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To

The, Secretary  
Ministry of Urban Development,  
Government of India  
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

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Min. of Urban Development  
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To: DIR(DD)

Subject: Amendment in MPD-2021 regarding expansion of network of retail liquor vends in notified commercial street/areas and in Convenience Shopping Centers.

Sir,

The Government of NCT of Delhi is in the process of expanding the network of retail liquor vends in the national capital territory of Delhi. At present, there are 358 retail vends of Indian/Foreign Liquor hiring licence L-6 in public sector, 90 retail vends of Indian/Foreign Liquor hiring licence L-7 in Private Sector and 27 retail vends in shopping malls in private sector hiring licence L-10. Thus, there are as total of **475** retail liquor vends in NCT of Delhi.

The number of retail liquor vends per 1 lac of population in **Delhi** is **around 3** whereas the same figure in respect of Bangalore is **9.95**, in Chandigarh is **14.41**, and Chennai is **10.04**. In Mumbai this ratio is **4.5** and additionally there are 2000 permits rooms also for on-site consumption. Even neighbouring districts of Delhi which come in the NCR fare much better on this count as number of vends per 1 lac population in Gurgaon is **10.96** while for the same population in Faridabad it is **7.39**. Further in Delhi there are **3** assembly constituencies which do not have even a single liquor vend; **3** constituencies have **01** liquor vend, **5** constituencies have **02** vends and **10** constituencies have only **03** liquor vends. An assembly constituency in Delhi roughly consists of around 2 to 2.5 lac people and in the constituencies where the number of retail vends is less than 6, it is grossly inadequate and as such the present situation is not conducive to supply/availability of fruitful/authorized liquor. The number of retail vends in Delhi is much less in comparison to other metropolitan cities and the vend to consumer ratio too is very low in Delhi.

a) Government of NCT of Delhi has long been of the view that there is a need to open more retail liquor vends to maintain a healthy consumer to vend ratio, particularly in un-served and under-served areas. A hooch tragedy occurred in Mangolpuri area in 2009. Deaths were caused due to consumption of illicit liquor.

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A magisterial inquiry identified 'insufficient availability and accessibility of authorized potable liquor in areas where death have occurred' as the main cause. However, the department is finding it very difficult to expand the existing network of retail liquor vends due to lack of availability of approved commercial sites especially in unauthorized colonies, resettlement colonies, JJ clusters, urban villages, rural areas and border areas.

Accordingly, the matter was placed before the Council of Ministers for expansion of the retail liquor vend network. The Cabinet decided that the matter may be taken up with the Ministry of Urban Development for appropriate amendments in the Master Plan Delhi (MPD) 2021 for allowing opening of liquor shops in areas other than approved commercial areas. The following actions are requested:

1. Amend MPD-2021 to allow opening of new retail liquor shops in notified commercial streets/areas which for other business purposes have been taken at par with the local shopping centers, as also in mixed land use areas.
2. Amend MPD-2021 to allow opening of retail liquor vends in Convenient Shopping Centers (CSC), as there is no specific mention of this activity in MPD-2021 & MPD-2001 and also in view of the fact that there is no negative list of trade for CSCs.

Yours sincerely

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