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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 - 700087

NOTIFICATION

No. 885-FS./Sectt/Food/4P-09/2012(Pt.II) – Kolkata, the 10th March, 2022. – WHEREAS in the public interest it has been considered necessary to amend the West Bengal Public Distribution System (Maintenance & Control) Order, 2013 (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

For clause 20A, *substitute* the following clause: –

“20A. Issue of temporary license of a fair price shop on happening of certain contingencies. – Notwithstanding anything contained in any provision of this Order, in case a dealer has resigned or his license has been suspended, or cancelled or terminated and the concerned Licensing Authority finds that no nearest fair price shop is available for tagging of the ration cards, he may either request the District Magistrate to identify and select a Sangha / Maha Sangha of Self-Help Group or a registered Co-operative Society of the district or request the Director to identify and select a company or corporation of the State Government, for issuance of a temporary license of a Fair Price Shop by the licensing authority for supply and distribution of food grains to the concerned ration card holders, so that the ration card holders of such a shop can get uninterrupted supply of food grains and other commodities and their food security is ensured:

Provided that such temporary engagement of Sangha / Maha Sangha of Self-Help Group or a Self-Help Group or a registered Co-operative Society or a company or corporation of the State Government, as the case may be, for supply and distribution of food grains shall not create any right whatsoever in his favour and such tagging or engagement shall automatically deemed to be expired after a period of six months or until reinstatement of the suspended dealer or a new Dealer is engaged against such fair price shop, whichever is earlier:

Provided further that if a new dealer is not engaged within a period of six months, the licensing authority may extend the validity of tagging with the Sangha / Maha Sangha of Self-Help Group or a Self-Help Group or a registered Co-operative Society of the district or a company or corporation of the State Government for a further period not exceeding three months.”

By Order of the Governor,

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