

Liquor Shops at Delhi Airport Shut from Today

Delhi returns to old excise regime; shops at domestic terminals run by pvt operators

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New Delhi: As the Delhi government reverts to the old excise regime for running liquor stores, private operator-run booze shops at all three domestic terminals in New Delhi are going to shut down from Thursday. So far, there has been no move by the state government to take over operations of the shops at the airports, a move



that will hurt the liquor trade directly, executives said.

Vinod Giri, director general of Confederation of Indian Alcoholic

Beverage Companies said: "Liquor shops at airports, so popular with travellers, are going to shut down from tomorrow as they were run by

private operators. It makes eminent sense for an organisation like Delhi Tourism and Transport Development Corporation to take up operations of these shops, but, as of now, there are no signs."

Starting September 1, the Delhi government is returning to the old excise regime for running liquor stores. While the government has taken over operations of 300 liquor shops already, there has been no such move for such shops at the three domestic airport terminals.

"The government must take this up with the corporation and airport operators to find a solution on priority. The switchover of liquor sale to all government retail outlets has led to some unforeseen and unwarranted outcomes...", Giri said.