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GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR SECRETARIAT: HOME DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 16th February, 2023

No. H-2801/1/2023-HD-HD: Whereas, one VDF personnel bearing No.706 namely Shri Ningombam Premananda Singh (37 yrs) s/o N. Dina Singh, a resident of Okram Maning Leikai, Thoubal District while performing an official duty of destroying illegal poppy plantation in Chandel District was found reportedly missing on 21st January, 2023 and later on found dead at Levanant village, Chandel District on 3rd January, 2023;

2. Whereas, the State Government has taken a very serious view of the unfortunate and mysterious death of Shri N. Premananda Singh, VDF Personnel and is satisfied that it is a definite matter of public importance;

3. Whereas, the State Government is of the opinion that it is necessary to appoint a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of making an enquiry into the causes and circumstances leading to the death of the aforesaid VDF Personnel;

4. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (Act No.60 of 1952), the Governor of Manipur is pleased to constitute One-Man Commission of Inquiry to be presided over by **U. Kol Singh, Retd. District and Session Judge, Manipur** to inquire into the circumstances leading to the death of Late N. Premananda Singh (Ex-VDF), who went missing on 21.01.2023 while on duty for destruction of poppy plantation at Urantop village under the jurisdiction of Chakpikarong Police Station, Chandel District and was found dead on 03.02.2023 at Levanant Village, Chandel District, Manipur.

5. The terms of reference of the Commission shall be as follows: -

- i. *To enquire into the causes and circumstances leading to the death of Late N. Premananda Singh (Ex-VDF).*
- ii. *To find out whether the unfortunate incident could have been averted.*
- iii. *To find out who is/are responsible for the death of Late N. Premananda Singh (Ex-VDF).*
- iv. *To recommend corrective measures and remedies to prevent recurrence of such incident in future.*

6. The State Government is of the opinion that having regard to the nature of inquiry to be made and other circumstances of the case all the provisions of Sub-Sections (2), (3), (4) and (5) of Section 5 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952) should be made applicable to the said Commission, and the State Government

in exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of the said Section 5, hereby directs that all provisions of the Sub-Sections (2), (3), (4) and (5) of that Section shall apply to the Commission.

7. The Commission shall submit its report to the State Government within a period of 3(three) months from the date of issue of the notification.

8. The headquarters of the Commission shall be at Imphal.

T. RANJIT SINGH,
Commissioner (Home),
Government of Manipur.