



FORESTS AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT
Memorandum No.20872/FR.III/75-21, dated 18-10-1976.

Sub: Forests--North Arcot District--Javadhi Hills--Lease of additional extent of 60 acres of forest land to the Indian Institute of Astrophysics for a period of ten years for construction of buildings etc--for installing a telescope at Kavalur--Permission to enter upon the land pending finalisation of the terms and conditions--Accorded.

- Ref: 1. From the Chief Conservator of Forests (General) Ref. No.E1/18117/75 dated 28-4-1975.
2. From the Chief Conservator of Forests (General) letter Ref.No.E1/18117/75, dated 30-12-1975.
3. From the Chief Conservator of Forests (General) letter Ref.No.E1/18117/75, dated 22-6-1976.
4. From the Chief Conservator of Forests (General) Letter Ref.No.18117/75/E1, dated 12-7-1976.
5. From the Director, Indian Institute of Astrophysics letter dated 15-10-1976.

In G.O.Ms.No.1759 Food and Agriculture dated 5-5-1965, the Government directed that an extent of 40 acres of forest land at Kavalur in the Javadhi Hills, North Arcot District be placed at the disposal of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics for the establishment of a Field Astrophysical Observatory on an annual lease rent of Rs.5/- per acre and subject to other usual conditions. The Chief Conservator of Forests (General) has submitted proposals for the permanent transfer of the extent of the 40 acres to the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, on collection of land value and subject to other usual conditions, which are under examination in consultation with the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

The Director of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics has now 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 to fixation of terms and conditions of the lease by the Government. It is a Rupees three crore Project and construction of the buildings etc., to locate the telescope has to be commenced urgently. The Director has given an undertaking that the Institute is agreeable to pay the lease amount fixed by the Government. In view of urgency, the Director has requested that they may be permitted to enter upon the additional area of 60 acres, for doing the work.

3. The Chief Conservator of Forests has recommended that the additional extent required by the Institute may be leased out to them under certain terms. The Chief Conservator of Forests has stated that as the construction of the buildings etc. to locate the tel-scope have to be commenced urgently, the additional extent of the forest land, now required by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, may be handed over to it, pending finalisation of the terms and conditions governing the lease.

4. The Government have examined the matter and they agree with the recommendation of the Chief Conservator of Forests. Accordingly, pending finalisation of the terms and conditions of the lease, the Government permit the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, to enter upon the additional extent of 60 acres of forest land at Kavalur in the Javadi Hills, North Arcot District, for commencing construction of buildings etc., for locating the tel-scope.

5. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.115393/SS/76-1, dated 13-8-1976.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Chief Conservator of Forests (General), Madras-600006
The Director, Indian Institute of Astrophysics,
Kodaikanal-624103.
The Collector of North Arcot,
The Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Madras-5
The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of
Civil Aviation, New Delhi.

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