



ABSTRACT

FORESTS - North Arcot District - Jawahli Hills - Lease of Forest Lands to the Astrophysical observatory, Kavalur - Leasing out an additional area - Orders - Issued.

FORESTS AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.676,

Dated: 21-5-1980

Read:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.1759, Food & Agriculture, dt.5-5-65
2. G.O.Ms.No.3069, Agriculture, dt.21-11-70

Read also:

1. From the Chief Conservator of Forests(General),Lr. Ref.#1/18117/75,dt.28-4-75,22-6-76 & 12-7-76
2. From the Director, Indian Institute Astrophysics, letter dt.15-10-76
3. Govt.Memo.No.20872/FR.III/75-2, dt.18-10-76
4. From the Chief Conservator of Forests(General)Ref. No.18117/75/#1,dt.23-11-76
5. From the Board of Revenue(LR),Ref.T3/5205/75, dt.24-11-76
6. From the Chief Conservator of Forest(General),Lr. Ref.#1/18117/75, dt.19-9-75
7. From the Addl.Secretary, Board of Revenue(LR),Lr. T3/5205/75,dt.13-5-77
8. From the Board of Revenue(LR),B.P.Rt.No.1966/E/79, dt.6-4-79
9. From the Chief Conservator of Forests(General),Lr. Ref.No.#1/18117/75-33,dt.1-4-79
10. From the Director, Indian Institute of Astrophysics Lr.D/224/768,dt.18-9-79
11. From the Director, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Lr.D/224/786, dt.28-9-79
12. From the Chief Conservator of Forests(General),Lr. Ref.No.#1/18117/75.36, dt.12-10-79.

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ORDER:

In G.O.Ms.No.1759, Food and Agriculture, dated 5-5-65 an extent of 40 acres of Forest land at Kavalur in the Jawahli hills, North Arcot District was ordered to be placed at the disposal of the Government of India for the establishment of Field Astrophysical Observatory by the India Meteorological Department, subject to the conditions that an annual lease amount of Rs.5/- per acre per annum be collected and that grant of permit for five years at a time. In G.O.Ms.No.3069, Agriculture, dated 21-11-70 the lease period was extended for a further period of five years. The lease period ~~was~~ expired on 5-9-75.

2. The Director of Indian Institute of Astrophysics has again requested that an additional extent of 60 acres of forest land in the same area may be leased out to them for installing a 90" telescope at Kavalur, initially for a period of ten years, subject to fixation of terms and conditions of the lease by the Government. The Director has given an undertaking that the Institute is agreeable to pay the lease amount fixed by the government. In view of the urgency, pending finalisation of the terms and conditions of the lease, the Government in their memo.No.20872/FR.III/75-21, Forests and Fisheries, dated 18-10-76 permitted the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, to enter upon the additional extent of 60 acres of forest land at Kavalur in the Javadhi hills, North Arcot District, for commencing construction of building etc. for locating the telescopes.

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3. The Government have considered the matter carefully. They direct that the entire extent of 100 acres (40+60 = 100 acres) of Forest land at Kavalur in the Javadhi hills, North Arcot Dist. in the possession of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics be leased out to the Institute for a period of 10 years from 5-9-75 in respect of 40 acres of land previously leased out and from 18-10-76 in respect of the additional 60 acres of land now leased out keeping the standing sandalwood trees in the area as the property of the Government. The annual lease rent is Rs.5/- per acre and subject to the other usual conditions as in the case of the earlier lease. The Chief Conservator of Forests(General) is requested to consider the question of out right sale of the lands to the Institute and send necessary proposals to Government early.

4. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department, vide its U.O.No.148929/SS/80-1, dated 16-3-80.

(By Order of the Governor)

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Commissioner & Secretary to Government.

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The Board of Revenue(LR), Madras-5.

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