



National Biodiversity Authority

राष्ट्रीय जैव विविधता प्राधिकरण

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To

The District Collector,
Chengalpattu District.

Sir,

Sub: Request for Certificate from District Collector for shifting the office of the National Biodiversity Authority to an existing office building at Nanmangalam to obtain clearance under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 – regarding

National Biodiversity Authority(NBA) is an institution functioning under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, (MoEFCC) Government of India. It was established in 2003 at Chennai to implement the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (BD Act) with headquarters at Chennai.

Presently, NBA is functioning in a rented building since 2003. Based on the request from the Government of India, Government of Tamil Nadu has accorded in-principle approval to transfer an existing office building complex which is presently used by the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity and Greening Project at Nanmangalam in Chengalpattu district to the National Biodiversity Authority along with 1 hectare of appurtenant land at an estimated cost of Rs. 12.60 crore. Government has also desired that the Tamil Nadu Forest Department, Tamil Nadu State Biodiversity Board and National Biodiversity Authority shall jointly establish a Biodiversity Park of International Standards in 50 hectares of Reserve Forest land adjoining the office building. Copy of the letter received from the Government of Tamil Nadu is enclosed as Annexure I and copy of the map where the existing building is located is enclosed as Annexure II.

As part of obtaining approvals under the Forest Conservation Act, the following certificates from the District Collector has to be uploaded as the existing building and the adjoining land has the status of Reserve Forest.

a. Certificate issued by the District Collector certifying that no alternate suitable Non Forest Land is available for the Project to shift the office of the National Biodiversity Authority (model copy of the certificate is enclosed as Annexure III)

b. Certificate issued by the District Collector on completion of process for settlement of Rights under Forest Rights Act, 2006 on the Forest land proposed to be diverted in the format prescribed by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (model copy of the certificate is enclosed as Annexure IV)

I request you to kindly issue the above certificates to enable the National Biodiversity Authority to obtain the required clearances envisaged under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980. The receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

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