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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

(Law and Order-F)

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY TO INQUIRE INTO THE CAUSES AND CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE INCIDENT OF CONSUMING ARRACK ADMIXED WITH METHANOL AT KARUNAPURAM IN KALLAKURICHI TALUK IN KALLAKURICHI DISTRICT, RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF SEVERAL PERSONS ON 19TH JUNE 2024 AND 20TH JUNE 2024 UNDER THE COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY ACT, 1952

[G.O. Ms. No.435, Public (Law and Order-F), 20th June 2024, ஆனி 6, குரோதி, திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு-2055.]

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WHEREAS, the Government of Tamil Nadu is of the opinion that it is necessary to appoint a Commission of Inquiry headed by a retired Judge of High Court of Madras, 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. B. Gokuldoss, Retired Judge of High Court of Madras.

3. The terms of references of the Commission of Inquiry shall be as follows, namely :-

- (i) To inquire into the causes and circumstances leading to the casualties due to the consumption of arrack allegedly mixed with Methanol, at Karunapuram in Kallakurichi Taluk and Kallakurichi District, resulting in the death of several persons on 19.06.2024 and 20.06.2024 and fix responsibility for any act of omission and commission;
- (ii) To suggest suitable preventive measures to avert such occurrences in future;
- (iii) To study the existing rules and regulations governing the storage, transportation and sale of Methanol and diversion of the same for illegal purposes and suggest modifications and inclusion of penal provisions for stringent enforcement; and
- (iv) To suggest measures for rehabilitation of the affected families.

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

5. AND WHEREAS, the Government of Tamil Nadu is of the opinion, having regard to the nature of the inquiry to be made by the 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 Commission of Inquiry.

6. 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 Commission of Inquiry.

REETA HARISH THAKKAR,
Secretary to Government.