Chapter -1

The Particulars of Organisation, Functions and Duties (under section 4(1)(b) (i) of RTI Act)

(a) PARTICULARS OF THE ORGANIZATION:

Tobacco Board is a statutory body established under an Act of Parliament with effect from 01/01/1976. The Board is working under the administrative Control of the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. It's headquarter is in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh at the following address.

TOBACCO BOARD

Govt. of India, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Commerce, Sreenivasaraothota, G.T.Road, Guntur-522 004 Andhra Pradesh

(b) FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE ORGANIZATION:

- 1) It shall be the duty of the Tobacco Board to promote the development of the tobacco industry.
- 2) Without prejudice to the said general provision, the measures referred to there in may provide for:-
 - *(a) regulating the production and curing of Virginia tobacco having regard to the following factors namely;
 - i. the demand for Virginia tobacco in India and abroad;
 - ii. the suitability of land for growing Virginia tobacco;
 - iii. the differences in soil characteristics and agro climatic factors in different regions of the country where Virginia tobacco is grown and the effect thereof on the quality and quantity of Virginia tobacco produced in those regions;
 - iv. the marketability of different types of Virginia tobacco;
 - v. the need for rotation of crop, and
 - vi. the nature of the holdings of the growers of Virginia tobacco whether owned or leased.
 - * Clause (a) was substituted vide Tobacco Board (Amendment) Act, 1985 published in the extraordinary Gazette of India Part II, Section-1, Dt.06/09/1985.
 - b) keeping a constant watch on the Virginia tobacco market, both in India and abroad, and ensuring that the growers get a fair and remunerative price for the same and that there are no wide fluctuations in the prices of the commodity;
 - maintenance and improvement of existing markets, and development of new markets outside India for Indian Virginia tobacco and its products and devising of marketing strategy in consonance with demand for the commodity outside India, including group marketing under limited brand names;
 - *(cc) establishment by the Board of auction platform, with previous approval of the Central Government, for the sale of Virginia tobacco by registered growers or curers, and functioning of the Board as an auctioneer at auction platforms established by or registered with its subject to such conditions as may be specified by the Central Government.

Inserted vide the Tobacco Board (Amendment) Act 1978 published in the extraordinary Gazette of India Part-II, Section-1, Dt.30/08/1978

- ** (d) deleted;
 - ** Deleted vide the Tobacco Board (Amendment) Act 1978 published in the extraordinary Gazette of India Part-II, Section-1, Dt.30/08/1978.
- e) regulating in other respects Virginia tobacco marketing in India and export of Virginia tobacco having due regard to the interests of growers, manufacturers and dealers and the nation;
- propagating information useful to the growers, dealers and exporters (including packers) of Virginia tobacco and manufacturers of Virginia tobacco products and others concerned with Virginia tobacco and products thereof;
- g) purchasing Virginia tobacco from growers when the same is considered necessary or expedient for protecting the interests of the growers and disposal of the same in India or aboard as and when considered appropriate;
- h) Promoting the grading of tobacco at the level of growers;
- i) Sponsoring, assisting, coordinating or encouraging scientific, technological and economic research for the promotion of tobacco industry;
- j) Such other matters as may be prescribed;
- 3) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of sub-section (1) and subject to priority being given to matters specified in sub-section (2), the measures referred to in sub-section (1) may also provide in relation to tobacco, other than Virginia tobacco, for all or any other matters specified in clauses (c) to (g) of sub-section (2) and for this purpose any reference in those clauses to Virginia tobacco shall be construed as including a reference to tobacco other than Virginia tobacco.
- 4) The Board shall perform its functions under this section in accordance with and subject to such rules as may be made by the Central Government and such, rules may in particular make provisions for ensuring that the Board functions in close liaison with Union agencies, institutions and authorities concerned with the tobacco industry (including growing of tobacco) and avoids duplication of effort.

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