NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT
(Buildings)

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY TO INQUIRE THE ALLEGATION OF IRREGULARITIES LIKE EXCESS EXPENDITURE CAUSING LOSS TO THE EXCHEQUER AND DEFICIENCY OF CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SECRETARIAT COMPLEX AT OMANDURAR GOVERNMENT ESTATE, CHENNAI UNDER THE COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY ACT.

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Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that there has been certain alleged irregularities like excess expenditure, irregularities causing loss to the exchequer, whether all statutory approvals and clearances were obtained, inordinate delay and deficiency in standards of construction, in the construction of New Secretariat Complex at Omandurar Government Estate, Chennai-2;

And, whereas, the Government of Tamil Nadu is of the opinion that it is necessary to appoint a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of making an inquiry into a definite matter of public importance hereinafter specified;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (Central Act LX of 1952), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby appoints a Commission of Inquiry consisting of a single member, namely, Hon'ble Justice Thiru.S. Thangaraj, Retired Judge of Madras High Court.

2. The terms of reference of the Commission of Inquiry shall be as follows, namely:—

(a) To inquire into the causes and circumstances leading to the alleged irregularities like excess expenditure, irregularities causing loss to the exchequer, whether all statutory approvals and clearances were obtained, inordinate delay and deficiency in standards of construction in the construction of New Secretariat Complex in Omandurar Government Estate, Chennai-2;

(b) To inquire whether there was any lapse or abuse of position on the part of the Government Officials / Public Servants;
(c) If such allegations are proved true, then to suggest suitable ways and means to prevent such recurrences in future; and

(d) To make appropriate recommendations as the commission deems fit.

3. The Commission will complete its inquiry and submit its report to the Government within a period of three months from the date of publication of this Notification in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette.

4. And, whereas, the Government of Tamil Nadu are of the opinion, having regard to the nature of the inquiry to be made by the said Commission of Inquiry and other circumstances of the case, that all the provisions of sub-sections (2), (3), (4) and (5) of Section 5 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (Central Act LX of 1952) shall be made applicable to the said Commission of Inquiry.

5. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 5 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (Central Act LX of 1952), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby directs that all the provisions of the said sub-sections (2), (3), (4) and (5) of the said Section 5 of the said Act shall apply to the said Commission of Inquiry.

DEBENDRANATH SARANGI,
Chief Secretary.