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To

The Chief Secretaries

Sub : EXCISE POLICY IN TRIBAL AREAS

Sir,

I am directed to say that guidelines have been issued to the states from time to time on excise policy that may be followed in tribal areas. The three basic points which are to be adopted according to the guidelines are as follows :

- i) Commercial vending of alcoholic beverage should be discontinued in tribal areas.
- ii) Scheduled Tribes may be permitted to brew their traditional beverages for consumption at home and on religious and social occasions.
- iii) Attempts may be made to wean the Scheduled Tribes away from the habit of drinking alcoholic beverages and for this purpose, official and nonofficial voluntary organisations may be encouraged to take up work in the tribal areas.

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