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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 Land and Land Reforms and Refugee Relief & Rehabilitation

Land Policy Branch

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NOTIFICATION

No. 1350-LP/3T-17/09GE(M)

Date: 05/04/2023

Whereas after enactment of West Bengal Land Reforms(Amendment) Act, 2000, tea plantation was excluded from agricultural activity;

And whereas plantation of tea, in new area made after 30/06/2001, was prohibited by this Department's Memo No. 3186(8)-L. Ref. Dated 23/07/2001.

And whereas a large number of tea gardens in new area came up after the cut off date of 30/06/2001 who prayed for withdrawal of the restriction;

And whereas regularizing post facto conversion of land made before 07/11/2017 was considered by the State Government by enactment of the West Bengal Land Reforms (Third Amendment) Act, 2017 and the rules made thereunder;

And whereas the State Government considered withdrawing the said restriction in view of the restricted business activity of tea gardens came up after 30/06/2001 and also the interest of the large numbers of laboureres, stake holders involved in such tea gardens;

And whereas the issue of regularization of tea plantation on raiyati land without permission made before 07/11/2017 under section 4C of the West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955 has been considered by the L&LR and RR&R Department;

Now, therefore, after careful consideration of all the material facts and figures, the Governor is hereby pleased to direct that the rate of regularization of post facto conversion of land by plantation of tea on raiyati land in terms of third proviso to section 4C(6) of the West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955 made after 24/03/1986 and before 07/11/2017 is fixed at ₹25000/- per hectare.

This Department's Memo No. 3186(8)-L, Ref. Dated 23/07/2001 and Notification No.2221-LP Dated 21/06/2018 are modified to that extent.

This is issued in concurrence of Finance Department's U.O. No.: Group A-II/2022-23/0140 dated 20/09/2022.

By order of the Governor,

SMARAKI MAHAPATRA

LRC & Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.