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### ORDER

To,

Sh Ram Maher (Warehouseman)  
Warehouseman identification No- 5590609  
Ram Maher c/o Kiran Santosh  
(Warehouse Registration No - 6991269),  
Godown no 1,2A, 4 and 4A, Khewat No. 153  
Khatauni no. 184 Numran Kila No 13,14,15,16,  
Village Nauhra, Panipat, Haryana - 132105.

**Order under Rule 33 of the Warehousing (Development & Regulation) Registration of Warehouses Rules, 2017 for cancellation of registration certificate Ram Maher c/o Kiran Santosh (Warehouse ID- 6991269) registered address at Godown no 1,2A, 4 and 4A, Khewat No. 153 Khatauni no. 184 Numran Kila No 13,14,15,16, Village Nauhra, Panipat, Haryana - 132105.**

1. Whereas, Ram Maher c/o Kiran Santosh (Warehouse ID- 6991269) registered address at Godown no 1,2A, 4 and 4A, Khewat No. 153 Khatauni no. 184 Numran Kila No 13,14,15,16, Village Nauhra, 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 was some suspicious activity in five warehouses including Ram Maher c/o Kiran Santosh (Warehouse ID- 6991269).
4. Whereas, in view of the above information, WDRA then appointed an Inspecting Officer (from WDRA empanelled Agency M/s SGS India Pvt. Ltd.) for a surprise inspection of the warehouse. Accordingly, on 23.12.2025 the inspecting officer (Shri Digambar Sharma, M/s SGS India Pvt. Ltd.) conducted the inspection. The Inspecting Officer subsequently submitted the following findings: (Annexure-I)
  - a. The warehouse was registered as Ram Maher c/o Kiran Santosh (Warehouse ID- 6991269) with registration validity from 30/10/2024 to 29/04/2029. The Warehouseman of the warehouse was Ram Maher.
  - b. The warehouseman could not be contacted and was not available for inspection.
  - c. The warehouse was found locked.
  - d. Officials from CNV Bank was present.
4. Whereas the registration certificate was granted on the basis of documents submitted by the Warehouseman Shri Ram Mehar, including the rent/lease agreement dated 02.08.24 in respect of the warehouse premises.
5. 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.*
6. 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.
7. 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;*
8. Whereas, vide email dated 17.02.2026, CCRL (a registered repository with WDRA) informed WDRA that the warehouseman Sh Ram Maher had issued total 18 eNWRs which had been pledged for Rs. 20.29 crore approx. Copy of eNWRs are enclosed herewith. (Annexure-II).

9. Whereas, 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 Ram Maher c/o Kiran Santosh (WH ID 6991269), Godown no 1, 2A, 4 and 4A, Khewat No. 153 Khatauni no. 184 Numran Kila No 13,14,15,16, Village Nauhra, Panipat, Haryana – 132105. This was subsequently modified vide office order dated 10.04.2025.
10. Whereas, a show cause notice under Rule 33(3) of W(D&R) Registration of Warehouses Rules, 2017 was issued to the warehousemen vide letter dated 04.05.2026 (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.
11. Whereas, another show cause notice under Rule 33(3) of W(D&R) Registration of Warehouses Rules, 2017 was issued to the warehousemen vide letter dated 21.05.2026 (Annexure-IV) directing warehouseman to submit a reply against aforementioned violations within 03 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(s) is received from the warehouseman.
13. Whereas, a joint inspection was conducted in the said warehouse by WDRA empanelled inspection agency M/s SGS India Pvt. Ltd. through its Inspecting Officer Sh. Digambar Sharma and WDRA empanelled inspection agency M/s True Quality Certifications Pvt. Ltd. through its Inspecting Officer Sh. S.P. Sharma on 03.06.2026. 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 owner has informed that warehouse is under control of other parties.
  - b. Warehouseman was not present during inspection
  - c. Warehouseman has no effective control over the warehouse.
14. Whereas, vide forwarding email dated 05.06.2026, enclosing the contents of its internal email dated 03.06.2026, Central Bank of India informed that Rs. 14.99 Cr. + Interest charged in loan account, with pledged eNWR value of Rs. 19.48 Cr was outstanding in this warehouse and no pledged stock was located.
15. Whereas the Enquiry Officer has submitted the Enquiry Report dated 16.06.2026 (Annexure-VI). The Enquiry Officer has recorded that the warehouseman has not replied to the Show Cause Notice dated 04.05.2026 and 21.05.2026. 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 Sh Ram Maher has violated the following provisions under the W(D&R) Act 2007 and the rules, regulations, guidelines therein in reference to Ram Maher c/o Kiran Santosh (Warehouse ID-6991269)

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), 9(4), 9(5) of the **Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (Electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts) Regulations, 2017**

d) **Clause 16 of WDRA approved "Guidelines on empanelment of inspection agencies and inspection of warehouses"** provides for warehouseman's rights and obligations regarding the inspection process. Therein clause 16(1) provides that "A warehouseman or an applicant for warehouseman shall provide full cooperation to the Inspecting Officer for the purpose of conducting the inspection, collecting samples, documents and capturing images from the warehouse and recording data from the warehouseman or under his effective control". The conduct on the part of warehouseman constitutes violation of these guidelines.

e) **Section 8(3) of W(D&R) Act, 2007** "the warehouseman shall make available to the Authority for inspection the records and accounts of the warehouse business at any time as may be desired by the authority.

f) **Section 43(1) of W (D&R) Act 2007** "Any warehouseman knowingly issuing a negotiable warehouse receipt without taking the actual physical delivery of the goods in his warehouse or a warehouseman or an agent or servant of the warehouseman who issues a warehouse receipt without reasonably satisfying himself that the goods for which such warehouse receipt is issued have actually been received or the number, weight or grade of the goods corresponds to the number, weight or grade specified in the warehouse receipt or the goods are under his actual control at the time of issuing such warehouse receipt, commits an offence and shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine which may extend to four times the value of the goods or with both."

17. After carefully, examining the inspection reports dated 23.12.2025, 03.06.2026, 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, rules, regulations and guidelines therein as elaborated in the enquiry report and thus resolved to cancel the registration of

Ram Maher c/o Kiran Santosh (WH ID 6991269), Godown no 1,2A, 4 and 4A, Khewat No. 153 Khatauni no. 184 Numran Kila No 13,14,15,16, Village Nauhra, Panipat, Haryana – 132105 under Rule 33 of the W (D&R) Registration of Warehouses Rules, 2017 with immediate effect.

b. The warehouseman has failed to maintain effective control of the warehouse, 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 04.05.2026 and 21.05.2026.

18. That, 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:

1. cease to conduct the warehousing business in respect of Ram Maher c/o Kiran Santosh (WH ID 6991269), Godown no 1,2A, 4 and 4A, Khewat No. 153 Khatauni no. 184 Numran Kila No 13,14,15,16, Village Nauhra, Panipat, Haryana – 132105; and
2. continue to discharge its obligations in respect of negotiable warehouse receipts issued by it
3. Ram Maher c/o Kiran Santosh (WH ID 6991269), Godown no 1,2A, 4 and 4A, Khewat No. 153 Khatauni no. 184 Numran Kila No 13,14,15,16, Village Nauhra, Panipat, Haryana – 132105 is prevented from issuing any negotiable warehouse receipts as the registration certificate of the said warehouse stands cancelled with immediate effect.

19. If aggrieved by this order, Sh. Ram Maher (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.



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