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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Finance (Revenue) Department

NOTIFICATION

No. 1821—F.T.—the 19th November, 2012.— In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (1), read with clause (a) of sub-section (2), of section 10 of the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 (Act 2 of 1899), the Governor is pleased hereby to make the following amendment in the West Bengal Stamp Rules, 1994, as subsequently amended (hereinafter referred to as the said rules):—

Amendments

In the said rules,—

(1) to rule 14A,—

(a) in sub-rule (1), for the words “agency bank linked with the treasury”, *substitute* for the words, figures and letter “agency bank linked with the treasury, or by electronic payment mode, i.e. through on-line, in accordance with the procedures mentioned in rule 14B”;

(b) to sub-rule (1), *add* the following proviso:—

“Provided that the electronic payment of stamp-duty exceeding Rs. 5,00,000/- (rupees five lac), shall be made compulsorily by electronic payment mode, i.e. through on-line.”;

(2) after rule 14A, *insert* the following rule:—

‘14B. **Mode of payment of Stamp-duty by electronic payment mode** — (1) Where the payment of stamp duty in respect of an instrument chargeable to stamp-duty is made by electronic payment mode, i.e. through on-line, the procedures mentioned in the Government Receipts Portal System (GRIPS) as up loaded in the web site, www.wbregistration.gov.in, shall be followed.

(2) The Registering officer of the Office provided with internet connectivity shall accept the presentation of the document of which the payment of stamp-duty has been made in electronic payment mode, i.e. through on line

(3) The Registering officer shall, after verification and cross-checking with the concerned bank through on-line mode, proceed with the admission of the document to registration in accordance with the other procedures laid down in these rules or any other rules relating to registration of documents in force.

Explanation— For the purpose of this rule, the expression “stamp-duty” includes registration fees payable under the Registration Act, 1908 and the rule made thereunder.’.

2. This notification shall come into force with effect from the 19th day of November, 2012.

By order of the Governor,

SAMIRAN PAL,
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal.