

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
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In order to bridge the shortfall between existing storage capacity and required storage capacity of food grains in various districts of the State and better management of godowns, it was decided by the Deptt. of Food & Supplies in a meeting held on 07.11.2015 that West Bengal State Warehousing Corporation (WBSWC) would hire suitable godowns from private godown owners and would take care of management of those private godowns. Since then a considerable number of private godowns have already been hired by WBSWC in different districts, on the basis of recommendations of the Director, D.D.P.&S and those private godowns have already been offered by WBSWC to respective District Controllers for utilisation of the same for procurement purposes. However, considering the need for setting out all necessary aspects of hiring and management of private godowns by WBSWC, the Governor has been pleased to order that godowns of private godown owners shall henceforth be hired and managed by WBSWC and shall be utilised by the District Controllers in strict compliance of the following procedures and conditions :

A) HIRING OF PRIVATE GODOWNS :

- i) The Director, D.D.P.&S shall inform the WBSWC of location-wise quantum of required storage capacity in the districts where hiring of private godowns is essential.
 - 1) On receipt of such information from the Director, D.D.P.&S, WBSWC will float advertisement seeking application from bonafide private godown owners willing to let out their godown to WBSWC at targeted locations. **The following conditions must be mentioned in the advertisement, amongst others, that hiring of godowns having less than 1,000 M.T storage capacity, godowns located within the boundary of rice-mill/flour mill, godowns offered by rice mill /flower mill owners, godown offered on sub-let basis, godowns not storage-worthy/fit for storage of food grains and godowns with plinth height less than High Flood Level (HFL) shall not be considered.**
 - 2) **Godown rent shall be paid to the godown owner at the rate of rent as claimed by him/her if such rate of rent is lower than the fair rent assessed by the L.A. Collector of the concerned district. If, however, godown rent as claimed by the godown owner is higher than the fair rent assessed by the L.A. Collector, then the rent as assessed fair by the L.A. Collector shall be paid.**
 - 3) If the number of eligible applicants for a particular location are more than one, the godown shall be hired from the applicant claiming the lowest rate of godown rent.
- ii) Applications received from private godown owners shall be forwarded by WBSWC to respective District Controllers through the Director, D.D.P.&S. The District Controllers along with competent officials of the WBSWC will, in turn, cause spot inspection of the offered godown and send suitability report of the offered godowns to the Director, D.D.P.&S, with the specific opinion/recommendation for hiring/not hiring of the godown.

