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Complaints are being received from public representatives, RWAs and other fora regarding drinking in public places, particularly around liquor vends, in Delhi. This is an offence under the Delhi Excise Act 2009.

2. It is alleged that a large number of unauthorized 'rehris' and 'thelewalas' congregate around liquor vends selling eggs, 'namkeens' and 'bhujia' etc. Many people buy liquor from these vends and start consuming it at these 'rehris'/ 'thelas' & 'namkeen' stalls and create a situation whereby it becomes difficult for regular shoppers to pass through or visit the area.

3. In order to prevent this, ACsP, Sub-Divisions have been issuing orders under section 144 CrPC for liquor vends to install video cameras outside their stores and record such illegal activities in the immediate vicinity of the liquor vends. However, despite these orders a very large number of vends have not complied with the directions.

4. Drinking in public places is an offence under the Delhi Excise Act 2009 and all ACsP, Sub-Divisions and SHOs are directed to immediately ensure that –

(a) No 'rehri'/ 'thela' or 'namkeen' stall is allowed to be set up within 100 meters of any liquor vend.

(b) Orders issued under section 144 CrPC for installation of CCTV cameras with recording capability are reiterated and enforced to enable supervisory officers to check whether these 'rehri'/ 'thelas' are functioning at such places illegally.

(c) Surprise checks are done by ACsP, Sub-Divisions and SHOs during the evening to ensure compliance of these orders.

5. Disciplinary action be taken against the SHOs, Division and Beat Staff who do not comply with these orders and allow this illegal activity to continue outside liquor vends & other public places.

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