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No. T-COMP/3/2025-Technical /364

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ORDER

To,

Smt Ritu Garg (Warehouseman)
Warehouseman identification No- 5615802
Ritu Garg c/o Babita Warehouse (WH ID- 6956700),
Godown No 1,2 and 3, Khewat no. 153 Khatauni No 184
Numbaran khasra kila no 17,18,19,20/1/1, Village Nauhara,
District Panipat Haryana-132105.

Order under Rule 33 of the Warehousing (Development & Regulation) Registration of Warehouses Rules, 2017 for cancellation of registration certificate of Ritu Garg c/o Babita Warehouse (WH ID- 6956700), Registered address at Godown No 1,2 and 3, Khewat no. 153 Khatauni No 184, Numbaran khasra kila no 17,18,19,20/1/1, Village Nauhara, District Panipat Haryana-132105.

1. Whereas, Ritu Garg c/o Babita Warehouse (WH ID- 6956700), Godown No 1,2 and 3, Khewat no. 153 Khatauni No 184, Numbaran khasra kila no 17,18,19,20/1/1, Village Nauhara, District Panipat Haryana-132105 (hereinafter referred to as "said warehouse"), is a registered warehouse with Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (hereinafter referred to as "WDRA"), in terms of the provisions of the W(D&R) Act,2007 and Warehousing (Development & Regulation) Registration of Warehouses Rules,2017 (hereinafter referred to as "said rules").
2. Whereas, the registration certificate against the said warehouse was granted subject to adherence and compliance of the regulatory provisions under the W (D&R) Act, 2007, rules, regulations, notifications and guidelines/circulars issued thereunder, with respect to the said warehouse.
3. Whereas, vide e-mail dated 10.12.2025, NERL (a registered repository with WDRA) informed WDRA that there might be certain discrepancies in the stock position pertaining to Ritu Garg c/o Babita Warehouse (WH ID- 6956700).

4. Whereas, in view of the above information, WDRA then appointed an Inspecting Officer (from WDRA empanelled Agency True Quality Certification Pvt. Ltd.) for a surprise inspection of the warehouse. Accordingly, on 17.12.2025 the inspecting officer (Shri S.P. Sharma, True Quality Certification Pvt. Ltd.) conducted the inspection. The Inspecting Officer subsequently submitted the following findings: (Annexure-I)
- a. The warehouse was registered as Ritu Garg c/o Babita warehouse (Warehouse ID/ Registration certificate no- 6956700) with registration validity from 09/07/2024 to 08/07/2029. The Warehouseman of the warehouse is Smt. Ritu Garg.
 - b. Godown was found locked at the time of inspection and no stock was available.
 - c. The Warehouseman was not available for inspection.
 - d. The inspecting Officer in the report has mentioned that godown named Ritu Garg C/o Babita was managed by Sh Satish Garg on behalf of his wife Smt Ritu Garg. For the inspection, the inspecting officer called Shri Satish Garg on 16.12.2025, however he did not answer the call. Thereafter on 17.12.2025, he was again contacted telephonically by the Inspecting Officer and he informed that he is not in Panipat and is hiding from the police as an FIR had been registered against him.
 - e. Officials from Star Agri Warehousing and Central Bank of India were present during the inspection but refused to sign the documents.
 - f. The keys of the warehouse were with another namely, M/s Star Agri Warehousing. Hence in view of above the findings record that the effective control of the said warehouse is not with the warehouseman Smt. Ritu Garg and is with Star Agri Warehousing.
5. Whereas the registration certificate was granted on the basis of documents submitted by Ritu Garg / Proprietor M/s Luxmi Trading Company, including the rent/lease agreement dated 26.03.24 in respect of the warehouse premises and the undertaking verified on 22.04.24 furnished with the registration application.
6. Whereas as per rule 2(1)(e) of the W(D&R) Registration of Warehouses Rules 2017, *"effective control" means the ability of an applicant or a warehouseman to demonstrate physical possession and complete operational control with respect to a warehouse concerned through document specified in the First Schedule.* Above findings indicate loss of effective control over the said warehouse with the Warehouseman Smt. Ritu Garg.
7. Whereas as per rule 12(4) of the said rules the certificate of registration issued shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of issuance of the certificate, subject to the maintenance of ownership or continuous effective control over the warehouse concerned by the warehouseman.
8. And whereas, as per rule 33(1) of the said rules, the Authority may cancel the registration of warehouse if:

.... (b) the warehouseman is no longer able to demonstrate ownership of, or effective control over, the warehouse;
(g) the warehouseman does not cooperate in any enquiry, inspection or audit conducted by the Authority or external person; ..

