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## GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

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

No. 5172-LP/417/04-IS(Pt-V)

Whereas the State Government has considered to regularize the change of mode of use of land, other than any plot of land having any water body of any description or size, made before 07/11/2017 without the approval of the Collector under section 4C of the West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955 (hereinafter called the said Act) by the West Bengal Land Reforms (Third Amendment) Act, 2017 and the rules made thereunder;

And whereas mining of minor minerals like black stone, china clay & Fire clay, quartz and Feldspar etc in some districts of this State on private *raiyati* land by changing the recorded mode of use of the land without taking formal approval of the authority concerned are in vogue for long time past;

And whereas regularization of such mining of minor minerals on private land has been under the active consideration of the State Government;

And whereas the State Government in the department of Industry Commerce & Enterprise vide Notification No. 668/CI/O/MIN/GEN-MISS/17/2022 Dated 22/11/2022 issued necessary guideline on granting lease of such mining on private *raiyati* land;

And whereas the State Government in the L& LR and RR & R Department has considered to regularize such mining on private *raiyati* land as conversion without permission within the ambit of third proviso to section 4C(6) of the said Act;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the power conferred under the third proviso to section 4C(6) of the said Act, the Governor is pleased hereby to constitute a Screening Committee at district level with District Magistrate & Collector of the district as the Chairman and ADM (Industry/Mining), member and DLLRO, member-convenor of the Committee to receive all applications, irrespective of size, for regularization of post facto conversion of land converted for minor

mining made before 07/11/2017 on *raiyati* land on realization of fine as prescribed in this Department's Notification No. 2221-LP dated 21/06/2018 as an industrial activity at sl. No. 2 of the said notification provided the applicant has valid provisional LOI (Letter of Intent) granted by the West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Ltd. (WBMDTCL) and also pleased to empower the DLLRO concerned to dispose of it on the recommendation of the said Committee in the usual manner.

A monthly report of all such regularization of post facto mining on *raiyati* land may be sent to this department and Department of IC&E for record.

By Order of the Governor

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