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Attention of all the Collectors (except Warāha) is directed to Rule 45 of the Bombay Foreign Liquor Rules, 1953 as amended by Government Notification, Home Department No. BPA.1089/PRO-II dated 17th February, 1989. They are informed that provisions of sub-rule (1) (A) & (E) of the ~~said~~ ^{aforesaid} rule are quite clear and that suitability of premises for permit room licence is to be decided by the Collector himself in accordance with the provisions of the rules and instructions issued in that regard by the State Government or Commissioner from time to time. It has been noticed that some Police authorities have on occasions submitted reports on the matter and which have not been quite correct. The grounds for rejection of applications based on such reports by the Police ~~to~~ ^{as} result in un-necessary harassment to applicant for permit room licence.

2. It is, therefore, reiterated that so far as permit room licences are concerned the Police report should be given ~~max~~ ^{weightage} only in respect of past record of communal riots in the locality or the likely occurrence of riots in future, if a ~~max~~ ^{permit} room licence is granted in the locality proposed. The concerned police authorities are also to be informed to restrict their reports to this aspect only. The suitability of the premises or whether they are in accordance with rules or orders issued in that behalf will be decided by the Collector on the basis of report of Superintendent of Prohibition and Excise of the District and not on the opinion of the Police.

Sd/-- (R. GOPAL)

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All Collectors etc.etc.