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NOTIFICATION

No. 1740-L.—27th August, 1996.—The following Act of the West Bengal Legislature, having been assented to by the Governor, is hereby published for general information:—

**West Bengal Act XXIV of 1996**

**THE WEST BENGAL LAND REFORMS (AMENDMENT)  
ACT, 1996.**

[Passed by the West Bengal Legislature.]

[Assent of the Governor was first published in the *Calcutta Gazette, Extraordinary*, of the 27th August, 1996.]

*An Act to amend the West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955, to provide for permitting a person to acquire and hold land on certain conditions in excess of the ceiling area applicable to him, for the purpose of establishing a tea garden, mill, factory or workshop, livestock breeding farm, poultry farm, or dairy, or township and for matters connected therewith, with a view to advancing industrial development in the State of West Bengal to meet the requirement of greater public interest and to subserve the common good.*

West Ben.  
Act X of 1956.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955, to provide for permitting a person to acquire and hold land on certain conditions, in excess of the ceiling area applicable to him for the purpose of establishing a tea garden, mill, factory or workshop, livestock breeding farm, poultry farm, or dairy, or township and for matters connected therewith, with a view to advancing industrial development in the State of West Bengal to meet the requirement of greater public interest and to subserve the common good;

*The West Bengal Land Reforms (Amendment)  
Act, 1996.*

(Sections 1-4.)

It is hereby enacted in the Forty-seventh Year of the Republic of India, by the Legislature of West Bengal, as follows:—

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the West Bengal Land Reforms (Amendment) Act, 1996.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

Amendment of section 14L of West Ben. Act X of 1956.

2. In section 14L of the West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), for the words "On and from the commencement", the words, figures, letters and brackets "Subject to the provisions of sub-section (3) of section 14Q, section 14Y and sub-section (2) of section 14Z, on and from the commencement" shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 14Y.

3. To section 14Y of the principal Act, the following provisos and *Explanation* shall be added:—

'Provided that a person intending to establish a tea-garden, mill, factory or workshop, livestock breeding farm, poultry farm, or dairy, or township in accordance with the provisions of the West Bengal Town and Country (Planning and Development) Act, 1979, may, with the previous permission, in writing, of the State Government and on such terms and conditions and in such manner as the State Government may by rules prescribe, acquire and hold land in excess of the ceiling area applicable to him under section 14M:

West Ben. Act  
XIII of 1979.

Provided further that if such person, having been permitted by the State Government, does not utilise within two years of the date of such permission such land for the purpose for which he has been so permitted by the State Government to acquire and hold it, then, all the provisions of this Chapter relating to ceiling area shall apply to the area of land which is held in excess of the ceiling area applicable to him under section 14M.

*Explanation.*—For the purposes of this section, "person" includes an individual, a firm, a company, an institution, or an association or body of individuals, whether incorporated or not.

Amendment of section 49.

4. In sub-section (5) of section 49 of the principal Act, the existing *Explanation* shall be renumbered as *Explanation I* and after *Explanation I* as so renumbered, the following *Explanation* shall be inserted:—

*Explanation II.*—For the purposes of this sub-section, "industry" includes a tea-garden, mill, factory or workshop, livestock breeding, poultry farming, or dairy, or township approved under the West Bengal Town and Country (Planning and Development) Act, 1979.

By order of the Governor,

B. N. BERA,  
Secy. to the Govt. of West Bengal.