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ORDER

Whereas clause (c) of sub section (6) of section 16A of the West Bengal Panchayat Act, 1973 has established the fact that the goal of formation of Gram Unnayan Samiti is to ensure active participation of the people in implementation, maintenance and equitable distribution of benefit with respect to the subjects as has already been highlighted in the West Bengal Panchayat (Gram Panchayat Administration) Rules, 2004 under Rule 74 ;

And whereas under sub rule (2a) of rule 74 of the West Bengal Panchayat(Gram Panchayat Administration) Rules 2004, the Gram Unnayan Samiti shall assist the Gram Panchayat in such manner as may be decided by the Gram Panchayat in identification of suitable works to provide wage based employment to those living within the area, who are in need of employment and also provide assistance in execution of schemes taken up by the Gram Panchayat or other agencies for employment generation ;

And whereas a question has been raised by different Panchayat Samitis and Gram Panchayat whether Secretary or other members of Gram Unnayan Samitis may be selected as Supervisor under NREGS and whether they may be allowed to participate in the tender process initiated by the Gram Panchayat ;

And whereas a policy decision is urgently required in this respect ;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the power conferred by section 212 of the West Bengal Panchayat Act, 1973, the Governor, after careful consideration, is hereby pleased to direct that no member of a Gram Unnayan Samiti including its Convener shall act as Supervisor under NREGS or participate in any tender process initiated by the Gram Panchayat as long as he remains a member of the Gram Unnayan Samiti for the sake of transparency and accountability in its functioning.

By order of the Governor,

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Government of West Bengal