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## HOME (SPECIAL SECTION) DEPARTMENT

### NOTIFICATION

The 22nd July, 2016

**S.R.O. No.326/2016**— Whereas, the State Government have received information regarding a tragic incident of Police firing at Village Gumudumaha under Baliguda Police Station in the District of Kandhamal on 8th July, 2016 resulting in death of 5 persons including an infant and injury to some other persons during anti-Maoist operations of SOG of Odisha Police;

And, whereas, the State Government are deeply concerned about the incident 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, the State Government do hereby appoint the District & Sessions Judge, Kandhamal as Commission of Inquiry to enquire into and report in respect of the following matters within 3 (three) months from the date of issue of this Notifications, namely:—

- (i) The sequence of events and circumstances leading to the incident of Police Firing at village Gumudumaha under Baliguda Police Station in the district of Kandhamal, which occurred on 8th July, 2016.
- (ii) Whether the Police firing was justified and valid in law and whether the extent of use of force i.e. firing of bullets was justified under the circumstances.
- (iii) Any other matter connected with or incidental thereto, as the Commission may consider appropriate including suggestions on steps to be taken to avoid occurrence of such incidents in future.

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 Phulbani and the Commission may hold its sittings at any other place as required for the purpose of inquiry.

[No.1457/C.]

By Order of the Governor

LALIT DAS

Special Secretary to Government