

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

(Set up under Section-3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952)

in relation to collapse of a building at Lalita Park, Laxmi Nagar, East Delhi

'C' Block, 1st floor,
Vikas Bhawan-2,
Near Metcalf House,
Bela Road, Delhi – 110 054

No.: COI/2010/_____

Date: 08.12.2010

PUBLIC NOTICE

- A. **WHEREAS** a tragic incident occurred on 15th November 2010, when due to collapse of a building at Lalita Park, Laxmi Nagar, East Delhi a number of persons lost their lives and many got injuries.
- B. **WHEREAS** the Lieutenant Governor of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, vide notification No.F.10/C-47/ME/2010/HP-II/7645-56 dated 24th November 2010, issued by the Home Department has appointed a Commission of Inquiry consisting of a single member, namely, Justice (Retd.) Lokeshwar Prasad, a former Judge of High Court of Delhi with the following terms of reference:
1. to determine the immediate and proximate causes for the collapse of the building;
 2. to determine the circumstances and sequences of events leading to the collapse of the building;
 3. to fix responsibility, both individual and institutional, for the collapse of this building and for buildings already built that are unsafe structurally in East Delhi;
 4. to determine the administrative, procedural and statutory lapses of various departments and agencies to evaluate structural safety aspects of buildings already built or proposed to be built in East Delhi and to recommend remedial measures; and

5. to recommend measures that will combat corruption and make concerned public servants accountable for construction of unsafe buildings.

C. **NOW, THEREFORE**, the Commission of Inquiry so appointed hereby issues this notice inviting all persons acquainted with, affected from, concerned with and such other public organizations having social agenda in respect of the matter of inquiry to furnish to the Commission statement relating to the above terms of reference. Such statement should be in the form of an affidavit in respect of the facts set out in the statement. All affidavits thus made in response hereto shall be treated as confidential documents unless otherwise directed by the Commission. The affidavits should be sworn before a First Class Magistrate or Notary Public or Oath Commissioner or any other authority legally empowered to administer oath. Further, person furnishing a statement shall also furnish to the Commission along with the statement a list of documents, if any, on which he proposes to rely and forward to the Commission, wherever practicable, the originals or true copies of such of the documents as may be in his possession or control and shall state the name and address of the person from whom the remaining documents may be obtained.

D. For the purpose of public knowledge it is made clear that as per Section-4 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952, the Commission is deemed to be a Civil Court and has all the powers which a Civil Court has while trying a suit under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 for the purpose of summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath; requiring the discovery and production of any document; receiving evidence on affidavits; requisitioning any public record or copy thereof from any Court or office; issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses or documents; any other matter which may be prescribed

E. It is further made clear that any proceeding before the Commission shall be deemed to be judicial proceeding within the meaning of Section 176

and 177 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. Please also note that no statement made by a person in the course of giving evidence before the Commission shall subject him to, or be used against him in any civil or criminal proceedings except a prosecution for giving false evidence by such statement; provided that the statement is made in reply to a question which he is required by the Commission to answer, or is relevant to the subject matter of the inquiry.

- F. The statement affidavits along with the documents in triplicate shall be sent to the Secretary to the Commission of Inquiry, 'C' Block, 1st floor, Vikas Bhawan-2, Near Metcalf House, Bela Road, Delhi – 110 054 or personally handed over to the Secretary or such other officer authorized by the Commission in that behalf by 21st January 2011.

Issued under the Orders of the
Commission of Inquiry

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Yogesh Anand', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is slanted and includes the date '8-12-2010' written below it.

(YOGESH ANAND)
Secretary to the Commission of Inquiry