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D.O. No.15/22/EC/2016/162

Dear Shri Dhese

Kindly refer to my D.O. letter dated 1st February, 2017 regarding sending the names of suitable officers from your State who are willing to work as Member Secretary, Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers (copy enclosed). So far I have not received response from your State.

2. I shall be extremely grateful if you could kindly send me the names for the post of Member Secretary, Empowered Committee in a week's time.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Satish Chandra)

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Dear Shri *Dhesi*

As you may kindly be aware that an Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers was set up in 2000 by the Government of India. Later on, it was registered in 2004 as a society under the Societies Registration Act. The Ministers in-charge of Finance/Taxation of all the State Governments and Union Territories with legislature, Additional Secretary (Revenue), Government of India and the Member Secretary, Empowered Committee are its members. Dr. Amit Mitra, Hon'ble Finance Minister, West Bengal is the Chairman, Empowered Committee. The Empowered Committee has been deeply involved in the rationalisation of sales tax rates, phasing out of Central Sales Tax and introduction of VAT and GST in India.

2. My tenure as Member Secretary, Empowered Committee is expiring on 31st March, 2017. It has been decided to have a new incumbent for the post of Member Secretary, Empowered Committee from 1st April, 2017.

3. I shall be grateful if you could kindly send me within a month's time the names of suitable officers from your State, who are willing to work as the Member Secretary, Empowered Committee, alongwith their Curriculum Vitae. While making recommendations, following parameters may kindly be kept in consideration:

- (i) The post of Member Secretary is to be filled by an Indian Administrative Service officer who has been in the pay scale of Rs.2,25,000 (Rs.80,000 fixed pre-revised).
- (ii) ~~It is not possible to take an officer on deputation in the Empowered Committee.~~
Therefore, the officer who has recently retired from the service can only be appointed as Member Secretary.
- (iii) His age on 1st April, 2017 should be less than 62 years, which is, however, relaxable by the Empowered Committee.
- (iv) He should have experience of working in the Finance/Taxation Department of the State.
- (v) The Headquarter of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers is located in Delhi Secretariat at New Delhi. Hence, he will have to stay in Delhi. No accommodation is provided by the Empowered Committee. He will, however, be entitled to get House Rent Allowance as per the Government of India Rules.
- (vi) He will be paid salary and allowances as per the accepted recommendations of the Seventh Pay Commission minus pension.
- (vii) He will have initial tenure of two years.

With kind regards.

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