



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

## Abstract

Taxes Department - Abkari Policy for the year 2010-2011 - Orders issued.

Taxes (G) Department

G.O. (Ms) No.55/2010/TD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram. 05-03-2010.

Read :- 1. Letter No.XA1-28700/09/TD dated 28-01-2010 from the Commissioner of Excise,  
Thiruvananthapuram.

2. Letter No.KSBC/FM/40/09-10/511 dated 24-12-2009 from the M.D., K.S.B.C., Tvpm.

ORDER

Government have been following a consistent policy of protecting the Toddy Sector which is a traditional and job oriented industry. Government are committed to ensure that Toddy Shops function in hygienic conditions and only pure toddy is sold through these shops. Government have also taken effective steps to avoid benamies from the Toddy Sector. As part of further improving this sector, Government propose to start Toddy Parlours in all districts. Steps taken by the Government to strengthen and reorganize district level administration of Excise Department have yielded good results. Transportation and sale of illicit liquor could be curbed considerably. Government have given additional powers to Assistant Excise Commissioners at the district level, and they are put in full charge of enforcement in the districts. Government propose to further strengthen enforcement by establishing new Ranges, posting additional personnel and providing new vehicles, arms, equipments etc., and ensure that sale of illicit liquor is fully put and end to.

2. To cope up with the requirements of time, the Abkari Act has been amended as recommended by Lalithambika Committee and Government proposes to make further amendments in the Act and Rules to improve the efficiency of Excise Department.

3. With a view to discourage liquor consumption, Government have launched awareness programmes like magic shows, filming of documentaries etc. and they have been well received by the public. Government intend to launch more such programmes covering more sections of the society.

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#### 4. Toddy

1. Toddy shops functioned during 2009-10 will be allowed to function in 2010-11 also. Toddy shops run by co-operative societies in the districts of Kasargode, Kannur, Kozhikode and Mamala, Perumbavoor and Piravom Ranges in Ernakulam District will be allotted to Workers Co-operative Societies during 2010-11 as well.
2. Toddy shops will be sold in groups consisting of 5-7 shops. The unsold shops will be sold range-wise / thaluk-wise. If any shop still remained unsold, the same will be entrusted with workers committee.
3. Rental of the Toddy Shops will remain the same as in 2009-10.
4. Preference will be given to those persons who were running Toddy Shops during 2009-2010.
5. Toddy Shops functioning in objectionable sites as per Government Orders, the building of which require repair will be allowed to be relocated to a new location provided such new location is within 50 mts. radius of the previous one. Toddy Shops which functioned till 2006-07 and which are sought to be relocated within 50 mts. radius of the previous site for carrying out repair to the building etc. will be deemed as functional during 2009-2010.
6. Minimum number of trees to be tapped for each Toddy Shop will be as follows:
 

Coconut trees	-	50
Palmyra	-	100
Choonda pana	-	25
7. At present Toddy shops are sold and licenced in groups. Where one or more of the licensees die or abandon the shop, the other licensees in the group will be allowed to conduct the shop for the remaining period.
8. Provision will be made for paying the cost of liquor taken as sample under Abkari Act to the licensee.

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## 5. Foreign Liquor

1. All FL-3 licences not having the requisite star qualification and are functional during 2009-2010 will be regularized.
2. The date for payment of gallonage fee by the FL-9 licensee on the quantity of IMFL sold by the licensee is on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, Government proposes to give time till 10<sup>th</sup> May for making the payment by the FL-9 licensee.
3. The word 'sales' under the Rule 15 A of Foreign Liquor Rules will be amended so as to exclude
  - a. transfer of liquor from one FL-9 licence premises to another FL-9 licence premises of K.S.B.C.
  - b. go down breakage in FL-9 licence premises.
4. Fee for FL 4 A Club licence will be enhanced from the present Rs.8 lakhs to Rs.15 lakhs. All other fees under the FL and Distillery and Ware House Rules will remain the same during 2010-2011.
5. In the Abkari Policy for the year 2008-09, it was decided that use of non-recyclable and non-biodegradable plastic bottles will be discontinued in a phased manner and environment friendly, reusable glass bottles will be put in their place. It was also decided that to begin with, plastic bottles of 750 ml. will be discontinued from 01-04-2009. This period was extended upto 31-03-2010 in the Abkari Policy for the year 2009-10. In view of the shortage of glass bottles, Government now proposes to extend the above period till 31-03-2011.

By Order of the Governor.

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Principal Secretary to Government.

To

1. The Commissioner of Excise, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. The Managing Director, Kerala State Beverages Corporation, Thiruvananthapuram.
3. The Accountant General (A & E / Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
4. The General Administration (SC) Department. vide item No.4299 dated 03-03-2010.
5. The Information and Public Relation Department - for giving wide publicity.
6. S.F. / O.C.

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