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**COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (MANIPUR VIOLENCE), 2023  
Room No. 13 First Floor, Heritage Building,  
Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi-110001**

F. No. COI/Manipur/2023-CN/297

New Delhi, the 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Whereas the Central Government has appointed a 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, issued Notification dated 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 vide Notification No. 174 published by the Government of Manipur, Home Department, in Manipur Gazette: Extra Ordinary available at its website link: [https://manipurgovtpress.nic.in/en/details\\_gazzete/?gazzete=2057](https://manipurgovtpress.nic.in/en/details_gazzete/?gazzete=2057), inviting all persons acquainted with the subject matter of the inquiry, to furnish to the Commission, a statement relating to the said matters, and for making a complaint or allegation before the Commission on affidavit within 45 days.

4. AND whereas the Commission has received a number of applications/ requests for extension of time for filing statements or complaint/ allegation by way of affidavit. The Commission has given serious consideration to various factors reflected in the applications/ requests seeking extension of time. The Commission has also considered, among other factors, that sporadic incidents of violence took place during the notice period which resulted in disruption of normal life and activity in parts of Manipur.

5. Taking into account various circumstances, and in particular the public interest and the interest of fair inquiry by giving opportunity to maximum number of persons to file their statements, or complaint/ allegation by way of affidavit, the Commission hereby extends the time for filing statements or complaint/ allegation by way of affidavit till **24<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**.

The modalities for executing affidavits have been provided in (REGULATION OF PROCEDURE) ORDER, 2023 of the Commission as notified on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, published on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023 vide Notification No. H-1701/187/2023-HD-HD issued by the Government of Manipur, Home Department, in the Manipur Gazette: Extra Ordinary and available at its website link: [https://manipurgovtpress.nic.in/en/details\\_gazzete/?gazzete=1867](https://manipurgovtpress.nic.in/en/details_gazzete/?gazzete=1867)

By Order of the Commission,

DEVESH DEVAL,  
Secretary to the Commission of Inquiry.