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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 DEPARTMENT OF POWER

NOTIFICATION

No.52-PO/O/IV/1E-88/2017(Pt.) .—22nd January, 2020.—Whereas, The West Bengal Lifts and Escalators Act, 1955 had been enacted and subsequently amended with the object to provide for the regulation of the installation, maintenance and safe working of the lifts and escalators in West Bengal and of all machinery and apparatus pertaining to such lifts and escalators;

And whereas, it has been felt necessary upon upgradation and changes in technical specification and parameters of the lifts and escalators since 1955 alongwith the introduction of travelators, Bureau of Indian Standards and other technical standards for amending The West Bengal Lifts and Escalators Act, 1955;

And whereas, the proposal for repealing West Bengal Lifts and Escalators Act, 1955 alongwith amendments and to introduce West Bengal Lifts, Escalators and Travelators Bill 2019 in place of the repealed Act was under active contemplation of the State Government;

And whereas, the proposed Bill was referred to Law Department for vetting. In turn Law Department accorded approval on the proposal vide U.O. No. 11 of 2019 subject to the condition of Cabinet approval and passing the Bill by the West Bengal Legislative Assembly since the subject matter of the Bill is included within 13,64,66 of the State list in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and within competence of the State legislature and also the provisions of the Bill are not repugnant to the provisions of any earlier Law made by the Parliament or any existing Law with respect to any of the matters enumerated in the Concurrent list;

And whereas, the proposed Bill was referred to Finance Department for vetting and approval and Finance Department vide their U.O. No. Group R/2018-2019/0247 dated 06-03-2019 tendered their approval;

And whereas, the proposed Bill was placed before the State Cabinet and the cabinet vide their U.O.No. CAB(D)-1328 dated 03-07-2019 approved the proposal;

And whereas, the proposed Bill was passed by the West Bengal legislative Assembly on 27-08-2019;

And whereas, the Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal has assented to the West Bengal Lifts, Escalators and Travelators Bill, 2019 vide Notification No. 14-S dated 07-01-2020;

Now, therefore, in the Seventieth Year of the Republic of India, the West Bengal Lifts, Escalators and Travelators Act, 2019 is enacted which extends to the whole of West Bengal and comes into force from the date of publication of this notification in *The Official Gazette*.

By order of the Governor, S. SURESH KUMAR, Addl. Chief Secy. to the Govt. of West Bengal.