

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WATER INVESTIGATION & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
WRITERS' BUILDINGS, KOLKATA – 700 001**

No.1719-MI/9M-23/98(I)

27th June 2003

NOTIFICATION

Consequent upon manifold increase in the cost of operation & maintenance(O&M) of all the Minor Irrigation Installations, and as no enhancement of water rates for supply of irrigation water through Minor Irrigation schemes under the State Govt. has been effected since 1984, hence, after careful considerations, **in cancellation of all previous Govt. Orders/ Notifications** issued in this regard by erstwhile Department of Agriculture (MI Wing), which was subsequently renamed as Water Investigation & Development Department, **the Governor is pleased** to enhance the water rate from existing **Rs.5/- (Rupees five) only per acre-inch** of irrigation requirement to **Rs.17/- (Rupees seventeen) only per acre-inch** of irrigation requirement for supply of irrigation water through all Minor Irrigation Installations, run by the State Government through the Water Resources Development Directorate, West Bengal and the West Bengal State Minor Irrigation Corporation Ltd. **with effect from the 1st July,2003** and until further orders.

As a consequence of the aforesaid revision of water rates, for cultivation of crops in the command area of any MI installation **run by Water Resources Development Directorate as well as by WBSMIC Ltd.,**

collection of water rates shall be made as per the rates detailed in Column. No. 4 of the table below, with effect from the **1st July,2003** :-

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Sl. No.	Name of the Crop		Prevailing water rate per acre for relevant crop in the relevant season	Revised water rate per acre for relevant crop in the relevant season	
1	Paddy	i) Aus	a) Transplantedx (April ó May)	Rs.125.00	Rs.425.00
			b) Direct Sown	Rs. 60.00	Rs.204.00
		ii) Amon		Rs. 60.00	Rs.204.00
		iii) Boro		Rs.240.00	Rs.816.00
2.	Potato		Rs.100.00	Rs.340.00	
3.	Jute		Rs. 60.00	Rs.204.00	
4.	Wheat		Rs. 60.00	Rs.204.00	
5.	Mustard		Rs. 30.00	Rs.102.00	
6.	Groundnut		Rs. 60.00	Rs.204.00	
7.	Mairze	a) Rabi-Summer	Rs.100.00	Rs.340.00	
		b) Khariff	Rs. 30.00	Rs.102.00	
8.	Sugarcane(for first year of cultivation)		Rs.150.00	Rs.510.00	
9.	Ginger		Rs. 55.00	Rs.187.00	
10.	Betelvine		Rs.100.00	Rs.340.00	
11.	Banana		Rs.190.00	Rs.646.00	
12.	Vegetables including Arum		Rs.100.00(for a period not exceeding six months)	Rs.340.00	

For preparation of seed bed, supplementary irrigation and for cultivation of crops not mentioned in the list above, **Rs.51.00** shall be charged for supply of **every 3-acre-inch of irrigation water**.

This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their **U.O.No.Group-F 74 dated 26-06-2003**.

The Principal Accountant General(A&E), West Bengal is being informed accordingly.

By order of the Governor

**Joint Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal**

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Copy forwarded for information to the :-

- 1) Principal A.G(A&E), West Bengal Treasury Buildings
- 2) A.G(Audit-I), West Bengal
- 3) A.G(Audit-II), West Bengal
- 4) Finance Department, Group-F

Joint Secretary

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Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to the :-

- 1) Chief Engineer-I/II/III, W.R.D. Dte., West Bengal
- 2) Director, State Water Investigation Directorate – He is requested to display this Notification in this Department's Website "<http://www.wbwidd.org>"
- 3) Managing Director., WBSMIC Ltd.
- 4) D.P & E.O. C.E., W.R.D.Dte, West Bengal
- 5) Sabhadhipati,Parishad
- 6) District Magistrate., District. He is requested to ensure that a copy of this Notification reaches to the Block Development Officers under his jurisdiction by 30th June,2003 positively.

Joint Secretary

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Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to the :-

- 1) P.S. to Minister-in-Charge, Water Investigation & Development Department, Government of West Bengal.
- 2) P.S. to Minister-in-Charge, Finance Department, Government of West Bengal
- 3) P.S. to Minister-in-Charge, Irrigation & Waterways Department, Government of West Bengal
- 4) PrincipalSecretary,Development & Planning Department, Government of West Bengal
- 5) PrincipalSecretary,Agriculture Department, Government of West Bengal – It will be useful if you kindly arrange to display this Notification in your departmental Website.
- 6) Principal Secretary, Information & Cultural Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal – He is requested to kindly

arrange wide publicity of the upward revision of the water rate through both print and electronic media.

- 7) Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Government of West Bengal
- 8) Principal Secretary, Water Investigation & Development Department, Government of West Bengal
- 9) Principal Secretary, Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Government of West Bengal – He is requested to kindly inform all tiers of Panchayatiraj Institutions, specially the Panchayat Samities as management of minor irrigation system through Govt. is being done with close interaction and cooperation of the Panchayatiraj Institution.
- 10) Secretary, Information & Technology Department, Government of West Bengal with request to kindly display this Notification in the West Bengal Government's Website "<http://www.wbgov.com>"
- 11) Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department, Government of West Bengal.

Joint Secretary