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**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**

Department of Food & Supplies  
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**NOTIFICATION**

**No. 3536-FS./Sectt/Food/4P-09/2012 – Kolkata, the 18th December, 2018. – WHEREAS** it has been considered necessary to amend the West Bengal Urban 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) read with the Government of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (Department of Food & Public Distribution) Order No. G.S.R. 630(E), dated 31st August, 2001, the Governor is pleased hereby to make, with an immediate effect, the following amendment in the said Control Order, namely: –

**Amendments**

In the said Control Order, in clause 17, —

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

“(a) When a new vacancy for a wholeseller is created, the Director of Rationing with the prior approval of the State Government shall notify the vacancy notice in the *Official Gazette* specifying the eligibility criteria and the last date of receiving application for engagement of a wholeseller for which an application has to be made in form A2 (Schedule I) alongwith annexure – I & II and necessary fee as prescribed in Schedule B and the applicant should be permanent resident of the sub-control in the case of individual(s). The Director of Rationing shall simultaneously publish an indicative advertisement of the said vacancy for information to the General Public in at least two local newspapers having circulation in the sub-control concerned and in one widely circulated dailies having circulation throughout the State of West Bengal.

*Explanation.*—The last date of receipt of the application shall be thirty days from the date of publication of vacancy notice.

*Explanation II.*—The crucial date for determining the last date of application shall be the date of publication of the notification in the *Official Gazette* or the date of publication of the indicative advertisement in the newspaper, whichever is later.

- (2) in sub-clause (c), for the words "family have no other means of subsistence.", *substitute* the words "family have no other means of regular income."
  - (3) after sub-clause (e), *insert* the following sub-clause: –
    - (el) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (e), if the State Government deems it necessary in the exigency of public interest to expedite the process of engagement of Wholeseller, it may, by an order, take up under its control the engagement of the Wholeseller at any stage of processing of application and if necessary cause the enquiry referred to in sub-clause (e) by the enquiry committee comprising of an officer or group of officers of the Department of Food & Supplies duly authorized in this behalf and the Assistant Director of Rationing of the respective sub-control and on receipt of the report under sub-clause (e) or this sub-clause, as the case may be, communicate its decision to the Director of Rationing.";
2. These amendments shall also apply to all the pending cases of engagement of Wholeseller.

By order of the Governor,

MANOJKUMARAGARWAL

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& Food Commissioner,  
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