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पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन और
सूचना एवं प्रसारण
भारत सरकार
MINISTER
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST &
CLIMATE CHANGE AND
INFORMATION & BROADCASTING
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DO No. CS-III (Biodiversity)/NBA/Land

Date : 15th June, 2020

Dear Shri Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami ji,

You are kindly aware that the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA), a statutory organization is functioning under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India and is based at Chennai as per Section 8 (3) of Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

2. Since 2003, the Authority has been functioning from a rented premises in TICEL Biopark, Taramani, Chennai and this Ministry is looking for a permanent office building in Chennai to expand activities related to conservation of biodiversity across India. In addition, this Ministry is also keen to set up a model Biodiversity Park of international level through NBA. This park would further contribute to raising of profile of the India at both national and international levels, besides demonstrating the commitment towards effective conservation of biological diversity.
3. It is learnt that the Tamil Nadu State Biodiversity Board and other Project Offices functioning at the Forest Office Complex at Nanmangalam are being shifted to the newly constructed Forest Complex at Velachery, Chennai.
4. In this context, I would like to quote Tamil Saint Thiruvalluvar's famous Thirukural

“பகுத்துண்டு பல்லுயிர் ஒம்புதல் நூலோர்
தொகுத்தவற்றுள் எல்லாந் தலை”

“When biodiversity is conserved, the humanity is protected”

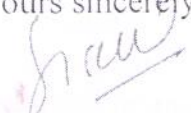
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5. Considering the importance of National Biodiversity Authority for overall biodiversity conservation in the country, I am requesting you to consider the transfer of the present office complex at Nanmangalam to the Ministry along with 50 acres of land for shifting the NBA and setting up a Biodiversity Park.
6. It is also requested that keeping in view the national and international importance of authority, the Government of Tamil Nadu may kindly consider waiving off the land and asset costs as a very valuable contribution by the state of Tamilnadu to the cause of biodiversity conservation in the country.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Prakash Javadekar)

Shri Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami,
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu,
Fort Saint George,
Govt. of Tamil Nadu,
Chennai – 600009.

Dr. Sandeep Saxena, I.A.S.,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government



Dy. no. 25/CH
25/1/2021
**Environment and Forests (FR.11)
Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-9.**

sent 10/1/21
25/01/2021

D.O. Letter No. 6313/FR.11/2020 - 1, dated 19.01.2021

Dear Sir,

Sub: Forests - National Biodiversity Authority - Allocation of Land and Building under State Forest Department for setting up of Biodiversity Park and for shifting of National Biodiversity Authority Office - Convey the decision taken by Government of Tamil Nadu - Reg.

- Ref:
1. From the Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority, Government of India D. O. letter No. National Biodiversity Authority /3/3/04 /GENL / Vol-II/2019-20/4315, dated 19.03.2020.
 2. From the Hon'ble Minister for Environment Forest & Climate Change and information & Broadcasting, Government of India D.O. No. CS-III (Biodiversity)/ NBA/Land, dated 15.06.2020 addressed to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.
 3. Minutes of the meeting convened by the Principal Secretary, Environment and Forests Department with the Chairman, National Biodiversity Authority Chennai at Secretariat, Government of Tamil Nadu on 19.05.2020.
 4. From the Valuation Officer, Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, Income Tax Department Valuation Cell, Chennai F.No.VO-II/CHE/ MISC(Val)/2020-21/64, dated 07.07.2020 addressed to the Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority Chennai.

I am to invite your kind attention to the reference cited and to state that in the reference 1st cited, the Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority has requested to allocate a suitable building under the Forest Department of Tamil Nadu or to allocate a piece of land in Chennai, exclusively for the National Biodiversity Authority.

2. In the reference 2nd cited, Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India has requested the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Government of Tamil Nadu to consider transfer of the present Forest Complex at Nanmangalam along with 50 acres of land for shifting the National Biodiversity Authority office and for setting up a Biodiversity Park respectively by waiving off the land and assets cost to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India.

3. Based on the decision taken in the meeting held on 19.05.2020, a formal request was made by the Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority to the Government of Tamil Nadu requesting to allocate the present Forest Complex at Nanmangalam along with 50 acres of land for shifting the National Biodiversity Authority office and for setting up a Biodiversity Park, respectively. The Chairperson has also

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communicated the valuation of the building and other infrastructure amount to be Rs.12.60 Crore, as arrived by the Central Public Works Department.

4. After thorough examination of the matter with various stakeholders, I am to convey the consent of Government of Tamil Nadu, as follows:

- (i) Fifty (50) acres of land in Nanmangalam Reserved Forest could be used for setting up of a Biodiversity Park at an international standard under a joint venture of National Biodiversity Authority (NBA), Tamil Nadu State Biodiversity Board (TNSBB) and Tamil Nadu Forest Department (TNFD) and to be managed jointly for conservation and public education by setting up with a global standard. Necessary funding could be mobilised by National Biodiversity Authority from the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India and other possible sources.
- (ii) Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project Office building along with approximately 1 hectare of land (for up keeping and parking purposes) surrounding will be transferred to National Biodiversity Authority at Nanmangalam in lieu of Rs.12.60 Crores as per the valuation arrived by the Central Public Works Department, for the building and Net Present Value under the notified procedure of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The accrued amount would essentially be used for creating and maintaining necessary facilities for Tamil Nadu Biodiversity and Greening Project (TBGP) Phase- II, which is in the final stage of approval by JICA and the Government of India.

5. I, therefore, request that further necessary action may be taken by the Ministry to initiate the process.

Yours sincerely

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To

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Secretary,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Government of India, New Delhi.

Copy to:

1. Shri Sanjay Kumar, IFS.,
Director General of Forests & Special Secretary,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Government of India, New Delhi.
2. The Chairperson,
National Biodiversity Authority, Government of India,
5th Floor, TICEL Bio Park, CSIR Road,
Taramani, Chennai.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (HoD)
Chennai – 600 015.

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