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2. The guidelines on the excise policy in tribal areas are, however, still not followed by all the State Govts./UTs and as a result commercial vending of liquor continues in some of the States. Some States have stopped partially the practice of commercial vending of alcoholic beverage in the tribal areas and are allowing it in places having urban characteristics. This defeats the very purpose of the guidelines to save the tribals from the clutches of the venders of alcoholic beverage affecting health and economy of the tribals.

3. The Parliamentary Committee on the Welfare of SCs & STs in its 51st Report on the working of the ITDPs in Maharashtra, has also recommended that other states should also resort to ~~the~~ anti-liquor campaign in their respective tribal areas as has been done extensively by State Govt. of Maharashtra.

4. It is, therefore, once again requested that the guidelines on excise policy in tribal areas may be implemented in letter and spirit.

5. Action taken in the matter may please be intimated to this Ministry. In case the State Govt. has formulated any liquor policy, the same may be sent to this Ministry.

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