

Circular No: 29/2012

**Sub: Prevention of sale of liquor to persons below 18 years of age –
Instructions issued - Reg.**

Read: (1) The Kerala Abkari Act.
(2) The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000.
(3) The Kerala Police Act, 2011.

It has come to notice that instances of sale and delivery of liquor to persons under 18 years of age are taking place in the outlets of Beverages Corporation, licensed Bar, Toddy Shops etc. This is a serious menace which spoils the younger generation and leading them to criminal tendencies.

(2) Section 15B of the Kerala Abkari Act states that “No person licensed to sell liquor and no person in the employ of such licensed person or acting with the express or implied permission of such licensed person on his behalf shall sell or deliver any liquor to any person under the age of eighteen years”. The offender, on conviction, be punishable with fine which may extend to ₹ 5000/- or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or both.

(3) Further, Sub-section (i) of Section 118 of Kerala Police Act, 2011, states that, “Any person who gives or sells to those who are below eighteen years any intoxicating substance or to children any articles or Substances which are harmful for their physical and mental health or procure the same near school premises for that purpose”. The offender, on conviction, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine not exceeding ₹ 10,000/- or with both.

(4) Moreover, Section 25 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, envisages that “Whoever gives, or causes to be given, to any juvenile or the child any intoxicating liquor in a public place or any narcotic drug or psychotropic substance except upon the order of duly qualified medical practitioner or in case of sickness shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years and shall be liable to fine”.

(5) All the District Police Chiefs are hereby ordered to instruct their field officers to keep surveillance of the outlets of Beverages Corporations, Licensed Bar, Toddy Shops etc, and to take action as per the above laws for effectively preventing the sale of liquor to persons below 18 years of age.

(6) The services of Janamaithry Police and Student Police Cadets may also be effectively used in creating awareness among the young and impressionable age persons in this regard.

Sd/-
**Director General of Police &
State Police Chief, Kerala**

To

All Officers in List 'B'

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