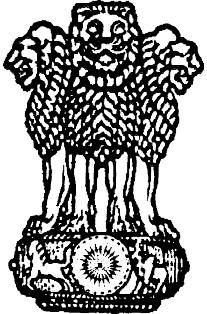


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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
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NOTIFICATION

No. 5916-FS/Sectt./Food/5C-12/06 (Part) – Dated, Kolkata, the 19th December, 2025.—The following draft amendments of the West Bengal Food Security Rules, 2016, published vide Notification No. 23/FS/Sectt./Food/14R-05/2016, dated Kolkata, the 3rd January, 2017 which the Governor, in exercise of the power conferred by clauses (j), of sub-section (2) of section 40 of the National Food Security Act, 2013 (20 of 2013) proposes to amend, is hereby published as required under sub-section (1) of the said section for information of persons likely to be affected thereby;

The draft will be taken into consideration on or after the expiry of fifteen days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and any objection or suggestion, if any, with respect thereto which may be received by the undersigned before the said date, shall be duly considered:-

Draft Amendments

In the said rules, for CHAPTER V, substitute the following Chapter:-

"CHAPTER V
COMPOSITION OF VIGILANCE COMMITTEES

11. Constitution of State level Vigilance Committee—(1) There shall be a State Level Vigilance Committee constituted for performing the functions mentioned in sub-section (2) of section 29 of the Act, comprising the following members:-

(i)	The Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal	– Chairman
(ii)	The Commissioner, Food and Principal Secretary, Food and Supplies Department, Government of West Bengal	– Member-Convener
(iii)	Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Government of West Bengal	– Member

(iv)	Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Panchayats & Rural Development Department, Government of West Bengal	– Member
(v)	Principal Secretary/Secretary, Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal	– Member
(vi)	Principal Secretary/Secretary, School Education Department, Government of West Bengal	– Member
(vii)	Principal Secretary/Secretary, Department of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal	– Member
(viii)	Principal Secretary/Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal	– Member
(ix)	One representative each from the women and destitute person or persons with disability to be nominated by the Secretary, Department of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal	– Member
(x)	One representative belonging to the Scheduled Castes to be nominated by the Secretary, Backward Classes Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal	– Member
(xi)	One representative belonging to the Scheduled Tribes to be nominated by the Secretary, Backward Classes Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal	– Member
(xii)	The Director, District Distribution, Procurement and Supplies, Food and Supplies Department, Government of West Bengal	– Member
(xiii)	The General Manager, Food Corporation of India	– Member
(xiv)	The Director of Rationing, Food and Supplies Department, Government of West Bengal	– Member
(xv)	Commissioner, Kolkata Municipal Corporation and Howrah Municipal Corporation	– Member
(xvi)	The Commissioner, Food Safety Branch, Health and Family Welfare Department	– Member
(xvii)	ADG, Enforcement Branch	– Member

(2) The State Level Vigilance Committee shall hold meeting at least once in a period of every six months to review allocation, lifting, stock position, quality and supply situation of articles issued under Public Distribution System and discuss matters referred to in reports received from the Committees constituted under rules 12 and 13.

(3) Nominated members will be changed in every two years or whenever is required in the public interest, whichever is earlier.

12. Constitution of District Level Vigilance Committee.— (1) There shall be a District Level Vigilance Committee constituted for performing the functions mentioned in sub-section (2) of Section 29 of the Act comprising the following members:-

(i)	District Magistrate or as the case may be, Municipal Commissioner of Kolkata Municipal Corporation in case of Kolkata	– Chairman
(ii)	Karmadhakshya, Khadyo-o-Sarbaraho-Sthayee-Samity, Zilla Parishad or, as the case may be, any Officer of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation appointed under section 14 of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation Act, 1980 (West Ben. Act LIX of 1980) to be nominated by Mayor-in-Council in case of Kolkata	– Member
(iii)	Superintendent of Police or equivalent, District Enforcement Branch or as the case may be, an officer in the rank of Deputy Commissioner of Kolkata Police to be nominated by the Commissioner of Police in case of Kolkata	– Member
(iv)	All Sub-Divisional Officers of the respective District and in case of Kolkata an officer of equivalent rank to be nominated by the Municipal Commissioner of Kolkata Municipal Corporation	– Member

(v)	One representative each from the women and destitute person or persons with disability to be nominated by the District Magistrate, from amongst the registered Non Government Organizations of the concerned District and in case of Kolkata by the Municipal Commissioner of Kolkata Municipal Corporation	– Member
(vi)	One representative belonging to the Scheduled Castes to be nominated by the District Magistrate and in case of Kolkata by the Municipal Commissioner of Kolkata Municipal Corporation	– Member
(vii)	One representative belonging to the Scheduled Tribes to be nominated by the District Magistrate and in case of Kolkata by the Municipal Commissioner of Kolkata Municipal Corporation	– Member
(viii)	All Sub-divisional Controller of Food & Supplies of the concerned district or the Rationing Officer, as the case may be	– Member
(ix)	District Controller of Food & Supplies Department, Government of West Bengal or the Joint Director of Food & Supplies, as the case may be	– Member-Convener

- (2) District Level Vigilance Committee shall meet at least once in a period of every three months to review allocation, lifting, stock position, quality and supply situation of articles issued under Public Distribution System and discuss matters referred to in the reports received from Block level Vigilance Committees.
- (3) Nominated members will be changed in every two years or whenever is required in the public interest, whichever is earlier.

