

## **Roads Within City Can be Exempt From Highway Liquor Ban: Supreme Court**

After the ban on pubs located along the highways in the country, finally a good news for the pub-owners, especially those in Bengaluru and Chandigarh. On Tuesday, the Supreme Court stated that there was nothing wrong with de-notifying highways if such roads are within a city.

According to the apex court, the purpose of its ban was to ensure high speeding vehicles on highways don't have drivers under influence of liquor. Hence there is no issue when the roads are within the city. The statement has come when the apex court heard a plea against the decision of the Chandigarh administration to de-notify certain roads allegedly with an aim to "circumvent" its verdict banning liquor vends within 500 meters from the state and national highways. The plea was filed by an NGO, Arrive Safe Society, of Chandigarh.