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SIRSI - 581 402 (Uttara Kannada) Karnataka State



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**Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC),
Department of Forests Government of
Karnataka,
Bengaluru.**

Respected Sir,

Sub : Change of land use pattern of diverted forest land in F.Sy.No.47 of Chipagi village in Sirsi Taluk for achieving the objectives of our Society along with construction of Ayurvedic Hospital.

Ref: 1. Stage-II approval of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change dated 13.04.2016 (F.No. FCA/11.2/193/KAR/BC/49.

2. Government of Karnataka order No. FEE 85 FLL 2011, Bangalore, dated 04.06.2016.

We are a marketing cooperative society operating under the control of the Karnataka Cooperative Societies Act 1959. Our main objective is to provide fair and transparent marketing facility for the agriculture produce, mainly areca nut and pepper, of our farmer members who are about 27,000 in number. Along with this, we also purchase the produce by participating in tender process as a purchaser to stabilise the market price of areca nut. We also provide financial assistance to our members for cultivation purpose. We are providing day to day needs and agriculture requisites of our farmer members through our super market at very reasonable prices.

As we are providing various services and facilities for the welfare our members, our membership base is increasing day by day. So we have to expand and enhance our infrastructures and have to add more and more services and facilities to cater to the needs of our members. We have examined alternatives for our expansion purposes. But, there is no space left in A.P.M.C. yard where



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we are presently operating. And also as our district comes under Western Ghats region, majority of our district is covered by forest land. We could not find suitable revenue land available in the area for the purpose of our expansion. In this regard we are attaching the map of Sirsi APMC Yard and certificate from the DC, Uttara Kannada district. Still, we have examined other possible alternative non-forest lands at the following location for the purpose of our expansion purpose. But the alternative places we have examined turned out to be unsuitable for our project due to following reason:

| sl.no. | Alternative Examined | Reason for rejection |
|--------|--|--|
| 1. | Sirsi APMC Yard | No sufficient land required for the project is available. |
| 2. | Sy.No.124 in Isaluru Village of Sirsi Taluk | The title of the property was not clear as there was a litigation. |
| 3. | Sy.No.45 in Hosakoppa Village in Mundgod Taluk | The location is very far away (more than 20km) to shift the project. |

In the meanwhile, our Society has applied for diversion of 2.02ha forest land in F.Sy. No. 47 of Chipagi village in Sirsi taluk, for construction of hospital in 1998. Our proposal got approved after a very long period in 2016 and the handing over process took another two years. We got possession of the diverted forest land in 2018. Naturally during the lapse of this long duration the



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requirements of our Society have changed with changing demand of our members. So our management has decided to use a portion of the diverted forest land in F.Sy. No. 47 of Chipagi village in Sirsi taluk for carrying out some of the activities of our society like areca nut auction, running the rice mill, areca nut research, storage etc. after allocating sufficient land for the construction of hospital by making suitable changes in the approved lay out plan.

Hence we are making this proposal for change of land use pattern requesting your kind self to permit us to use the diverted forest land in F.Sy. No. 47 of Chipagi village in Sirsi taluk for the multipurpose project involving construction of Areca nut Auction House, Warehouse, Rice Mill, Ayurvedic Research Centre, Areca nut Research Centre etc along with construction of Ayurvedic hospital. If our proposal is considered and approved more than 27,000 farmer families will be directly benefited and more than double number of people will be benefited indirectly. So we kindly request you to permit us to use the diverted forest land in F.Sy. No. 47 of Chipagi village in Sirsi taluk for the multipurpose project involving construction of Areca nut Auction House, Warehouse, Rice Mill, Ayurvedic Research Centre, Areca nut Research Centre etc. along with the construction of Ayurvedic hospital.

With respect to above mentioned proposal we hereby undertake to the effect that, we have already paid the sum of Rs.21,06,860(Rupees Twenty one lakh six thousand eight hundred and sixty only) towards the amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest area measuring 2.02 ha as fixed by the State Government. And also that, we are ready to pay any additional amount towards NPV required to be paid by us for approving our proposal. We undertake also that, we have already paid the sum of Rs.10,98,880(Rupees Ten lakh ninety eight thousand eight hundred and eighty only) towards the amount of Compensatory Afforestation of the forest area measuring 4.04 ha as fixed by the State Government. And also that, we are ready to pay any additional amount towards Compensatory Afforestation required to be paid by us for approving our



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proposal. Also we undertake that there will be no harm caused to the adjoining forest land, wildlife and environment if our proposal for change of land use pattern is approved. Hence, kindly request you to permit us to use the diverted forest land in F.Sy. No. 47 of Chipagi village in Sirsi taluk for the multipurpose project involving construction of Areca nut Auction House, Warehouse, Rice Mill, Ayurvedic Research Centre, Areca nut Research Centre etc. along with the construction of Ayurvedic hospital.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully

Raveesh A. Hegde
General Manager

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