



RAJASTHAN HIGH COURT

**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
AT JODHPUR**

सत्यमेव जयते

D.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 11796/2026
CNR: RJHC010526812026 | URN: CW / 21330U / 2026

Suo Moto

-----Petitioner

Versus

State Of Rajasthan

-----Respondent

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Gopal Sandhu
Mr. Pradeep Khichi
For Respondent(s) : Mr. Mahaveer Bishnoi, AAG
Mr. Deepak Chandak

**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. SANJAY K. AGRAWAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINIT KUMAR MATHUR**

Order

18/09/2026

This Court took suo motu cognizance on 22.05.2026 with regard to the violation of the prescribed closing timings of liquor vends in Jodhpur City, on the basis of the investigation report published in the Jodhpur Edition of *Rajasthan Patrika* dated 16.05.2026.

Pursuant to the order passed by this Court, replies have been filed stating that effective steps have been taken to ensure compliance with the prescribed closing timings of liquor vends. It has, however, been reported that the sale of liquor allegedly continued openly even after 8:00 p.m. through concealed openings, restricted-access windows and partially shuttered premises at various locations within Jodhpur City.

The Police officials are taking all necessary steps and are cooperating with the Excise Department. The affidavits /



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compliance reports filed by the Excise Department and the Police authorities are taken on record.

We hope and trust that the Police and Excise Departments shall ensure that the prescribed closing timings of liquor vends in Jodhpur City are strictly adhered to, both in letter and spirit.

Learned Amicus Curiae may file rejoinder, if any, and also report to this Court in case of any non-compliance with the prescribed closing timings.

List the matter on 12.10.2026.

(VINIT KUMAR MATHUR),J

(SANJAY K. AGRAWAL),CJ

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