9. Whereas, vide email dated 17.02.2026, NERL (a registered repository with WDRA) informed WDRA that the warehouseman Smt Ritu Garg had issued total 16 eNWRs amounting to a value of Rs. 8.61 crore approx. which had been pledged with Central Bank of India Copy of eNWRs are enclosed herewith. (Annexure-II).
10. Whereas, owing to the above findings and violations, vide Office order dated 18.02.2026, an Enquiry Officer was appointed under Rule 33 of W (D&R) Registration of Warehouses Rules, 2017 to look into the matter of cancellation of registration of of Ritu Garg c/o Babita Warehouse (Warehouse ID/ Registration certificate no - 6956700) Godown No 1,2 and 3, Khewat no. 153 Khatauni No 184 Numbaran khasra kila no 17,18,19,20/1/1. Village Nauhara, District Panipat Haryana-132105. This was subsequently modified vide office order dated 10.04.2025.
11. Whereas, a show cause notice under Rule 33(3) of W(D&R) Registration of Warehouses Rules, 2017 was issued to the warehouseman vide letter dated 14.05.2026 (Annexure-III) directing warehouseman to submit a reply against aforementioned violations within 15 days, failing which the Authority may initiate further action as per provisions of the Act and the Rules, Regulations framed thereunder.
12. Whereas, no representation either in the form of written reply or any other mode to the said show cause notice dated 14.05.26 is received from the warehouseman. Copy of Show cause Notice served upon the warehouseman vide email/post is attached herewith as Annexure IV.
13. Whereas, a joint inspection was conducted in the said warehouse by WDRA nominated inspection agency M/S SGS India Pvt. Ltd. through its Inspection Officer Sh. Digambar Sharma and WDRA nominated inspection agency True Quality Certifications Pvt. Ltd. through its Inspection Officer Sh. S.P. Sharma on 01.06.2026. The inspection was done in the presence of Sh. Vishesh Gupta, Central Bank of India. As per the inspection report (Annexure-V) the following discrepancies were observed:
 - a. Warehouse is under control of Haryana State Warehousing Corporation.
 - b. Warehouseman's spouse has informed over phone that they no longer have control over the warehouse.
 - c. Warehouseman was not present during inspection.
14. Whereas, vide email dated 05.06.2026, Central Bank of India has informed that there is no outstanding pledge amount w.r.t the eNWRs issued by said warehouseman/warehouse.

15. Whereas the Enquiry Officer after examining the details and records has submitted the Enquiry Report dated 16.06.2026 (Annexure-VI). The Enquiry Officer has recorded that the warehouseman has not even replied to the Show Cause Notice dated 14.05.2026. Enquiry officer in his report has concluded that the warehouseman has committed multiple violations of the provisions of the Act, the Rules, and the Guidelines therein including not maintaining effective control of the warehouse, not extending cooperation for inspection, not providing relevant records, releasing stocks related to pledged eNWRs.

16. The enquiry report submits that the warehouseman Smt. Ritu Garg has violated the following provisions under the W(D&R) Act 2007 and the rules, regulations, guidelines therein in reference to Ritu Garg c/o Babita Warehouse (WH ID- 6956700)

a) Rule 22(1)(a), 25(d), 25(e), 25(f), 25(g), 25(h), 25(i) of **Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Registration of Warehouses Rules, 2017**

b) Section 6(1), 6(3), 8, 10(3), 10(4), 43(1) of the **Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Act, 2007**

c) Clause 5(1) of the **Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (Electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts) Regulations, 2017**

17. After carefully, examining the inspection reports dated 17.12.2025, 01.06.2026, the enquiry report dated 16.06.2026 and the records/ documents placed before it, the Authority passes the following order:

a. The Authority concurs with the findings of the Enquiry Officer and is satisfied that the warehouseman has failed to comply with the mandatory statutory obligations under the Act, and the rules, regulations, guidelines therein as elaborated in the enquiry report and thus resolved to cancel the registration of Ritu Garg c/o Babita Warehouse (Warehouse ID/ Registration certificate no - 6956700) Godown No 1,2 and 3, Khewat no. 153 Khatauni No 184 Numbaran khasra kila no 17,18,19,20/1/1, Village Nauhara, District Panipat Haryana-132105 under Rule 33 of the W (D&R) Registration of Warehouses Rules, 2017 with immediate effect.

The warehouseman has failed to maintain effective control of the warehouse as per the requirement of the W(D&R) Act 2007, not extended cooperation for inspection, not provided relevant records, released stocks related to pledged eNWRs. The warehouseman has not replied to Show Cause Notice dated 14.05.2026, which concludes regulatory violations on the part of the Warehouseman Smt. Ritu Garg.

b. Further, as per Rule 34 of the Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Registration of Warehouses Rules, 2017 the warehouseman shall on and from the date of cancellation of the registration of the said warehouses/s:

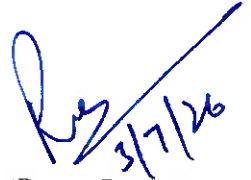
i. cease to conduct the warehousing business in respect of Ritu Garg c/o Babita Warehouse (Warehouse ID/ Registration certificate no - 6956700) Godown No 1,2 and 3, Khewat no. 153 Khatauni No 184 Numbaran khasra

kila no 17,18,19,20/1/1, Village Nauhara, District Panipat Haryana-132105;
and

ii. continue to discharge its obligations in respect of negotiable warehouse receipts issued by it.

iii. Ritu Garg c/o Babita Warehouse (Warehouse ID/ Registration certificate no - 6956700) Godown No 1,2 and 3, Khewat no. 153 Khatauni No 184 Numbaran khasra kila no 17,18,19,20/1/1, Village Nauhara, District Panipat Haryana-132105 is prevented from issuing any negotiable warehouse receipts as the registration certificate of the said warehouse stands cancelled with immediate effect.

18. If aggrieved by this order, Smt. Ritu Garg (warehouseman) has the right to appeal before the Appellate Authority under Section 42 of the Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Act, 2007, within Sixty (60) days, from the date of issuance of this order, in accordance with the procedure prescribed under the Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Appellate Authority Procedure Rules, 2010.



(Reenu Banga)
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