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Chief Secretary to Govt.

Govt. of Odisha

Sub : Request for Permission to Open Bars in Odisha

Respected Sir,

We express our sincere thanks and gratitude to our Government for permitting opening up the Lord Jagannath temple at Puri, Lingaraj Temple at Bhubaneswar etc. for general public with strictly following the guidelines of covid.

Further, Hotels & Restaurants in Odisha are now become operational and lot of traffic movement in the corporate, mines, IT sector, tourists etc., are also happening.

Sir, although Govt. of India has allowed all bars to be operational and many other state governments have already declared for opening up of bars since September 2020, Odisha Govt. is still withholding the opening up of the bars.

We sincerely request your esteemed office to kindly declare opening up of bars in Odisha abiding with all norms of covid guidelines which will be the revenue generating for the Government.

Further, we once again reiterate our demands for exemption of Bar License Fees which the Department has forceively collected from the hoteliers during the lockdown period.

We would request your esteemed office to kindly take up the matter urgently and oblige.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

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