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COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (MANIPUR VIOLENCE), 2023

Room No. 13, First Floor, Heritage Building,

Major Dhayan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi-110001

No. COI/MANIPUR/2023-CN/262

New Delhi, the 20th November, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Central Government has appointed the Commission of Inquiry under Section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 vide Notification No.CG-DL-E-04062023-246274, dated June 4, 2023, S.O. 2424(E) issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs in the Gazette of India : Extra Ordinary (hereinafter referred to as the 'Commission') with its Chairperson Justice Ajai Lamba, Former Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court, and members Shri Himanshu Shekhar Das, IAS (Retd.) and Shri Aloka Prabhakar, IPS (Retd.).

2. The Terms of Reference of the Commission are as follows:

- (i) a) the causes and spread of the violence and riots targeting members of different communities, which took place in the State of Manipur on 3rd May 2023, and thereafter;
- b) the sequence of events leading to, and all the facts relating to such violence;
- c) whether there were any lapses or dereliction of duty in this regard on the part of any of the responsible authorities/individuals;
- d) the adequacy of the administrative measures taken to prevent, and to deal with the said violence and riots;
- e) to consider such matters as may be found relevant in the course of inquiry.

(ii) The inquiry by the Commission is also in regard to:

- a) complaints or allegations that may be made before the Commission by any individual, or association, in such form and accompanied by such affidavits, as may be specified by the Commission, and
- b) such instances relatable to Paragraph 2(i) (a) to (e) above, as may be brought to its notice by the Government of Manipur.

3. AND whereas the Commission in exercise of powers conferred by Rule 5(2)(b) of Commissions of Inquiry (Central) Rules, 1972, has ordered for issuance of a Notification inviting all persons acquainted with the subject matter of the inquiry, as referred to above, to furnish to the Commission, a statement relating to the said matters. FURTHERMORE, any individual or association may make a complaint or allegation before the Commission, as provided in Para 2 (ii)(a) of the terms of reference extracted above, on affidavit in the form specified here below.
4. Now therefore, a Notification is hereby issued inviting all persons acquainted with the subject-matter of the inquiry to furnish to the Commission, a statement on affidavit relating to all such matters. Likewise, a complaint or allegation may be made to the Commission on affidavit. The statement or complaint/allegation on affidavit is required to be presented personally to the Secretary/Registrar, or an official authorised by the Commission in this behalf, between 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM on any working day, or may be sent by Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due, or Speed Post, at the above-mentioned address of the Commission.
5. The affidavit be drawn on A4 size paper, typed on one side, in accordance with the (REGULATION OF PROCEDURE) ORDER, 2023 of the Commission as notified on 26th August, 2023, published on 29th August, 2023 vide Notification No.H-1701/187/2023-HD-HD issued by the Government of Manipur, Home Department, in the Manipur Gazette extraordinary and available at its website link: https://manipurgovtpress.nic.in/en/details_gazette/?gazette=1867.5 (Five) copies of the affidavit be filed, along with documents, if any. The affidavit shall clearly indicate at the top whether it is a statement relating to the subject matter of inquiry, or it is a complaint/ allegation. The affidavits be attested by such Court, Judge, Magistrate or persons who are empowered to administer oath in terms of Section 3 of The Oaths Act, 1969, and be drawn ordinarily in English. However, if the affidavit is in any language other than English, it be accompanied with true translation of the same in English, duly authenticated to be true translation by the attesting authority. If any document is filed with the affidavit in language other than English, true translation of the same, duly authenticated to be true translation be filed. Wherever practical, a soft copy of the affidavit and related documents be sent in a pen drive/CD in PDF format, along with the hard copy.
6. While furnishing the affidavit, and relying on any document and/or record (electronic or otherwise), the original document and/ or record, or duly certified copy thereof be furnished. If such a document/record is not in possession or control of the deponent, the particulars of the person or authority in whose custody the same is, be disclosed. In case the document is an official record, the department or the officer in whose custody and control the document is, be provided.

7. The statement, complaint or allegation by way of affidavit be furnished to the Commission within 45 (Forty Five) days of the issuance of the Notification.

By Order of the Commission

Secretary