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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**  
**NABANNA (6<sup>th</sup> Floor),**  
**325, Sarat Chatterjee Road, Howrah-711102**

**ORDER**

No. 1351-LP/3T-17/09GE(M)

Date: 05/04/2023

Whereas plantation of tea on Government vested land after 15/02/1971 is considered by the State Government in the Land & Land Reforms and Refugee Relief & Rehabilitation Department since long;

And whereas the State Government grants long term lease for a period of 30 years for such tea gardener on due verification of all documents and merit of the case and recommendation of the Collector of the district concerned;

And whereas after enactment of the 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 long term lease of such plantation of tea on government vested land was guided by this Department's Order No. 280-LR Dated 28/01/2003 wherein rate of salami was ₹15000/- per hectare and annual rent at par land revenue under the West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955;

And whereas a large number of tea gardens, in new area came up after the cut off date of 30/06/2001, 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 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;

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And whereas the rate of salami for lease of such tea garden is required to be revised considering the enhancement of rate of all other parameters with time;

Now, therefore, after careful consideration of all the material facts and figures, the Governor is hereby pleased to direct that settlement of tea garden on Govt. vested land came up upto 07/11/2017, the rate of salami is fixed at ₹50000/- per hectare and annual rent at par the land revenue prescribed in the West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955 as amended up to date.

This Department's Order No.280-LR Dated 28/01/2003 and Memo No. 3186(8)-L. Ref. Dated 23/07/2001 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.*