13. Constitution of Block Level Vigilance Committee.— (1) There shall be a Block Level Vigilance Committee constituted for performing the functions mentioned in sub-section (2) of section 29 of the Act comprising the following members:-

(i)	Block Development Officer of the respective Block in the District	– Chairman
(ii)	Karmadhakshya, Khadyo-o-sarbaraho-Sthayee-Samity, Panchayat Samity	– Member
(iii)	Officers-in-Charge of the Police Station having jurisdiction	– Member
(iv)	One representative each from the women and destitute person or persons with disability to be nominated by the Sub-Divisional Officer, from amongst the registered Non Government Organizations of the concerned Block	– Member
(v)	One representative belonging to the Scheduled Castes to be nominated by the Sub-Divisional Officer	– Member
(vi)	One representative belonging to the Scheduled Tribes to be nominated by the Sub-Divisional Officer	– Member
(vii)	Chief Inspector/ Inspector/ Sub-Inspector in charge of Block, Food and Supplies Department, Government of West Bengal	– Member-Convener

- (2) The Committee shall hold meetings at least once in period of every two months to review quality and supply situation of articles issued under Public Distribution System at different Fair Price Shop under its jurisdiction, review inspections made by officials of Food and Supplies Department and examine matters referred to in reports received from Fair Price Shop Level Vigilance Committees.
- (3) The copies of the minutes of the meetings should be sent to the Chairman of the District Level Vigilance Committee within 7 days for information.
- (4) Nominated members will be changed in every two years or whenever is required in the public interest, whichever is earlier.

14. Constitution of Fair Price Shop Level Vigilance Committee.— (1) There shall be a Fair Price Shop Level Vigilance Committee constituted for performing the functions mentioned in sub-section (2) of section 29 of the Act comprising the following members:-

(i)	Local member of the Panchayat or Councillor of the Municipality or Municipal Corporation, as the case may be, having jurisdiction over Fair Price Shop	– Chairman
(ii)	One Headmaster or Teacher of the locality to be nominated by the concerned Block Development Officer in case of Panchayat area or by the concerned Sub-Divisional Officer in case of Municipality or Municipal Corporation, as the case may be, and in case of Kolkata by the Councillor of Kolkata Municipal Corporation in case of concerned ward of KMC having jurisdiction over Fair Price Shop	– Member
(iii)	One woman member to be nominated by the concerned Block Development Officer in case of Panchayat area or by the concerned Sub-Divisional Officer in case of Municipality or Municipal Corporation, as the case may be, and in case of Kolkata by the Councillor of Kolkata Municipal Corporation in case of concerned ward of KMC having jurisdiction over Fair Price Shop	– Member
(iv)	One representative belonging to Scheduled Castes to be nominated by the concerned Block Development Officer in case of Panchayat area or by the concerned Sub-Divisional Officer in case of Municipality or Municipal Corporation, as the case may be, and in case of Kolkata by the Councillor of Kolkata Municipal Corporation in case of concerned ward of KMC having jurisdiction over Fair Price Shop	– Member
(v)	One representative belonging to Scheduled Tribes to be nominated by the concerned Block Development Officer in case of Panchayat area or by the concerned Sub-Divisional Officer in case of Municipality or Municipal Corporation, as the case may be, and in case of Kolkata by the Councillor of Kolkata Municipal Corporation in case of concerned ward of KMC having jurisdiction over Fair Price Shop	– Member
(vi)	A destitute and disabled person to be nominated by the concerned Block Development Officer in case of Panchayat area or by the concerned Sub-Divisional Officer in case of Municipality or Municipal Corporation, as the case may be, and in case of Kolkata by the Councillor of Kolkata Municipal Corporation in case of concerned ward of KMC having jurisdiction over Fair Price Shop	– Member
(vii)	Chief Inspector/Inspector or Sub-Inspector of Food and Supplies Department as nominated by SCF&S.	– Member-Convener

(2) The Committee shall hold monthly meetings to discuss matters to ensure that inspection of Fair Price Shops are carried out regularly, stocks at Fair Price Shops are verified, grievances are properly attained and schedule of delivery of articles issued under Public Distribution System to consumers is strictly followed. Directions and guidelines issued by the Food & Supplies Department from time to time must be followed.

(3) The copies of the minutes of the meetings should be sent to the Chairman of the Block Level Vigilance Committee within 7 days for information:
Provided that in case a Fair Price Shop Level Vigilance Committee constituted under the Municipality or Municipal Corporation, the copies of the minutes of meeting shall be directly sent to the District Level Vigilance Committee.

(4) Nominated members will be changed in every two years or whenever is required in the public interest, whichever is earlier.

15. Interpretation- If any question arises as to the interpretation of any of the provisions of these rules, it shall be referred to the State Government, whose decision thereon shall be final."

By order of the Governor,

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Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal &
Commissioner, Department of Food & Supplies