

Neera: Govt issues 173 licences

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Thiruvananthapuram: Amid heated debates with regard to issue of licences to bar hotels, the government has issued licences for Neera production in the state. Excise minister K Babu said licences have been issued to 173 coconut producing federations functioning under the Coconut Development Board. The government has also made relevant changes in the Abkari rules in February this year with regard to Neera production and distribution.

The Coconut-Neera Board constituted in May, will supervise the production. The minister also added that Neera will not be permitted to be sold in toddy shops.