

Liquor body seeks end to prohibition in Bihar

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Ahead of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's high-level meeting on prohibition on November 16, the Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies (CIABC), the apex body of alcohol producing companies, has sought an end to prohibition in the State.

In the wake of over 30 hooch deaths earlier this month, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar had announced that he would review each and every detail of the State's

policy in the scheduled meeting on Tuesday but insisted that prohibition would continue.

In a letter to the Chief Minister and leaders of the ruling NDA coalition, the CIABC said, "Bihar is paying a heavy price for its prohibition policy because of availability of spurious liquor, hooch deaths, rise of liquor mafias and huge loss of government revenues."

The CIABC listed out only two positive and 10 negative impacts of prohibition in the State.