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 GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
 MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS
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Bangalore dated the 7th July, 2004.

To

The Secretary (Forests),
 Government of Tamil Nadu,
 Environment & Forest Department,
 Secretariat,
 Chennai - 9.

Sub:- Diversion of 100 acres (40 ha.) of forest land leased out to Indian Institute of Astrophysics of Kavalur in Javadhi Hills, Vellore dist, Thirupathur Division - reg.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the State Government's letter No. 15421/FR10/02-7 dated 19-12-2002 and P.C.C.F, Tamil Nadu letter No. TS3/25555/02 dated 19-1-2004 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section "2" of Forest (Conservation), Act, 1980 for renewal of lease for the above project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's approval (Stage II) for renewal of lease for diversion of 40 ha. of forest land in Javadhi Reserve Forest, 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 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.

Yours faithfully,

(Handwritten signature)
 (D.Sudhakar)

Conservator of Forests (Central)

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Copy to:-

1. The Director General of Forests and Special Secretary to the Government of India, MoEF, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi-3.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, No. 1 Jeenis Road, Pangal Building, Chennai - 15.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer, Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, No.1 Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Chennai-15
4. The Director, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Government of India, Department of Science & Technology, Koramangala, Bangalore - 34.
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Conservator of Forests (Central)

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3. Any other conditions to be stipulated by the State Government, P.C.C.F., Tamil Nadu in the interest of conservation of forests.

Yours faithfully,


(B. Sudhakar)
Conservator of Forests (Central)