GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Taxes (G) Department

NOTIFICATION

G. O. (P) No. 124/2015/ID.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 14th July, 2015
29th Mithunam, 1190.

S. R. O. No. 461/2015. In exercise of the powers conferred by sections
18A and 29 of the Abkari Act, I of 1077, the Government of Kerala
hereby make the following rules further to amend the Kerala Abkari Shops
30th March, 2002 and published as S.R.O. No. 198/2002 in the Kerala
Gazette Extraordinary No. 376 dated 30th March, 2002, namely:

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GOVERNMENT CENTRAL PRESS, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, 2015.
1. **Short title and commencement.** (1) These rules may be called the Kerala Abkari Shops Disposal (2nd Amendment) Rules, 2015.

   (2) They shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of the Rules.** In the Kerala Abkari Shops Disposal Rules, 2002, in rule 7, for sub-rule (10), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:

   "(10) The Deputy Commissioner of Excise may fix the working hours of shops in each area according to his discretion subject to the condition that the total working hours shall not exceed 12 hours in a day. In respect of FI.1 shops, no shop shall remain open earlier than 9 a.m. or later than 11 p.m. and in the case of toddy shops, no shop shall remain open earlier than 8 a.m. or later than 10 p.m., except on special occasions like fairs and festivals. But the Deputy Commissioner of Excise may relax the above condition, when found necessary."

By order of the Governor.

**Suresh Kumar, V. S.,**

*Additional Secretary to Government.*

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**Explanatory Note**

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Government have decided to re-schedule the working hours of toddy shops as 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. instead of 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. subject to the condition that the total working hours shall not exceed 12 hours in a day. In order to give statutory validity to the above decision, the Kerala Abkari Shops Disposal Rules 2002, need to be amended.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.