GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL Labour Department

New Secretariat Buildings, Block-A, 12th Floor 1, K. S. Roy Road, Kolkata-1.

No . Labr/25/Tea & Jute

Date: 22.11.2024

NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS in the interests of the socio-economic development of North Bengal, as well as for protecting the revenue interests of the State and in the larger interest of employment generation for the labourers, and in consideration of closures and abandonment of various Tea Gardens due to management failures, non-payment of wages and others statutory dues payable to the tea garden workers, vide Notification bearing Memo No. 3955-LP/3T-03/24 dated 06-11-2024 published in the Kolkata Gazette on November 11, 2024, the State Government has formulated a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Short Term Settlement for operating and regularisation of the Tea Gardens under the ownership of the Govt. of West Bengal in terms of the provisions of West Bengal Estate Acquisition Act, 1953, which are abandoned/closed and/or those are being operated by virtue of bipartite agreements with the operating Trade Unions and for the reasons mentioned in the said SOP.

NOW THEREFORE, for the purpose of implementation of the aforesaid Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), the Governor is pleased to constitute a three-member committee namely West Bengal Tea Garden Short Term Settlement Committee under Labour Department comprising of the following officers:

1.	Shri Amarnath Mallick, IAS (Retd), OSD & Ex-Officio Secretary	as Chairman
2.	Shri Kallol Banerjee, WBLS, Additional Labour Commissioner (NB Zone)	as Member
3.	Shri Surendra Choudhary, WBLS, Special Law Officer & Ex-Officio Deputy Secretary (Law)	as Member

The committee is hereby entrusted with work of inviting applications, processing and examining them following the provisions of the aforesaid Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), and placing them before Secretary, Labour Department for consideration.

This notification shall come into force with immediate effect.

By order of Governor,

Secretary to the

Government of West Bengal