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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
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
REVENUE

THE WEST BENGAL GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (EIGHTH REMOVAL OF DIFFICULTIES)
ORDER, 2019

NOTIFICATION

No. 1879-F.T.

Dated, Howrah, the 22nd day of November, 2019

Order No. 08/2019-State Tax

WHEREAS, sub-section (1) of section 44 of the West Bengal Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (West Ben. Act XXVIII of 2017) (hereafter in this Order referred to as the said Act) provides that every registered person, other than an Input Service Distributor, a person paying tax under section 51 or section 52, a casual taxable person and a non-resident taxable person, shall furnish an annual return for every financial year electronically in such form and manner as may be prescribed on or before the thirty-first day of December following the end of such financial year;

AND WHEREAS, for the purpose of furnishing of the annual return electronically for every financial year as referred to in sub-section (1) of section 44 of the said Act, certain technical problems are being faced by the taxpayers as a result whereof, the said annual return for the period from the 1st July, 2017 to the 31st March, 2018 and for the period from 1st April, 2018 to the 31st March, 2019 could not be furnished by the registered persons, as referred to in the said sub-section (1) and because of that, certain difficulties have arisen in giving effect to the provisions of the said section.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 172 of the West Bengal Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, the Governor, on recommendations of the Council, is pleased hereby to make the following Order, to remove the difficulties, namely:—

1. Short title.—This Order may be called the West Bengal Goods and Services Tax (Eighth Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2019.
2. For the *Explanation* in section 44 of the West Bengal Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, the following *Explanation* shall be *substituted*, namely:—

"Explanation.— For the purposes of this section, it is hereby declared that the annual return for the period from the 1st July, 2017 to the 31st March, 2018 shall be furnished on or before the 31st December, 2019 and the annual return for the period from the 1st April, 2018 to the 31st March, 2019 shall be furnished on or before the 31st March, 2020. "

3. This order shall be deemed to have come into force on the 14th day of November, 2019.

By order of the Governor,

RAJSEKHAR BANDYOPADHYAY

Additional Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.