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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 Tourism

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No. 2384-TM/12/31/2022

Date: 10.11.2023

NOTIFICATION

The Governor is pleased to grant Industry Status to certain tourism units in the tourism sector for the benefit of the sector and enhancement of employment opportunities leading to the overall development of the state.

The following Tourism Units will come under the purview of this Notification:—

- ❖ Hotels, Motels, Heritage Hotels
- ❖ Yatriniwas and Yatrika
- ❖ Tourist Resorts
- ❖ Camps and Facilities Encouraging Adventure Tourism
- ❖ Railway Travel Projects on the Pattern of "Palace - on -Wheels"
- ❖ Amusement Parks
- ❖ Arts & Crafts Village
- ❖ Tea Tourism
- ❖ Tourist Boats / Launches / Cruise Boats / House Boats
- ❖ Convention Centre
- ❖ Wayside facilities / Amenities / Pathasathi
- ❖ Other Projects that may be approved by Government under the West Bengal Health Scheme

Granting industry status to these tourism units would increase the ease of doing business for the units during operation and provide access to institutional support. Few of the benefits associated with the projects are listed as below:

- 1) Access to long term financing, access to loan refinancing and restructuring, which is currently available to industries.
- 2) Ease in availing loans from financial institutions at interest rates applicable to industry.
- 3) Financial institutions like SIDBI support the MSME sector through various interventions. Hence, granting industry status will enable tourism sector to leverage the MSME financial ecosystem.

Department of Tourism will issue Industry Status Certificate to the willing Tourism Units who apply online in Tourism Department portal.

The amendment is made by way of inserting a sub para G in Para 3 of the West Bengal Tourism Policy, 2019 issued vide Notification no. 458-TW/5T-199/2018(P-I) dated 06.03.2019.

This Order issues with the approval of Group-N, Finance Department vide U.O. No. 2089 dt. 24.08.2023 read with U.O. No. Group I/2023-2024/0097 dated 22.09.2023 of Group-I, Finance Department and with the approval of the Cabinet vide their U.O. No. CAB(D)-814 dated 10.11.2023.

By order of the Governor,

NANDINI CHAKRAVORTY

Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal