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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**

**NOTIFICATION**

No. 1291-F.T.

Dated the 17th day of July, 2017.

The matter of restructuring of some of the Directorates engaged in revenue collection under this Department has been under active consideration of the Government. The restructuring and functional reforms are required in view of the new aspects of indirect tax structure of the State after introduction of Goods and Services Tax and for better administrative efficiency.

2. After careful consideration of the relevant aspects, the Governor is hereby pleased to notify that—
  - (a) the Directorate of Agricultural Income Tax, West Bengal and the Directorate of Electricity Duty, West Bengal are abolished by way of merger with the Directorate of Commercial Taxes, West Bengal;
  - (b) the statutory functions under the Bengal Agricultural Income-tax Act, 1944, the Bengal Electricity Duty Act, 1935 and other related Acts presently being administered by the Directorate of Agricultural Income Tax and the Directorate of Electricity Duty shall henceforth be administered under the Directorate of Commercial Taxes, West Bengal;
  - (c) the existing officers and staff of the Directorate of Agricultural Income Tax and the Directorate of Electricity Duty are placed under the administrative control of the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, West Bengal;
  - (d) the present service conditions of the existing officers and staff of the Directorate of Agricultural Income Tax and the Directorate of Electricity Duty will respectively remain unchanged.
3. Other necessary administrative arrangements in respect of such restructuring and functional reform shall be made in due course of time.
4. This has approval of the Cabinet as communicated vide Cabinet Secretariat U.O. No. Cab. (D)-437 dated 07.07.2017.

By order of the Governor,

H. K. DWIVEDI, IAS

*Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.*