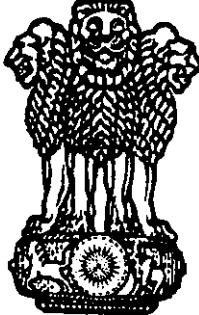


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PART I—Orders and Notifications by the Governor of West Bengal, the High Court, Government Treasury, etc.

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**

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**NOTIFICATION**

WHEREAS the Guidelines for Recognition of Tourism Service Providers of West Bengal, 2021 was introduced vide this Department's Notification No. 621-TM/1T-09/2021 dated 23.09.2021;

AND WHEREAS, it was observed that there was a substantial gap in the registration of the Recognised Tourism Service Providers which necessitated the need for relaxation of Educational Qualification criteria which would ensure registration of existing Tourism Service Providers and would bring them within the ambit of the Tourism Department. This would facilitate in strengthening and providing better services to the tourists.

AND WHEREIN the present provisions laid in the Clause no. 5 (v) regarding qualification requirement in the guidelines are as follows :—

- A) For agencies with annual turnover upto Rs. 10.00 Crore/new startup or green shoot-ups :  
A minimum of 02 (two) Staff-members with 10+2 or equivalent, out of which, 01 (one) Staff-member may desirably have Degree/Diploma in Tourism/ Travel.
- B) For agencies with annual turnover more than Rs. 10.00 Crore :  
A minimum of 04 (four) Staff-members with 10+2 or equivalent, out of which, 02 (two) Staff-member may desirably have Degree/Diploma in Tourism/ Travel.

Now, therefore, the Governor is pleased to make the following amendments in the Guidelines and insert sub-clause as detailed below :