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From: The Assistant Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

- To : 1. The Director of Land Records & Surveys, West Bengal
 - 2. District Magistrtae(All)
 - 3. District Land & Land reforms Officer (All)
 - 4. The Deputy Secretary, Water Resources Investigation & Development Department, West Bengal.
 - 5. The Deputy Secretary, Fisheries, Aquaculture, Aquatic Resources and Fishing Harbour Department, West Bengal.
 - 6. The Deputy Secretary, Panchayat & Rural Development Department, West Bengal.

Subject: Circulation of Notification N o. 3412/1F-04/2025-GE(M) dated 12.09.2025.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of Notification No. 3412 /1F-04/2025-GE(M) dated 12.09.2025 published in the Extraordinary issue of the Kolkata Gazette, dated 12.09.2025 for information and necessary action.

The DLRS, West Bengal may please upload this notification in the departmental website.

Enclosure: As stated above.

Assistant Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

Date: 12.09.2025

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NOTIFICATION

No. 3412/1F-04/2025-GE(M) dated 12.09.2025.— Whereas the proposed draft amendment in the West Bengal Land and Land Reforms Manual, 1991 (hereinafter referred to as the said Manual) was published as required by subsection (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 number 3023/1F-04/2025-GE(M) dated 13.08.2025 in the Kolkata Gazette Extraordinary dated 13.08.2025, inviting objection or suggestion from all persons likely to be affected thereby, within fifteen 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 amendments in the said Manual, as subsequently amended:-

Amendments

In Chapter XVII of the said Manual-

(1) in rule 266A, after the existing Para, insert the following Para:-

"For the purpose of improving pisciculture in the state through modern fishery practices, Government water areas will be settled through tender or auction, in which Fishermen's Cooperative Societies, Fish Production Groups, Self-Help Groups, individuals, entrepreneurs and Government Undertakings of Fisheries Department may participate. The State Government may issue guidelines through general or special order, from time to time, in this regard.":

- (2) in rule 272,-
 - (a) in sub-rule (1), after the words and figures "deal with settlement of fisheries.", *insert* the words and figures "The composition of the Committee may be revised by the State Government, from time to time, through general or special order.";
 - (b) in sub-rule (4),-
 - (i) after the words "Self-Help Groups as identified for the district", *insert* the words and figures "and individuals, entrepreneurs and Government Undertakings of Fisheries Department";
 - (ii) after the existing Para, insert the following Para:-
 - "However, Fishermen's Cooperative Societies, Fish Production Groups and Self-Help Groups will be given price preference in the bidding process and discount on the Earnest Money Deposit, as may be decided and notified by the State Government, from time to time.";
 - (c) in sub-rule (9), after the words "Self-Help Group members", *insert* the words and figures "or individuals or entrepreneurs or Government Undertakings of Fisheries Department, as the case may be,";
- (3) omit rule 274;
- (4) in rule 278,-
 - (a) for the words, figures and letters "The District Land and Land Reforms Officers are empowered to confirm settlement of fishery or water body at a rent not exceeding Rs.50,000 and the Divisional Commissioner at a rent not exceeding Rs.1,00,000.", substitute the words, figures and letters "The District Magistrate & Collector is empowered to confirm settlement of a fishery or water body at a rent not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000."
 - (b) after the words "the State Government for approval." *insert* the words and figures "These financial limits and other conditions may be revised by the State Government, from time to time, through general or special order.".

By Order of the Governor,

VIVEK KUMAR, IAS

Land Reforms Commissioner

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Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal