

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2040  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2025**

**OPENING OF LIQUOR SHOPS**

**2040. SHRI VE VAITHILINGAM:**

**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formulated guidelines for opening of liquor shops based on the population, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether any restriction in issue of license/permission for starting of distillery units in the water starving area, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SHRI B.L.VERMA)**

(a) & (b): The subject matter of guidelines for opening of liquor shops and license/permission for starting of distillery units lies with the respective State/UT Government.

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