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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

11A, Mirza Galib Street, Kolkata - 700067

No. 87-FS/Sectt./Food/4P-9/2012 (Pt.-III)

Kolkata, the 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS** the State Government issued an order vide notification No. 1482- FS/Sectt./Food/4P-9/2012 (Pt.-III), dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2022, (hereinafter referred to as the said order) specifying certain norms of godown space to be maintained *inter alia* by the wholesaler;

**AND WHEREAS** while implementing the existing norms prescribed for the godown space, some practical difficulties are cropping up in its implementation within the Sub-area within the definition of clause 2(z) of the West Bengal Urban Public Distribution System (Maintenance and Control) Order, 2013, due to non-availability of requisite godown space in congested and densely populated urban area;

**AND WHEREAS** the State Government is of the opinion that guidelines regarding godown space of the wholesaler in the Sub-area need to be relaxed further;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Governor is, in exercise of power conferred under section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955) and in partial supersession of notification No. 1482- FS/Sectt./Food/4P-9/2012 (Pt.-II), dated 08.04.2022, pleased hereby to issue following order specifying that a wholesaler must have a godown with the specification mentioned below: –

1. The Godown preferably having a single compartment but not more than 3 chambers or compartments under a single roof (preferable) or 3 separate godowns situated within the same premises subject to a maximum distance of 50 meters among the godown 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 meters from the godown to be used for office purpose as well as for computer operations;
- (iii) Godown Height: Minimum 4.28 meter (14 feet) along the side walls;
- (iv) Godown must be a well-ventilated *pucca* structure with concrete floor;
- (v) Provision for covered verandah/loading platform is desirable. In absence of covered verandah/loading platform the godowns should have shades made of corrugated tin/asbestos sheets above the shutters to facilitate loading/unloading of foodgrains during rain also;
- (vi) No. of Rolling/sliding/folding shutters: 2 (atleast) for each of the individual godown;
- (vii) Plinth level: 0.30 m (1 foot) from road level & ground level.

The location of the godown should preferably within the jurisdictional limit of the sub-control where the vacancy occurs. However, godown within the radius of 20 kilometer of the vacancy area may also be accepted subject to the condition that the prospective wholesaler, if selected, shall give an undertaking that he shall not claim transport rebate for more than 8 kilometers.

By order of the Governor,

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