



GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

ABSTRACT



FORESTS - Vellore District - Thirupathur division - Renewal of lease of forest land over an extent of 40 ha. in Javadhi hills to Indian Institute of Astrophysics at Kavalur - Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (FR.10) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 254

Dated: 24.8.2004

Read:

1. G.O.Ms.No.1759, Food and Agriculture Department, dated 5.5.1965.
2. G.O.Ms.No.676, Forest & Fisheries Department, dated 21.5.1980.

Read also:

3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai.15, Lr.No.25555/MS3/2002, dated 6.6.2002.
4. From the Conservator of Forests(C), C.O.I, MO&F, R.O.(S.2), Bangalore, Lr.No.F(C)A/16.1/33/TN/MISC. dated 7.7.2004.

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ORDER:

In G.O.Ms.No.1759, Food and Agriculture Department, dated 5.5.1965 an extent of 40 acres of forest land at Kavalur, in Javadhi hills, North Arcot District (now Vellore District) was ordered to be placed at the disposal of Government of India for the establishment of field Astrophysical observatory by the Indian Meteorological Department subject to certain conditions. In G.O.Ms.No.3069, Agriculture department, dt. 21.1.1970 the lease period was extended for further period of five years. In the C.O. second read above orders were issued placing 100 acres (40+60 acres) of forest land at Kavalur in the Javadhi hills in the possession of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics for a period of 10 years from 5.9.1975.

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2. In the reference third read above the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has sent proposal for renewal of lease of ~~land~~ over an extent of 100 acres (40 ha.) of forest land in Javadhi R.F., Thirupathur division, Vellore District at Kavalur to the Institute of Astrophysics and also for the waiver of Compensatory Afforestation cost of Rs. 40,00,000/- in favour of user agency. The proposal was examined and forwarded to Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi for obtaining concurrence under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

3. The proposal was considered in the State Level Advisory Group meeting held in Chennai on 12.1.2004 and it was decided ^{to} to recommend the case to Government of India and also waive the compensatory afforestation charges as a special case. It was also decided that details of reasons and justification of delay shall be made available to Regional Office, Ministry of Environment and Forests, who in turn shall convey to Government of India. ^{furnished the details and} The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has ^{also} sent a brief note about the forest land leased out to Indian Institute of Astrophysics to the Regional Office, Bangalore.

4. In the reference fourth cited, the ~~Conservator of Forests~~ Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Regional Office (Southern Zone) Bangalore ^{have} conveyed approval for renewal of lease for diversion of 40 ha. of forest land in Javadhi R.F., Thirupathur division, Vellore District at Kavalur to the Indian Institute of Astrophysics for establishment of Astrophysical observatory for a period of 27 years from 5.9.1985 to 4.9.2012 subject to certain conditions.

5. The Government ~~accordingly~~ have decided to accept the conditions stipulated by Government of India and sanction the renewal of lease over an extent of 40 ha. of forest land in Javadhi R.F. Thirupathur division, Vellore District at Kavalur to the Indian Institute of Astrophysics for establishment of Astrophysical observatory for a period of 27 years from

5.9.1985 to 4.9.2012 ~~is~~ subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The total forest land utilized for the project shall not exceed 40 ha. In case the forest land is not used for the stipulated purpose, then the same will be resumed by the Forest department.
3. Any other conditions to be stipulated by the State Government/P.C.C.F., Tamil Nadu in the interest of conservation of forests.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

AJAY BHATTACHARYA,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Inspector General of Forests,
Ministry of Environment & Forests,
(FC Division), Paryavaran Bhavan,
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Ministry of Environment & Forests,
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The District Forest Officer, Tirupathur.
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/forwarded by order/

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