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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 URBAN DEVELOPMENT & MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING BRANCH "NAGARAYAN", DF-8, SECTOR-1, SALT LAKE, BIDHANNAGAR, KOLKATA-700064

NOTIFICATION

No. 481-UDMA-24/17/2024-DAC SEC-Dept. of UDMA

Dated, 19th day of March, 2025

WHEREAS, it has been observed that in the Zoning Regulations of the Land Use and Development Control Plans (LUDCPs) prepared as per section 31 of the West Bengal Town and Country (planning and Development) Act, 1979, Hostels and Dormitories are often not allowed in Zones marked for Industrial Use.

WHEREAS, allowing both in situ and private development of Hostels and Dormitories in Industrial Zones can reduce the distance between work and home, address safety concerns and help workers to improve their productivity.

THEREFORE, in exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 135 of the West Bengal Town and Country (Planning and Development) Act, 1979, all the Development Authorities and Planning Authorities are given the following directives:

Amendment in Zoning Regulations as per section 40 and preparation of LUDCP as per section 31 of the West Bengal Town and Country (Planning and Development) Act, 1979.

All Industrial Zones under the concerned LUDCPs shall allow the development of Hostels and Dormitories for workers, both male and female.

The provision for these accommodations shall be in accordance with the zoning guidelines and shall be permitted within industrial areas to ensure proximity between workers' accommodations and their places of employment.

Safety and Infrastructure Standards:

All proposed hostels and dormitories must adhere to the safety regulations, including fire safety, security measures, sanitation, and adequate facilities for male and female workers separately.

The infrastructure shall be designed to ensure the comfort and safety of workers, including access to essential services such as clean water, electricity, and waste management.

Implementation Timeline:

The concerned Development Authorities & Planning Authorities are to ensure that these amendments are incorporated and implemented in the LUDCPs as soon as possible following the statutory provisions of the West Bengal Town and Country (Planning and Development) Act, 1979.

By order of the Governor,

Sd/-MD. GHULAM ALIANSARI, IAS Principal Secretary, to the Government of West Bengal