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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**  
**Land & Land Reforms and R.R. & R Department**  
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**NOTIFICATION**

No. 4069-LP/1A-04/12 dated the 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.—Whereas the draft amendment was published as required by sub-section (1) of section 60 of the West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955 (West Ben. Act X of 1956)(hereinafter referred to as the said Act), vide Notification No. 3567-LP/1A-04/12 dated 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023 in the Kolkata Gazette Extraordinary dated 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023, inviting objection or suggestion from all persons likely to be affected thereby, within ten days from the date of its publication;

And whereas no objection or suggestion has been received by the State Government till date;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the power conferred by section 60 of the said Act, the Governor is pleased hereby to make, with immediate effect, the following amendment, in the West Bengal Land & Land Reforms Manual, 1991, as subsequently amended (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), namely:—

*Amendment*

In the said rules, in chapter XVII, after rule 273, insert the following rule,:—

**“274. Transfer of water areas/ bodies of 5 acres and above to the Fisheries, Aquaculture, Aquatic Resources and Fishing Harbour Department.—** Water areas /bodies of 5 acres and above shall be transferred by the District Land & Land Reforms Officer without transferring the ownership from the Department of L&LR and RR&R to the Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture, Aquatic Resources and Fishing Harbour for its management and settlement under intimation to the District Magistrate & Collector of the district. The Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture, Aquatic Resources and Fishing Harbour shall frame rules for management and settlement of such water areas/bodies. Such water areas/ bodies shall cease to be guided by the said rules of the West Bengal Land & Land Reforms Manual, 1991 as and when new set

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of rules of the Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture, Aquatic Resources and Fishing Harbour comes into force. Lease for settlement for such water areas/ bodies will be signed by the District Magistrate & Collector of the district on behalf of the State Government.”

By order of the Governor,

SMARAKI MAHAPATRA  
*Secretary to the Government of West Bengal*