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PART III—Acts of the West Bengal Legislature.

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**

**LAW DEPARTMENT**

**Legislative**

**NOTIFICATION**

No. 151-L.—12th February, 2021.—The following Act of the West Bengal Legislature, having been assented to by the Governor, is hereby published for general information:—

**West Bengal Act I of 2021**

**THE WEST BENGAL COURT-FEES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2021.**

*[Passed by the West Bengal Legislature.]*

*[Assent of the Governor was first published in the Kolkata Gazette,  
Extraordinary, of the 12th February, 2021.]*

*An Act to amend the West Bengal Court-fees Act, 1970.*

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the West Bengal Court-fees Act, 1970, for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter appearing;

West Ben. Act X  
of 1970.

It is hereby enacted in the Seventy-second Year of the Republic of India, by the Legislature of West Bengal, as follows:—

Short title and  
commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the West Bengal Court-fees (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

*The West Bengal Court-fees (Amendment) Act, 2021.**(Sections 2-7.)*

Amendment of section 18 in West Ben. Act X of 1970.

2. In the West Bengal Court-fees Act, 1970 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in section 18, for the words “from the Collector”, the words “from the Collector or through electronically in the manner as may be prescribed by rules,” shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 19.

3. In section 19 of the principal Act, for the words “from the Collector”, the words “from the Collector or through electronically in the manner as may be prescribed by rules,” shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 20.

4. In section 20 of the principal Act, for the words “from the Collector”, the words “from the Collector or through electronically in the manner as may be prescribed by rules,” shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 39.

5. In section 39 of the principal Act,—

- (1) in the heading, for the words “Collection of fees by stamps”, the words “Collection of fees by stamps or electronically” shall be substituted;
- (2) for the words “collected by stamps”, the words “collected by stamps or electronically” shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 41.

6. In section 41 of the principal Act,—

- (1) in the heading, for the words “accounts of stamps”, the words “accounts of stamps, and manner of collection, payment and refund of fees electronically” shall be substituted;
- (2) in sub-section (1),—
  - (a) in clause (c), for the words “spoiled stamps; and”, the words “spoiled stamps;” shall be substituted;
  - (b) in clause (d), for the words “used under this Act:”, the words “used under this Act; and” shall be substituted;
  - (c) after clause (d), the following clause shall be inserted:—
 

“(e) the manner of collection, payment and refund of fees electronically:”.

Amendment of section 42.

7. In section 42 of the principal Act,—

- (1) in the heading, for the words “Stamping documents”, the words “Stamping documents or collection of fees electronically” shall be substituted;
- (2) in sub-section (1), for the words “ought to bear a stamp”, the words “ought to bear a stamp or collect fees electronically” shall be substituted;
- (3) in sub-section (2),—
  - (a) for the words “without being properly stamped”, the words “without being properly stamped or without collection of fees electronically” shall be substituted;
  - (b) for the words “document be stamped”, the words “document be stamped or attached with a copy of proof of payment of fees electronically” shall be substituted.

*The West Bengal Court-fees (Amendment) Act, 2021.**(Sections 8-10.)*Amendment of  
section 43.

**8.** In section 43 of the principal Act, for the words “to impose a fresh stamp”, the words “to impose a fresh stamp or to levy fees electronically” shall be substituted.

Amendment of  
section 44.

**9.** In section 44 of the principal Act,—

- (1) in sub-section (1), for the words “requiring a stamp”, the words “requiring a stamp or collection of fees through electronically” shall be substituted;
- (2) to sub-section (2), the following proviso shall be added:—

“Provided that where court-fee is paid electronically, the officer competent to cancel stamp, shall verify the genuineness of the payment and after satisfying himself as to the due payment of court-fee, make necessary entries electronically by endorsing his signature in the manner as may be prescribed.”.

Amendment of  
section 45.

**10.** In section 45 of the principal Act,—

- (1) in the heading, for the words “Sale of stamps”, the words “Sale of stamps or court-fees electronically” shall be substituted;
- (2) in sub-section (1), for the words “stamps to be used under this Act”, the words “stamps to be used under this Act and sale of court-fees electronically” shall be substituted;
- (3) in sub-section (3),—
  - (a) for the words “to sell stamps”, the words “to sell stamps or court-fees electronically” shall be substituted;
  - (b) for the words “for sale any stamps”, the words “for sale any stamps or court-fees electronically” shall be substituted.

By order of the Governor,

SUGATO MAJUMDAR,  
*Secy. to the Govt. of West Bengal,*  
*Law Department.*