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Taxes (G) Department NOTIFICATION

G. O. (P) No. 146/2018/TD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 13th September, 2018 28th Chingam, 1194. S. R. O. No. 636/2018.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 18A and 29 of the Abkari Act, 1 of 1077, the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules further to amend the Kerala Abkari Shops Disposal Rules, 2002 issued by notification under G. O. (P) No. 24/2002/TD dated 30th March, 2002 and published as S. R. O. No. 198/2002 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 376 dated 30th March, 2002, namely:—

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RULES

- 1. Short title and commencement.—(1) These rules may be called the Kerala Abkari Shops Disposal (Amendment) Rules, 2018.
- (2) They shall come into force at once.
- 2. Amendment of the Rules.—In the Kerala Abkari Shops Disposal Rules, 2002, after rule 5L, the following rules shall be inserted, namely:—
- "5M. Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, the privilege of vending toddy for the remaining period of the financial year 2018-19 in respect of toddy shops that remain unextended and unsold as on the date of commencement of the Kerala Abkari Shops Disposal (Amendment) Rules, 2018 for want of eligible purchasers, shall be put to public sale subject to the following relaxation in the general conditions under rule 5, namely:—
- (a) the remaining unsold groups of toddy shops shall be put to public sale on any date fixed by the officer conducting sale by reducing the rental to 50% of the rental notified for the years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 in successive slabs of 10% to 50%;
- (b) If the shops are still left unsold, the same may be entrusted with Workers' Committee at an annual rental of ₹ 500 (Rupees five hundred only) per shop, exempting payment of tree tax, advance payment of three months contribution to the Toddy Workers' Welfare Fund and advance payment of one month wages to the employee".

By order of the Governor,

Dr. Asha Thomas,

Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Government extended the licence of toddy shops in the State for the first 3 months of the Abkari Year 2018-19 as per G. O. (Ms.) No. 25/2018/TD dated 24th March, 2018 and later extended up to the financial year as per G. O. (Ms.) No. 48/2018/TD dated 27th June, 2018. As per G. O. (Ms.) No. 52/2018/TD dated 16th July, 2018 the Government accorded sanction to sell the unsold toddy shops during previous years and remain unsold during the present year also and shops of which licences were not extended for the year 2018-19. Now Government have decided to sell the shops of which licences were not 10% to 50% and also decided to entrust the shops to the workers' committee for a rental of ₹ 500 (Rupees five hundred only) per shop, if the shops are not sold even after reducing the rental. For implementing the above said decision the Government have decided to amend the Kerala Abkari Shops Disposal Rules, 2002 suitably.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object