

LSWA demands renewal of excise policy

Lucknow (PNS): The liquor sellers of UP have demanded renewal of the excise policy, saying if it was not renewed, the families of the liquor sellers will starve. The liquor sellers from Lucknow, Kanpur, Barabanki, Varanasi, Lakhimpur Kheri, Ayodhya, Allahabad, Bareilly and other districts participated in a meeting held on Friday. It was called by Liquor Sellers Welfare Association (LSWA) and was chaired by association's president Sadar SP Singh.

All the representatives of liquor sellers and LSWA office-bearers demanded renewal of Excise Policy 2025-26. Sardar SP Singh and LSWA senior vice-president Neeraj Jaiswal said that more than one thousand liquor traders from different districts had been informing the chief minister, excise minister, principal secretary (excise) and excise commissioner through letters that 90 per cent of the liquor shops had goods in excess of the quota/revenue prescribed by the department, while the quota/revenue for the months of February and March was yet to be lifted, hence the situation was very serious.