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HOME (SPECIAL SECTION) DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 29th December 2007

S.R.O.No.661/2007—Whereas the State Government have received information regarding several incidents of violence in different parts of Kandhamal District since 24.12.2007.

And whereas, the State Government are deeply concerned about the incidents and are of the opinion that this being a definite matter of public importance should be enquired into by a Commission of Inquiry under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (Act 60 of 1952);

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 (Act 60 of 1952) the State Government do hereby appoint a Commission of Inquiry consisting of Mr. Justice Basudev Panigrahi, a Retired Judge, to enquire into and report in respect of the following matters within four months from the date of publication of this notification in the Orissa Gazette, namely:—

- (i) Analysis of the sequence of events and circumstances leading to the incidents.
- (ii) Whether the measures taken, the quantum of force used in anticipating, preventing and handling situations were adequate, inadequate or in excess of requirement and the responsibility for such acts of commission or omission.
- (iii) The role, conduct and responsibility of the organisations, group of individuals or persons, if any, in influencing, precipitating or escalating the incident.
- (iv) Any other matter connected with or incidental thereto as the Commission may consider appropriate.

Further the State Government do hereby direct that the provisions of sub-sections (2), (3), (4) & (5) of Section 5 of the said Act shall also apply to the Commission, as the State Government are of the opinion that having regard to the nature of enquiry to be

made and other circumstances of the incident and provisions should be made applicable to the Commission.

The Commission of Inquiry may also perform such other functions as are necessary or incidental to the inquiry.

The headquarters of the Commission shall be at Bhubaneswar but the Commission may hold inquiry in Kandhamal District, as may be necessary for the purpose of inquiry.

[No.5083/C.]

By order of the Governor

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