

Tea garden workers can breathe easy

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Payment of wages to 4 lakh workers in Bengal's tea gardens enabled

: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed the West Bengal government to draw cash beyond the stipulated limit to pay wages to about four lakh workers in the 278 large tea gardens of Bengal. The tea garden owners will have to first transfer the amount to be paid as wages to the bank account of the district administration, a notice issued by the State's Finance Department has said.

“The District Magistrate shall draw the amount and disburse the same to the tea garden owners on proper receipt to facilitate payment of wages to the tea garden workers,” the notice, signed by the Principal Secretary of the department Hari Krishna Dwivedi, stated. Following last week's demonetisation, garden owners had earlier issued a notice announcing 'deferred' payment of wages in the large gardens. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee “approved” the payment of wages to tea garden workers from the State government's account, Chief Secretary Basudeb Banerjee said.

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