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Dated: 08.10.2025

ORDER

WHEREAS the Department of Food & Supplies, Govt. of W.B., has issued various 'Forms' to be used as prescribed proforma for applications for Dealership/ Distributorship, enquiry of such applications etc. vide Order No. 3500-FS/Sectt./Food/4P-21/2024 dated 02/09/2024, in pursuance of the West Bengal Targeted Public Distribution System (Maintenance and Control) Order, 2024;

AND WHEREAS the Dealership and Distributorship vacancy notification and such prescribed 'Forms' stipulate the acceptance of a notarized lease deed for the purpose of applying for both Dealership and Distributorship, as prescribed Vide Form No. C, C1, L, L1, G respectively.

AND WHEREAS as per the Solemn Judgement and Order dated 03.09.2025, passed in WPA No. 24039 of 2023, by the Hon'ble Justice Subhendu Samanta of the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta, and as per the observation made therein that lease of immovable property from year to year or for a term of exceeding one year or reserving an yearly rent, can be made only by a registered instrument, it is considered necessary to issue direction that no notarized lease deed will be accepted in case of above referred 'Forms' as well as for the vacancy notification of Dealership and Distributorship, in pursuant of the said judgement.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that no notarized lease deed will be accepted for the purpose of application of the Dealership as well as for the Distributorship licence and accordingly vacancy notices of Dealers and Distributors and all the 'Forms' referred to hereinabove deemed to be amended and the words 'Notarized' wherever occurs in those vacancy notices and 'Forms' in case lease deed only, shall be deemed to be omitted.

This Order shall be deemed to have come into force with immediate effect.

By order of the Governor,

PARWEZ AHMAD SIDDIQUI
Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal
Department of Food & Supplies

Memo No. 4801/1(9)-FS/Sectt./ Food/4P-21/2024

Date 08.10.2025

Copy forwarded for information and taking necessary action to:

- 1. The Senior Special Secretary, Food & Supplies Department.
- 2. The Special Secretary, IT & Reform, Food & Supplies Department.
- 3. The Director, Dte. of DDP&S, F&S Deptt.
- 4. The Director, Dte. of Rationing, F&S Deptt.
- 5. The Director, Dte. of Finance, Food & Supplies Department.
- 6. The Director, Dte. of C.G, Food & Supplies Department.
- 7. The P.S. to HMIC, Food & Supplies Department.
- 8. The P.S. to HMOS, Food & Supplies Department.
- 9. The DCF&S/DDR (All).

Sr. Deputy Secretary

to the Government of West Bengal