

PROLOGUE

The history of our department dates back to 1786 when the Board of Revenue was born, or even earlier. Consequently, through more than two centuries, there came into being a flood of notifications, circulars, orders and also evolved a lot of norms, customs and practices. It has been a long-cherished demand of the members of the Association, especially of the newcomers, to get the relevant portions of those orders, circulars etcetera collected in the form of a Compendium which would enrich them and would enable them to remain well-informed.

Vis-a-vis, we have observed that the present top echelons of the Land Administration, unlike their learned and competent predecessors, often fail to provide proper and necessary bureaucratic guidance and leadership. So, to substitute for this vacuum, the Association felt it necessary to prepare an instrument which, at the time of necessity, would provide the members with the required information and guidance.

But it was an uphill task to compile the orders, circulars, notifications etcetera simply because the number of documents was too huge.

However, after an effort of more than two years, we are happy to bring forth the Compendium which is prepared with the aim to serve the purpose of the members and other interested readers. Contribution to this work was rendered by a good number of our members from all over West Bengal. Very significant inputs came from Sri Amar Chattopadhyay, Sri Pranabkumar De, Sri Pranabkumar Sen and Sri Sugata Ghosh. Sri Goutam Talukdar devoted immense time to sort the documents and to do the painstaking editing, almost single-handedly, and thus this publication is possible.

Despite our utmost and sincere effort, some important orders might have been missed and some printing mistakes may bother the reader. Relevant suggestion will improve the following editions.

We believe that the success of this effort lies in its usefulness and effectiveness to the readers.

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