

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF RANJU	*	
SHARMA GIRI ON BEHALF	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
OF TRINITY HUB, LLC T/A	*	
HOUSE OF INDIA FOR A	*	FOR
TRANSFER OF A CLASS B	*	
BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
7-DAY ON SALE LICENSE	*	
	*	Case No.: 26-22
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DECISION AND ORDER

The Board of License Commissioners for Howard County, Maryland (the “Liquor Board”), pursuant to Rule 1.02(A) of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, has delegated the authority to hear and decide cases to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board for Howard County, Maryland (the “Hearing Board”).

On July 21, 2026, the Hearing Board heard the application of Ranju Sharma Giri (the “Applicant”), on behalf of Trinity Hub, LLC t/a House of India (“House of India”), for a transfer of a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day on-sale License for a 1,970 sq. ft. restaurant located at 9350 Snowden River Parkway, Suite F2, Columbia, MD 21045.

The hearing was properly advertised, and the property posted pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Applicant was represented by Abraham Hurdle, Esquire and there were no protestants who appeared in opposition to the application.

All the documents on file were incorporated into the record by reference.

PROFFER

Mr. Hurdle proffered that Ms. Giri purchased the membership interests of the business

entity, Trinity Hub, LLC, and that it will not be changing. Mr. Hurdle stated that Ms. Giri has significant restaurant experience but limited alcohol experience. Mr. Hurdle stated that Ms. Giri has worked at several fast casual restaurants and that she has been working for the past 6 months at House of India in all facets of the business. Mr. Hurdle stated that Ms. Giri currently works every day at the restaurant, that she employs a manager who is Alcohol Awareness Certified, and that she plans to have all staff who handle alcohol be Alcohol Awareness Certified. Mr. Hurdle stated that the hours of operation are Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. Mr. Hurdle stated that alcohol sales will not be a big part of the business and that Ms. Giri is Alcohol Awareness Certified. Mr. Hurdle stated Ms. Giri's duties include opening the restaurant, managing payroll and employee hiring, verifying inventory and training staff. Mr. Hurdle stated that currently this is the only liquor license that Ms. Giri will hold, and that she understands she may only purchase alcohol from wholesalers. Mr. Hurdle stated that Ms. Giri will ID everyone, that she will not accept vertical IDs and that she will purchase an ID checking guide. Mr. Hurdle stated that Ms. Giri is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, that there will be no changes to the business concept, and that Ms. Giri does not plan to offer live entertainment. Mr. Hurdle stated that the current staff will be retained.

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Ranju Sharma Giri, 100% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Ms. Giri testified that the manager is fully trained to handle the business in her absence, that he has been working at the restaurant for the past 15 years, and that she will hire a third person who will be Alcohol Awareness Certified. Ms. Giri stated that she works at Amazon part-time

and that she has been working at House of India for the past 6 months. Ms. Giri stated that she understands the requirements for keeping records and that she will have records on site if the Liquor Inspector conducts a routine investigation. Ms. Giri stated that she works every day at the restaurant from 11 a.m. until closing, that she and the manager will handle the paperwork, and that she is able to reach out to the outgoing licensee for guidance. Ms. Giri stated that she moved from Elkridge in 2022 and that her current driver's license with a Columbia address issued in 2023 is correct.

Pursuant to Rule 6.13 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, the Applicant waived her right to request the Liquor Board to hear the case.

Based on the evidence presented at the hearing, the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Hearing Board finds that Ranju Sharma Giri (the "Applicant"), on behalf of Trinity Hub, LLC t/a House of India ("House of India"), has applied for a transfer of a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day on-sale License for a 1,970 sq. ft. restaurant located at 9350 Snowden River Parkway, Suite F2, Columbia, MD 21045.

2. The Hearing Board finds that the Applicant is a fit and proper person to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board finds that Ranju Sharma Giri, the resident agent applicant, meets the requirements of Rules 1.10(S), 1.10(T), and 2.06 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations concerning resident agent qualifications.

4. The Hearing Board finds that the granting of the application is necessary for the accommodation of the public.

5. The Hearing Board finds that the granting of the application will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the residents of the neighborhood.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Hearing Board concludes that Ranju Sharma Giri (the “Applicant”), on behalf of Trinity Hub, LLC t/a House of India (“House of India”), has applied for a transfer of a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day on-sale License for a 1,970 sq. ft. restaurant located at 9350 Snowden River Parkway, Suite F2, Columbia, MD 21045.

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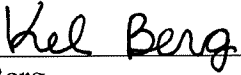
ORDER

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 1st day of September, 2026, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Ranju Sharma Giri (the “Applicant”), on behalf of Trinity Hub, LLC t/a House of India (“House of India”), for a transfer of a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-Day on-sale License for a 1,970 sq. ft. restaurant located at 9350 Snowden River Parkway, Suite F2, Columbia, MD 21045, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the Applicant comply with all State and County laws and regulations;
- (b) That the Applicant satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by January 21, 2027 unless that deadline is extended by the Hearing Board upon good cause shown; and
- (c) Failure to comply with these conditions shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.

ATTEST:

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING
BOARD OF HOWARD COUNTY,
MARYLAND**



Kel Berg
Board Administrator

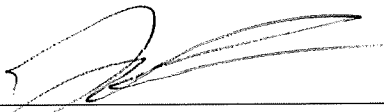
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Steve Hunt, Vice-Chairperson

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