

To,

The Hon'ble Speaker  
Haryana Vidhan Sabha  
Chandigarh

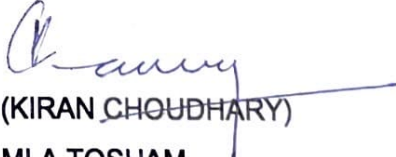
**Subject-Notice under rule 73 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Haryana Legislative Assembly calling attention to the unabated trait in spurious and illicit liquor by the distillers, unscrupulous contractors, vendors in nexus with excise/police officials and influential persons in the Government.**

Respected Sir,

This notice is for calling attention of this August House/Government to the unabated trade and sale of spurious and illicit liquor in the State leading to successive hooch tragedies. In the year 2020 there were reports of unauthorised sale of liquor from distilleries during lockdown. In the year 2020 about 46 persons had died in Panipat/Sonipat due to consumption of spurious/illicit liquor. In November 2022 four people died in Sonipat/Panipat due to consumption of illicit liquor. The latest tragedy has taken place in November 2023 in Ambala/Yamuna Nagar where about 18 person died due to consumption of spurious liquor supplied by the retail vendors casting its ominous and dark shadow over Diwali celebrations.

Such tragedies have been occurring at regular intervals, despite SIT and SET constituted by the State Government at the time of previous incidents. The kingpins of these operations-owners of distilleries, wholesale contractors or senior official are rarely arrested-the Government tending to put the entire blame on small players by netting the small fish. Despite our flagging the concerns the Government has failed to put in place standard operating procedures for affixing of holograms, CCTV Cameras in distilleries and liquor vends. This indicates deep Government nexus warranting a court Monitored CBI probe into the matter.

This is matter of utmost public import, the same may be taken up for discussion, and the Minister concerned may be asked to make a statement on the floor of house as per procedure.

  
(KIRAN CHOUDHARY)  
MLA TOSHAM