

Regarding permission to open establishments such as eateries, Hotels, Restaurants and Orchestra Bars until 5.00 am on the next day of December 24th, 25th and 31st every year for Christmas and New Year.

Maharashtra Government

Home Department

Government Decision No.: REH-1225/P.No.122/Visha-5

Main Building, 2nd Floor, Madam Cama Road,

Hutatma Rajguru Chowk,

Mantralaya, Mumbai-400032.

Date: 30th December, 2025

Read: 1) Maharashtra Police Act, 1951.

2) Letter dated 18.12.2025 from the President, Indian Hotel and Restaurant Association, Mumbai.

Preface –

Every year, various organizations request the State Government to allow the establishment owners of eateries, hotels, restaurants and orchestra bars to remain open till 05.00 AM on the next day of December 24, 25 and 31 on the occasion of Christmas and New Year. Sometimes, if the applications in this regard are received by the Government late, it is not possible to issue orders in this regard within the stipulated time. In order to prevent such a recurrence in future, the matter of allowing the establishment owners of eateries, hotels, restaurants and orchestra bars to remain open till 05.00 AM on the next day of December 24, 25 and 31 was under consideration of the Government.

Government Decision –

Considering the demand received every year from the establishments like eateries, hotels, restaurants and orchestra bars and the time taken for approval at the government level, as per Section 33 of the Maharashtra Police Act, 1951, every year on the occasion of Christmas and New Year, the owners of eateries, hotels, restaurants and orchestra bars in the state are being allowed to keep their establishments open till 05.00 AM on the next day of December 24th, 25th and 31st, subject to the following conditions.

1. The establishment owner should ensure that no law and order issues arise in the said place by deploying a sufficient number of private security guards inside and outside the establishment.
2. If any inappropriate act/crime occurs inside or outside the establishment and causes a law and order problem, the entire responsibility will lie with the establishment owner. Accordingly, the establishment owner/licensee will be liable for action.
3. Relaxation in terms of time is being given for the purpose of obtaining a license for the premises. However, it will be mandatory for the establishment owner to comply with the Sound Broadcasting Act and Rules. Also, in this regard, the use of loudspeakers and sound amplification systems should be done as per the directions given by the Hon'ble Supreme/High Court in this regard from time to time.

4. The permission for extended hours as mentioned above is being given only to establishments in enclosed spaces/buildings. However, the said permission will not be applicable for open spaces.

5. The police administration should take appropriate precautions to maintain public peace and law and order on the above-mentioned day.

2. The said government decision has been made available on the website of the Government of Maharashtra www.maharashtra.gov.in and its computer code is 202512301739244829.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

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- 5) Hon'ble Principal Secretary (Special), Home Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.

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- 8) All Collectors.
- 9) Commissioner, State Excise, Maharashtra State, Mumbai.
- 10) All Commissioners of Police.
- 11) President, Indian Hotel and Restaurant Association, Mumbai.
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