Permission for advanced plucking of first flush teas

With reference to the orders issued by the Competent Authority of the Board vide No. 12(71)/LC/2007/(Part-III)/11812, dated 31.10.2018 and no. 9(45)/DTD/2018 dated 19.12.2018 and public notices dated 16.01.2019, the Committee of Experts had visited some tea estates in West Bengal and found that the tea leaf on the plucking table was not of the standard quality and unfit for processing. However, it is reported that some tea estates in the states of West Bengal have observed first flush leaves.

In view of the above, it is informed that estates with noticeable first flush if any, desiring to have their garden examined by the Committee, must submit a fresh request for the same and it would be considered on a case to case basis. However, the cost of the visit of the Expert Committee have to borne by the respective estates.

If the Committee is of the opinion that the leaf quality meets the required quality standards, only then would the estate be permitted to advance the resumption of plucking from the stipulated date.

Ref. no. 9(43)/DTD/2018