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COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (OIL COMPANIES)

NOTIFICATION

Bombay, the 16th November 1967

No. 29(28)/67-Adm. III.—Whereas a Commission of Inquiry, consisting of Shri B. N. Gokhale, Retired Judge of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, has been appointed under Section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952, by the Central Government under the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Rehabilitation Notification No. S.O. 2286 dated 4th July 1967, as amended by Notification No. S.O. 2902 dated 18th August 1967, to enquire into job-security in three Oil Companies, viz., Burmah-Shell Oil Storage and Distribution Company of India Limited, Esso Standard Eastern Limited and Caltex (India) Limited, and as specified in the aforesaid notifications.

It is hereby notified that the Commission invites all persons acquainted with the subject matter of the inquiry to furnish to the Commission a statement, supported by an affidavit, relating to such matters as specified below, viz:

“(1), the number of surplus workmen if any, on the rolls of Burmah-Shell Oil Storage and Distribution Company of India Limited, Esso Standard Eastern Limited and Caltex (India) Limited as on the 1st January 1960 and on the same date in subsequent years;

(2) The reasons and justification for the said workmen becoming or being rendered surplus and in particular the extent to which they became surplus as a result of

(a) the introduction and extension of contract or agency system in the said companies,

(b) the recruitment of casual labour by the said companies,

- (c) the change over to bulk filling of oil products and the discontinuance of distribution of kerosene and other products in tins and barrels and closing down of the tin plants by the said companies.
- (d) the rationalization and reorganisation of business and working methods of the said companies,
- (e) the introduction of automatic device including accounting machines, and computers by the said companies,
- (f) other measures;

(3) the methods, plans and schemes (including early voluntary retirement schemes and voluntary separation schemes, if any) adopted by the said companies to deal with the surplus workmen;

(4) the manner in which the said methods, plans and schemes were formulated and implemented;

within three weeks from the date of publication of this Notification.

Every person furnishing such a statement shall also furnish to the Commission along with the statement a list of the 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 power and shall state the name and address of the person from whom the remaining documents may be obtained.

Such statements shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Commission at the address mentioned below.

The inquiry to be held by the Commission will be public, unless otherwise directed by the Commission.

The Commission is at present holding its sittings at New Delhi from the 13th November to 21st November 1967 (inclusive). The Commission will also hold its sittings for recording evidence at Calcutta from 29th November to 2nd December, at Ernakulam-Cochin on the 11th and 12th December, and at Madras from 14th to 16th December 1967.

The Commission will hold its sitting for recording evidence at Bombay on the 6th and 7th December, and from 19th to 23rd December 1967 (both inclusive).

The dates of further sittings, if any, and any changes in the dates of sittings will be announced in the Press and/or at the Office of the Commission at Bombay, from time to time.

V. R. GADKARI, Secy.