

## **Liquor Prohibition**

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Nearly 1 crore families are experiencing the pernicious impact of liquor consumption in Tamilnadu. Government policies are encouraging many to become alcoholics, which is generating severe financial stress in many families. Increased consumption of alcohol is resulting in deterioration of health standards and early mortality. Tragically, children are paying a heavy price as they are left to fend for themselves. To address this sad state of affairs, MSK(Lok Satta-TN) government will implement Prohibition in the State.

### **35. Liquor – Not a source of Income for government**

- Tamilnadu Government is earning one third of it's budget income from liquor sales.
- In 1983-84 the sale of liquor was Rs.139 crore.
- In 2005-2006 it went upto Rs.7335 crores
- In 2007-2008 it was : 10486 crores, it is Rs.12831 crore in 2008-2009
- In 2010 it is Rs.16719 crore

Government is considering this as a Income generating business. It is a shame for a welfare government to ruin the people's life and earning income.

### **36. Affecting 1 crore families**

- Sky rocketing increase in sales means the drinkers consume more liquor and new drinkers are increasing day by day.
- In a survey it was revealed that the average age of becoming a drinker is reduced from 18 to 12
- Atleast 50% of accidents are happening due to drink and drive
- Women and Children are the most affected victims of liquor problem

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### **37. Prohibition**

- Makkal Sakthi (Lok Satta-TN) government will guarantee the prohibition of liquor.
- Controlling and eradicating illicit liquor is a law-and-order issue and if it is effectively managed this menace can be almost stopped.

### **38. Powers to Panchayat**

- MSK(Lok Satta-TN) government guarantees full powers to Panchayats to search, to confiscate, and to produce suspected offenders in court in cases pertaining to illicit and country liquor.
- Panchayats and local women's group will be empowered to take tough action against illicit liquor consumption.
- Stringent action will be taken against any Panchayat, up to dissolution, which fails to prevent the sale of illicit liquor and/or close down belt-shops.