



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR.**

WRIT PETITION NO.4650 OF 2026

SHRI. PRADEEP S/O RAMDEO JAISWAL

VS

STATE OF MAHA. THR., ITS SEC., DEPT. OF STATE EXCISE, MAHARASHTRA,
MUMBAI AND ORS.

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
appearances, Court's orders or directions
and Registrar's orders

Court's or Judge's orders

Mr. S.D. Dewani, Advocate for the petitioner/s
Mr. D.V. Chauhan, G.P./Sr. Advocate a/b Mr. Nitin Autkar, AGP for the
respondent Nos.1 to 3/State

CORAM : ANIL S. KILOR AND RAJ D. WAKODE, JJ.

DATE : 16.06.2026

1. For the reasons to be recorded separately in the order, we pass the following order:
2. Issue notice to the respondents, returnable on **14.07.2026.**
3. The learned AGP waives service of notice for the respondent/State.
4. The petitioners are permitted to serve the remaining respondent and the newly added respondent by private mode, in addition to the regular mode of service and shall file an affidavit by next date, failing which the petitioner shall deposit costs of Rs.500/- in the Public Welfare Account maintained with Union Bank of India, High Court Branch, Civil Lines, Nagpur, bearing Account No.

129712010001014 and IFSC Code UBIN0812978.

5. Office objections(s), if any, shall be removed before the next date.

6. In the meantime, for the reasons stated above, we pass an order in terms similar to that passed by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in Writ Petition No.17302 of 2024 (*Vasai Taluka Hotel Association Vs. District Collector and another*), decided on 24.06.2024, and direct that the closure of liquor shops and prohibition on the sale of liquor shall be restricted only to the polling day, i.e. 18.06.2026, in the entire Gondia District and all other days stand exempted.

(RAJ D. WAKODE, J.)

(ANIL S. KILOR, J.)