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PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 8th March 2006

No.1647-OLA/1-16/2005/PAD.—Whereas the Commission of Inquiry consisting of Hon'ble Justice Shri Chira Ranjan Pal, a retired Judge of Orissa High Court was appointed by the Notification of Government of Orissa in the Parliamentary Affairs Department No.6178/PAD., dated the 15th September 2004 published in the extraordinary issue No.1235, dated the 15th September 2004 of the *Orissa Gazette* (hereinafter referred to as the said Notification), to enquire into in respect of the alleged violation of the recruitment procedure and the illegal and unfair practice adopted in giving appointments and showing of favouritism and nepotism by misuse of official position, alleged corruption committed in the purchase of computers for the Legislative Assembly and any other matter connected with or incidental thereto specified in the said Notification and report within three months from the date of its publication;

And, whereas it was felt necessary to extend the time stipulated in the said Notification for furnishing report to the State Government, upto 28th February 2005 and the time was extended upto 28th February 2005 in the Notification of the Government of Orissa in Parliamentary Affairs Department No. 8188/PAD., dated the 14th December 2004;

And, whereas the Hon'ble Justice Shri C.R. Pal has again been entrusted to enquire into the alleged irregularities committed in installation of Attendance and Access Control System in the Orissa Legislative Assembly by the Notification of the Government of Orissa in Parliamentary Affairs Department No.1090-OLA/1-26/2004/PAD., dated the 31st January 2005 and the time was extended upto 31st May 2005 in the Notification of the Government of Orissa in the Parliamentary Affairs Department No.1767/PAD., dated the 1st March 2005;

And, whereas the Hon'ble Justice Shri C.R. Pal required to examine more witnesses on the alleged irregularities regarding violation of recruitment procedure in giving appointments, purchase of computers and installation of Attendance Access Control System in Orissa Legislative Assembly, the time was further extended upto 31st August 2005 in the Notification of the

Government of Orissa in Parliamentary Affairs Department No. 3747/PAD., dated the 30th May 2005;

And, whereas the Hon'ble Justice Shri C.R. Pal has required to examine more witnesses in connection with purchase of computers for Orissa Legislative Assembly and in connection with installation of Attendance and Access Control System in Orissa Legislative Assembly, the time was extended upto 30th November 2005 in the Notification of Government of Orissa in Parliamentary Affairs Department No.6049/PAD., dated the 30th August 2005;

And, whereas the Hon'ble Justice Shri C.R. Pal has required to examine 10 to 12 more witnesses in connection with installation of Attendance and Access Control System in Orissa Legislative Assembly alongwith a series of documents exhibited during the inquiry, the time was further extended for a period of one month upto 31st December 2005;

And, whereas the Hon'ble Justice Shri C.R. Pal has required to cross examine the witnesses who have already been examined in Chief with reference to various documents the tenure was extended upto 28th February 2006;

And, whereas the Hon'ble Justice Shri C.R. Pal has required to witness Ex-Secretary and former Speaker, Orissa Legislative Assembly and whereas further time is required to cross-examine the witnesses by the aggrieved party;

And, whereas the Commission has required three months more time to conclude the enquiry, it is felt necessary to extend the time stipulated in the said Notification for furnishing report to the State Government for a further period of 3 months i.e. upto 31st May 2006;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 read with sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952(60 of 1952), the State Government do hereby make the following amendment to the said Notification, namely:—

AMENDMENT

In the said Notification for the words “Seventeen and half months” appearing in the consequential portion, the words “Twenty and half months” shall be substituted.

By order of the Governor

T.K. PANDEY

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government