

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**

**Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.4536 of 2014**

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Nawal Kishore Singh, son of Late Chandeshwar Singh, resident of  
Chandmari Road, P.S. - Kankarbagh , District – Patna.

.... .... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through the Commissioner, Excise and Prohibition  
Department, Bihar, Patna.
2. The Secretary, Excise and Prohibition Department, Bihar, Patna.
3. The Member, Board of Revenue, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.
4. The Collector, Patna.

.... .... Respondents

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**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Suraj Narain Yadav, Advocate

For the Respondent/s : Mr. Lalit Kishore, P. A. A. G.

Mr. Vikash Kumar, A.C. to P.A.A.G.

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE**

**And**

**HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHWANI KUMAR SINGH**

**ORAL ORDER**

**(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)**

10. 31-07-2014

The petitioner, a licensee of the Indian Made Foreign Liquor, has approached this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution for a direction to the respondent-State of Bihar to lay down specific criteria or procedure for fixation of minimum guarantee quantity of Indian Made Foreign Liquor and the Beer.

It appears that under Resolution dated 7<sup>th</sup> June 2007, the State Government has issued several directions in

respect of issuance of licence for retail sale of the liquor, minimum guarantee quantity, price etc. The minimum guarantee quantity is calculated on the basis of the population of the area in question.

This being purely administrative function of the State Government, this Court shall not interfere in exercise of power under Article 226 of the Constitution. Besides, it is not a case of the petitioner that the guidelines issued by the State Government are arbitrary or discriminatory.

We see no merit in this Petition. Petition is summarily rejected.

**(R.M. Doshit, CJ)**

**(Ashwani Kumar Singh, J)**

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