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Mahila Satta identifies belt shops and seeks their closure

The Lok Satta Party today kicked off its campaign of identifying unauthorized liquor shops in villages and towns all over the State and writing to the Chief Minister to take steps to close them down.

In the letters being sent, women activists of the party drew pointed attention to the Chief Minister's claim in the Assembly that there were no belt shops in the State and if any one gave information about their existence the Government would shut them down.

The Mahila Satta has taken up the challenge thrown by the Chief Minister and started identifying unlicensed shops which sell liquor.

According to information received at the Lok Satta Party headquarters, the Mahila Lok Satta identified 11 unlicensed shops in Chanda Nagar area alone in Hyderabad city and 65 in four mandals of Chittoor district on the very day of its campaign.

Lok Satta Party National Coordinator Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan in a letter to the Chief Minister has sought immediate closure of belt shops, and licensed ones along highways, ban on open drinking at licensed shops and an end to illicit distillation of country liquor and 'gudumba'. In his June 22, 2007 letter, Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan pointed out that 50 lakh families in Andhra Pradesh were on the verge of ruin because of addiction to drinking. Easy accessibility to liquor is resulting in more and more taking to the bottle. The Lok Satta Party is committed to restricting liquor consumption.

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