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Land & Land Reforms Department
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MEMORANDUM

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Whereas, bricks are an important component of the construction industry and there is a growing demand of bricks for development of infrastructure including housing;

Whereas, unplanned and unauthorised manufacture of bricks destroy top soil of agricultural land beyond reclamation and makes it un-usable for agriculture practices;

Whereas, un-planned and un-scientific brick manufacturing may have adverse impact on environment and human health;

Whereas, vide Memo No.1251-M&M dated 29/5/2015 detailed guidelines were issued relating to setting up and operation of new brick fields/kilns;

Whereas, there were some operational difficulties and lack of clarity which required simplification and clarification for expeditious disposal of cases;

Whereas, the West Bengal Minor Minerals Concession Rules, 2016, regulating extraction of minor mineral including brick earth has also come into force;

Therefore, after careful consideration of all aspects in the matter, It is felt necessary to issue revised guidelines for operation of new brick fields/brick kilns as enumerated below:-

A. Regulatory Guidelines:

1. District Land & Land Reforms Officers are the Ex-Officio Environment Officers within their respective jurisdictions for the purpose of grant or refusal of Consent-to-Establish (CtE) and Consent-to-Operate (CtO) of the brick fields/brick kilns on behalf of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the 'State Board')

Applications should be made to the District Land & Land Reforms Officer concerned in the prescribed format, which may be downloaded from the website of the State Board (www.wbpcb.gov.in), along with requisite fee and other relevant documents for obtaining permission to establish and/or to operate brick fields/kilns.

2. The District Land & Land Reforms Officer will also receive 'Consent to Operate' (CtO) applications for the existing brick fields/kilns with arrear consent application fees.

Such applications should be accompanied by the following documents:-

- (a) Trade Licence issued by the appropriate authority.
- (b) Land documents including copy (s) of RoR.
- (c) Royalty and cess challans and up-to-date rent receipt of the Land & Land Reforms Department for using top soil and alluvial soil for manufacture of bricks.
- (d) For Identity Proof: PAN Card/Driving Licence/ECI Card/Aadhar Card.

