

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND SUPPLIES  
11/A, MIRZA GALIB STREET, KOLKATA - 700 087

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ORDER

Government Food Depot (GFD) at Bagrakote (Siliguri), consisting of 30 godown-sheds having a total capacity of 16,900 MT was set up for storage and distribution of food-grains in the district of Darjeeling and adjoining areas.

2. Since inception of National Food Security Act, and Rajya Suraksha Yojana, requirement of rice and wheat has significantly increased. Requirement of wheat is being met by Food Corporation of India. Requirement of rice is being met by the State Government, and there is a need to use the Storage capacity at Bagrakote GFD.

3. It was, therefore, under active contemplation of the Govt. in Food and Supplies Dept. for optimum utilisation of available space of Bagrakote GFD for storage and distribution of rice through necessary upgradation of existing infrastructure of the GFD, and West Bengal State Warehousing Corporation (WBSWC), now under the administrative jurisdiction of this Department having the expertise of managing warehousing activities is considered suitable for the purpose.

4. Governor has, therefore, been pleased to order that the entire GFD Complex at Bagrakote which was so long being administratively maintained by the Directorate of Storage will come under the administrative jurisdiction of West Bengal State Warehousing Corporation with effect from the date of issue of this order under the following terms and conditions.

5. WBSWC shall take over the entire Bagrakote GFD complex on "As is where is basis" with immediate effect.

6. To start with, WBSWC shall, in consultation with DCF&S, Darjeeling, arrange for storage of rice in the vacant and storageworthy sheds of Bagrakote on "deemed to have been taken over" basis.

7. Stock of rice so stored will be properly maintained by WBSWC including chemical treatment for upkeep of health of stock.

8. WBSWC may, with the approval of the Department, use the unutilised space of the GFD for their own warehousing activities other than storage of rice. While doing so, it should be ensured that the commodities under storage in the GFD must not have the effect of contaminating any foodgrains. Simultaneously WBSWC shall plan space utilization in the GFD in a manner that no space remain underutilised for a considerable period of time.

9. No perishable goods which spread bad odour on being rotten shall be stored in any godown.

10. Electricity charges, local taxes etc. shall be borne by the WBSWC.

11. For surveillance activities, WBSWC may engage security staff through outsourcing on usual terms and conditions.

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