Government of West Bengal Land and Land Reforms Department <u>Branch – IS.</u>

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From: Sri S. Bandyopadhayay,

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal,.

To

Director of Land Records and Surveys, West Bengal, And Joint Land Reforms Commissioner, West Bengal, 35, Gopal Nagar Road, Alipore, Kolkata – 700 027.

Subject: Eviction of Bargadars due to rapid urbanization etc.

Sir.

I am directed to refer to your letter no.30/2597/C/2002 dated 3/15.5.2002 on the above subject and to say that exception for eviction of bargadars has been made for tea gardens with the backing of Law and with adequate safety measures. Section 20B of the W.B.L.R. Act, 1955 has been amended to accommodate tea gardens and to make them bargafree. But such provision, if made for urban expansion, may lead to opening of a uncontrollable flood gate against sharecroppers.

Hence, the proposal mooted by you is not acceptable for the present.

Yours faithfully, S. Bandyopadhyay Deputy Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.