Pramod V. Bari  
Versus  
The District Collector Jalgaon And Others

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Adv. V. S. Undre for the Petitioner  
Mr. P. S. Patil, Addl.GP for State  
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**CORAM : SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE &  
VAISHALI PATIL-JADHAV, JJ.**

**DATE : 15.06.2026**

**PER COURT :**

1. Not on board. On mentioning, taken on board.
2. Heard.
3. Issue notice to the respondents. Learned AGP waives service for respondent Nos. 1 and 2.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned AGP for State.
5. By way of this petition, the petitioner - Association is challenging the order dated 09.06.2026 bearing No. FLR/CLR/MLC/DRY DAY-112026/1464/966 passed by respondent No. 1 - District Collector (State Excise), Jalgaon.

6. On going through the said impugned order, it appears that respondent No. 1 has ordered that all the liquor shops of entire Jalgaon District be closed from 04:00 p.m. 16.06.2026 till 04:00 p.m. of 18.06.2026. Additionally, the liquor shops from the aforesaid area are directed to be remained closed on 22.06.2026 also on account of election of Maharashtra Legislative Council.

7. Though learned AGP strongly opposed the submissions made on behalf of the petitioner, but learned counsel for the petitioner relied upon the order of this Court dated 02.02.2017 passed at Principal Seat at Bombay and certain other similar orders. On going through the order dated 02.02.2017 passed in Writ Petition No. 1456 of 2017, this Court observed that such ban on liquor shops for the entire period as mentioned in the impugned order is not proper, especially when the election of legislative council pertains to small constituency.

8. This Court had restricted the said ban only on the day of election as well as on the day of counting.

9. In view of the aforesaid order, we also deem it appropriate to follow the same course. As such, by way of an interim order, we direct that the ban on liquor shops of

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entire Jalgaon District shall remain operative only on 18.06.2026 i.e. the date of election, from 08:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m. and also on the date of counting and declaration of results i.e. on 22.06.2026 from 08:00 a.m. till all the results are declared.

10. List the petition for further consideration on **24.06.2026.**

11. Parties and all concerned are to act upon the authenticated copy of this order duly signed by Sheristedar of this Court.

**[VAISHALI PATIL-JADHAV]**  
**JUDGE**

**[SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE]**  
**JUDGE**