



ವೇಮನ ವಿದ್ಯಾವರ್ಧಕ ಸಂಘ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ

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Date : 08/08/2020

JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROPOSED PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

Back ground information; Karnataka Govt recognized the genuine intentions of this organization and sanctioned 8 acres of land on lease basis, in Forest Syno 680f Unkal village in Dharwad District under GONo;AFD 218 FGL 73 dated 10th December 1973 for the purpose of establishing educational institution to cater to the needs of the rural poor and SC,ST and other Backward classes. The lease period was for 30years.

The Organisation faced the difficulty of getting clearance from the local body in earlier years as the area was not yet included in the development plan of the City.. The local body gave permission to build school buildings on 5-1-2002. Although building and other infrastructural facilities taken up on war footing basis, We could only complete two class rooms, office rooms and auditorium and a bore well for water requirement was dug. Play ground was formed by undertaking leveling work. We had actually initiated educational activities by conducting classes at primary level and the area was being used for conducting education related extracurricular activities.

As the end of lease period was fast approaching, we applied well in advance.

As per the provisions made in the original lease agreement under the above said Govt Order, We exercised our option for renewal and submitted application for renewal of lease on 12-11-2002 one year before the expiry of the lease period.

Following are the important points to be considered in support of justification

i. During the entire period of 30 years, this organization has not violated any conditions laid down in the lease deed. We sincerely ceased our activity as there was delay in getting continuation of lease and waited for renewal.



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ii. Although civil structures built were less due to above said constraint , the remaining area was being utilized for conducting open door educational programmes without damaging the vegetation or terrain Thus the entire area was technically utilized for the purpose for which it was leased out.

iii. We have complied all the conditions of original lease deed.

iv. We have handed over equivalent land for taking up compensatory plantation.

v. We humbly urge the authorities to kindly note that ,there is a provision in the guidelines issued under the same Act to honour the commitment of State Govt prior to 1980. We request to invoke the provision and grant the same land by renewing the lease.

vi. We have already made heavy investment in terms of millions of rupees on building infrastructure .

vii. The land has lost its forest character. The fact is endorsed by the chief Conservator, Dharwad Circle.

Viii It is not part of catchment of any important water body as misunderstood by some of the Hon'ble members of the Regional committee. This fact is endorsed by Authorities of Irrigation Department.

ix. Moreover the Karnataka Forest Department has already raised the plantation in alternate land of 8.00 acres handed over by this Organization , in anticipation of renewal of the lease. The whole amount will be infructuous if the commitment is not honored. The alternate land provided by us and where the plantation is raised is contiguous to the existing forest land and has got all the potentialities of getting forest character in near



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future and merge with adjoining forest area which forms part of Kappat hills rich in flora and fauna.

x. We want to bring to your kind notice that an important fact that, all most all area of the Unkal Forest Sy no 68 is leased out to as many as one dozen user agencies including Forest Employees Housing Society just adjoining to our leased land. The land leased to Forest Employees Housing Society and Journalist housing Society are permanently disforested. Hardly there is any land left in actual possession of the Department adjoining this land to take up any forestry activities. The whole land is already fragmented and managing this piece of land as an island amidst surrounding long term leases, disforested areas and Municipal areas will not serve any scientific purpose of conservation of flora and fauna

xi. Hence it is our humble and honest request, that It will be more practical and prudent to manage the alternate land given by us and already afforested by the Forest Department as it is in contiguous to state forest land, adding to its richness in biodiversity.

xii. Non renewal of this lease and dispossessing this piece of land from this Organization which has embraced in philanthropy of providing quality education with special focus on environment and capacity building to thousands of students from the rural poor and back ward section of the society amounts to injustice and depriving right to education.

xiii. Although we feel aggrieved as stated above, We honestly believe in the magnanimity and wisdom of the Authorities in both the State and Central Govts and accordingly in obedience of their order no. letter no F.No.4-KRB 1058-2015-BAN dated 4th June 2020 of Regional Office we have made fresh application and sent proposal for renewal of our lease granted by State Govt in 1973.



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3. Details of displacement of people due to the project, if any: Does not arise

(i) Number of families.

(ii) Number of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribe families

(iii) Rehabilitation plan (to be enclosed)

4. Whether clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 required? (Yes/No).; No

5. Undertaking to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation and/or penal compensatory afforestation as well as cost for protection and regeneration of Safety Zone, etc. as per the scheme prepared by the State Government (undertaking to be enclosed).;

enclosed all the undertakings required

6.Details of Certificates/documents enclosed as required under the instructions.

Signatures

(Name in Block letters)

Date 8/8/2020

Place

Designation
Veman Vidyavardhak Sangh
Address of User Agency