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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 & Supplies

11A, Mirza Galib Street, Kolkata-700 087

No. 3498-FS/Sectt./Food/4P-21/2024

Kolkata, the 2nd September, 2024

ORDER

Subject: Specifications of Godown for Distributor

WHEREAS, the West Bengal Targeted Public Distribution System (Maintenance & Control) Order, 2024 has been notified vide notification No. 3139-FS dated 01.08.2024, the State Government is of the opinion to revise the specifications of godowns for grant of license to Distributors in accordance with this order;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governor, in exercise of power conferred under section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955) and in supersession of notification No. 1707-FS/Sectt./Food/4P-9/2012 (Pt.II) dated 21.07.2014, notification No. 3089-FS/Sectt./Food/4P-9/2012, dated 18th December, 2020 notification No. 1482-FS/Sectt./Food/4P-9/2012 (Pt.-III) dated 8th April, 2022 and notification No. 87-FS/Sectt./Food/4P-9/2012 (Pt.-III) dated 5th December, 2023, is pleased hereby to stipulate the following norms for godown of Distributors, namely:—

I. The prospective Distributor in Sub-areas, Hill areas of Darjeeling and Kalimpong, Tea Garden areas of Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar, Riverine areas of North 24 Parganas & South 24 Parganas and Municipality/Municipal Corporation areas should have a godown having the following specifications:

1. The Godown preferably having a single compartment but not more than 3 chambers or compartments under a single roof (preferable) upto 3 separate godowns situated within the same premises subject to a maximum distance of 50 metres among the godowns with following specification.
 - (i) Total floor area of the Godown(s): Minimum 3700 sq. ft.
 - (ii) The size of the godown should be such, as it should be able to accommodate at least 500 MT of food grains along with an additional space of 25% for provision of alleys in between the stack of different commodities with view to keeping the stock of each commodity separately and neatly arranged for easy identification. There must be a covered space of 100 sq. ft. situated within the same premises subject to maximum distance of 50 metres from the godown to be used for office purpose as well as for computer operations.

2. For areas under the jurisdiction of the Director of DDP&S, the location of the godown should be preferably within the Block/Municipality/Municipal Corporation under the District where the vacancy occurs. If no candidate is found eligible within the Block/Municipality/Municipal Corporation for want of suitable godown then candidature of otherwise eligible applicants, having suitable godown in the adjacent Block/Municipality/Municipal Corporation within the District may be considered subject to the condition that godown within the radius of 20 km of the vacancy area may also be accepted and that the prospective Distributor, if selected, shall give an undertaking that he shall not claim transport rebate for more than 8 km. If more than one applicant of adjacent Block/Municipality/Municipal Corporation are found eligible, then the applicant having the godown nearest to the boundary of the Block/Municipality/Municipal Corporation will be preferred.

This Order shall not be applicable to the vacancies of Distributor, which have been notified by the licensing authority on or before the publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.

By order of the Governor,

PARWEZ AHMAD SIDDIQUI, IAS
Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.