

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT JABALPUR

WP No. 8335 of 2026

(SOM DISTILLERIES PVT. LTD. Vs THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS)

Dated : 26-03-2026

*Shri Mukul Rohatgi-Senior Advocate through video conferencing and
Shri Naman Nagrath- Senior Advocate physically with Shri Rahul Diwaker-
Advocate for the petitioner.*

*Shri Harpreet Singh Ruprah- Additional Advocate General with Shri
Swapnil Ganguly- Deputy Advocate General for respondent/State.*

*Shri Sanjay K. Agrawal-Senior Advocate with Shri Nitesh Kumar
Barman- Advocate for respondent/Intervenor.*

Issue notice to the respondents

Shri Harpreet Singh Ruprah- Additional Advocate General accepts
notice on behalf of the respondents.

Also heard on the question of interim relief.

By way of this writ petition, the petitioner is challenging the Clause
3(i)(b) of the NIT dated 26.02.2026 (Annexure P-5) inter alia on the ground
that the same has been inserted for the first time in order to debar the
petitioner to participate in the tender process.

There are specific pleadings to that effect in paragraph 5.11 and
Ground (C) of the writ petition and respondents are required to clarify the
same by filing the reply. Apart from that the petitioner is fulfilling all
remaining eligibility criteria to submit bid; hence the petitioner has made out
a case for interim relief.

By way of interim relief, it is directed that the petitioner be not disqualified in view of the Clause 3(i)(b) of the NIT dated 26.02.2026.

Certified copy today.

(VIVEK RUSIA)
JUDGE

(PRADEEP MITTAL)
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