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HOME (SPECIAL SECTION) DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 5th February, 2015

**S.R.O. No.44/2015** — Whereas the State Government 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), had appointed Hon'ble Justice R.K.Patra (Retd.) as Commission of Inquiry vide this Department Notification No.1743/C. dated the 9th July, 2013 to enquire into and report in respect of the following terms of reference, namely:—

- (i) identify the individuals and entities who have indulged in unauthorised collection of public deposits in the State of Odisha,
- (ii) probe and bring out involvement of influential persons, bureaucrats and other sections of the society, if any, in protecting or promoting such illegal activities,
- (iii) suggest measures to safeguard the interest of genuine investors affected by the recent incidents relating to unauthorised collection of public deposits and its misappropriation,
- (iv) suggest safeguard measures to ensure financial security for the genuine investors and prevention of such problems in future, and
- (v) any other matter connected with or incidental thereto, as the Commission may consider appropriate.

And, whereas, the tenure of the Commission of Inquiry has been extended from time to time upto twenty one months.

And, whereas, Hon'ble Justice R.K.Patra passed away on 28th January, 2015 and the inquiry remains incomplete in the mean time and it is felt expedient in the interest of justice to entrust the residuary inquiry to another Commission of Inquiry headed by a Retired High Court Judge to conclude the process of inquiry.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 read with sub-section (1) of Section 5 of the said Act, the State Government, after careful

consideration, do hereby appoint Hon'ble Sri Justice M. M. Das (Retd.) as Commission of Inquiry to take up the inquiry from the stage it was left over by Late Justice R. K. Patra and furnish his report to the State Government within 6 (six) months from the date of issue of this Notification. The terms of reference of the Commission will be the same as mentioned in the 1st paragraph.

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

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

The headquarters of the Commission shall be at Cuttack. However, the Commission may hold the inquiry at any other place as may be considered necessary for the purpose of inquiry.

[No. 371/C.]

By Order of the Governor

C. J. VENUGOPAL

Principal Secretary to Government.