

FORM N-IV

Licence to tap and draw Neera from Nira-producing trees for the supply of Neera to persons Manufacturing gur or any other article which is not an intoxicant from Neera or to persons licensed to sell neera by retail for consumption on premises

Licence is hereby granted under and subject to the provisions of the Bombay Prohibition Act, 1949, and the rules, regulations and orders made thereunder and the conditions of this licence to Shri
 (hereinafter called "the licensee") residing at
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 authorising him during the period commencing from to
 (both days inclusive) to tap for and draw neera from the trees specified in the schedule hereinafter appended (hereinafter referred as "the said trees") growing within the limits of the village of in the taluka of in the district of and in the survey numbers specified in the said schedule for the purpose of supply thereof to persons manufacturing gur or any other article which is not an intoxicant from neera or to persons licensed to sell neera retail for consumption on premises.

This licence is granted subject to the following conditions, namely :

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1. Each of the said trees shall be marked and numbered at the expense of the licensee either by the licensee or by any agent duly authorised by him in this behalf in the manner specified in rule 9 of the Bombay Neera Rules, 1951. The licensee shall not tap or cause to be tapped any of the said trees or draw or cause to be drawn neera therefrom until the said trees are marked and numbered as aforesaid.

2. The licensee shall not convey the neera drawn by him from the said trees to any place except the place where gur or any other article therefrom is manufactured or the place where neera is sold in retail and in respect of which licence in Form N- Ior N-III, as the case may be, is held :

²[Provided that, he may, with the written permission of the Collector or the Superintendent of Prohibition and Excise collect neera drawn from trees in different parts or groves at a convenient central place before conveying it to such place. The licensee may, with a like written permission, collect neera drawn by him at a place where arrangements are made by him for freezing it before conveying it to a place where arrangements are made by him for freezing it before conveying to the place of sale. The licensee shall not draw neera from the said trees after sunset and before 2.00 a.m. (Standard Time) or shall not, except with the written permission of the Collector or the Superintendent of Prohibition and Excise, convey neera from the said trees at any time after 8.00 p.m. (Standard Time).]

3. Juice from any coconut, brab, date or any kind of palm tree shall not be drawn except in a receptacle. Such receptacle before it is used for drawing and collecting neera shall be washed with a freshly prepared solution of permanganate of potash and water. After it is so washed it shall be washed again with pure water in order to make it absolutely clean. After the receptacle is washed and rewashed as provided above, fresh

1 Deleted by G. N. of 4-1-1972.

2 Subs. by G. N. of 25-2-1970.

milk of lime shall be put in such receptacle in the proportion of 3 cubic centimetres for every ¹[900 ml.] of neera to be drawn therein.

Explanation.— In this condition —

(i) “milk of lime” means the solution of water and pulp of quicklime in the proportion of 4 : 1; and

(ii) “pulp of quicklime” means the pulpy precipitate obtained by the gradual addition of water to quicklime.

4. The licensee shall carry on the business either personally or by an agent duly authorised by him in this behalf by a written ²[authorisation certificate] signed by himself. The name of each agent and the date of his appointment shall be communicated forthwith in writing to the Inspector of Prohibition and Excise having charge of the area in which the said place is situated. ³[Within two months of the date of appointment of such agent, the licensee shall get the ²[authorisation certificate] issued to such agent countersigned by the said Inspector of Prohibition and Excise and if he fails to do so, such ²[authorisation certificate] shall cease to be valid.]

No authorisation certificate shall be issued to any person under 21 years of age, and no such authorisation certificate, if issued, shall be valid.

The licensee shall be responsible for breach of any of the conditions of this licence committed by any person so authorised.

5. The licensee shall not adulterate or mix neera with any foreign substance or liquid whatsoever. He shall supply the neera to persons holding a licence in Form N-III at a rate not exceeding that ¹[prescribed by the Government, from time to time under the Act.]

6. ⁴* ** * The unsold balance of neera may be used for manufacturing gur or any other article which is not an intoxicant before it is fermented. Neera which is fermented shall be destroyed forthwith.

7. Any officer of the Prohibition and Excise, revenue or Police Department, shall have free access at any time by day or by night to the trees hereby licensed to be tapped.

⁵[8. No neera shall be kept beyond the day one which it is drawn unless it is kept in cold storage under the temperature at or below 4 C or unless it is boiled, and no such boiled neera shall be kept for more than 24 hours from the time it is boiled.]

9. The licensee shall abide by the conditions of this licence and the provisions of the Bombay Prohibition Act, 1949, and the rules, regulations and orders made thereunder and shall give an undertaking to that effect.

1 Subs. by G. N. of 14-3-1963.

2 Subs. by G. N. of 1-3-1960.

3 Ins. by G. N. of 9-7-1955.

4 Deleted by G. N. of 25-2-1970.

5 Subs. by G. N. of 25-2-1970.

10. The licensee, his heirs, legal representatives or assignees shall have no claim whatsoever to the continuance or renewal of this licence after the expiry of the period for which it is granted. It shall be entirely within the discretion of the Collector to permit or not the assignee of the licence, in case of sale or transfer, or the heir or legal representatives of the licensee, in case of death, to have the benefit of the licence for the unexpired portion of the term for which it is granted.

11. This licence may be suspended or cancelled in accordance with the provisions of section 54 or 56 of the said Act.

Schedule

No. and kind of trees to be tapped (1)	Place and situation of part of Plantation/Village (2)	No. of part of Plantation/Survey No. (3)	Proprietor's name (4)
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Granted this the day of 19 ..

Seal of the Collector

Collector.

1 Subs. by G. N. of 25-3-1970.