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PART I—Orders and Notifications by the Governor of West Bengal, the High Court, Government Treasury, etc.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Department of Food and Supplies

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NOTIFICATION

No. 4910-FS./Sectt/Food/4P-09/2012 (Part III) – Kolkata, the 6th November, 2023. – WHEREAS it has been considered necessary to amend the West Bengal Urban Public Distribution System (Maintenance & Control) Order, 2013, as subsequently amended (hereinafter referred to as the said Control Order), in the manner hereinafter appearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the power conferred by section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Governor is pleased hereby to make, with an immediate effect, the following amendment in the said Control Order, namely :—

Amendment

In clause 16 of the said Control Order :—

(1) for sub-clause (e), *substitute* the following sub-clause :—

“(e) On receipt of the application in Form A-I (Schedule -H) alongwith annexure I, requisite fee as prescribed in Schedule B and corroborative documents as per checklist within the stipulated period, the Rationing Officer shall process the application and get the case enquired into by a competent officer or group of officers and submits the report in digital format. On receipt of the enquiry report, the Rationing Officer shall forward all the documents of each applicant together with the report as prescribed in Schedule -Y and his comment in Form prescribed in Schedule Z to the concerned Joint Director/Deputy Director of Rationing. The said Joint Director/Deputy Director of Rationing shall cause to scrutinize the report of the Rationing Officer *vis-a-vis* the case of each applicants in his office with due diligence and after satisfying himself regarding accuracy of the report of the Rationing Officer, place the case records of all applicants before the District Level Fair Price Shop Selection Committee for picking the name of most suitable candidates. The District Level Fair Price Shop Selection Committee shall convene a meeting, take interview of the applicants, consider summarily any objection or complaint received during the processing of the case and after considering all the material facts

placed before it, either remand the case back to the Joint Director/Deputy Director of Rationing for re-enquiry or forward its recommendation with specific observations and remarks thereof to the Director of Rationing. In the minutes of the meeting, the reason for making any applicants ineligible and grounds for picking the most suitable candidate from amongst the eligible applicants should be mentioned. On receipt of the recommendation from the District Level Fair Price Shop Selection Committee, the Director shall consider the recommendation and also form his own opinion regarding suitability of the recommended candidate by the District Level Fair Price Shop Selection Committee and after being fully satisfied with eligibility, accord approval for grant of FPS license to the most suitable candidate. After obtaining approval, the Rationing Officer shall issue an offer letter as per Schedule V to the approved candidates/organization with the direction for furnishing recent passport size photograph(s), security deposit and licensing fee:

Provided that the State Government may, for the reasons to be recorded in writing, cancel the vacancy at any time before the approval is granted.”;

- (2) in the Table of sub-clause (ea), *omit* sl. No. 5 and the entries relating thereto;
- (3) in sub-clause (eb), for the words “if the State Government deems it necessary”, *substitute* the word “if the Director of Rationing deems it necessary”.

By order of the Governor,

PARWEZ AHMAD SIDDIQUI, IAS
Secretary to the Government of West Bengal,
Department of Food & Supplies.