GOVT. OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER EXCISE, ENTT. & LUXURY TAX L-BLOCK, VIKAS BHAWAN, I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI-2

CIRCULAR

There has been mis-interpretation in various newspapers of the circular dated 16.05.2018 issued by the Excise Department. In this regard, it is to inform that Rule 53 (4) of Delhi Excise Rules, 2010 states:

"The licensee shall not permit any professional entertainment or dancing, or the playing of musical instruments or singing by professionals, to be carried on his premises in such a way as to attract the general attention of his customers:

PROVIDED that this condition shall not apply to a hotel or a restaurant or a club licensed in Forms L-15, L-16,L-17,L-28 and L-29, except insofar it is imposed by the Deputy Commissioner by general or special order. However, in the case of L-17 licensee only live singing/playing of instruments by professionals shall be allowed."

The circular of the Excise Department is to be understood only in the limited context of para 53(4) and nothing more should be read out of it. Moreover, on the issue of playing of recorded music in the restaurants, no new direction has been issued by the Excise Department.

This issues with the approval of Commissioner(Excise).

(PRAVEEN'MISHRA)
DY. COMMISSIONER (EXCISE)/
LICENSING AUTHORITY

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Dated: 22/05/2018

1. All the L-17 Licensees of Excise Department, GNCTD of Delhi

2. Manager, TCS, Department of Excise, Entertainment and Luxury Tax, GNCTD with the direction to upload this circular on ESCIMS.