

Furnishing Justification to renew the lease of the land granted by the Government of Karnataka to establish Kuvempu University in Sinanamane village, Bhadravathi Taluk, Shimoga District.

1. In the year 1978 the University of Mysore had established its Post Graduate Centre at Singanamane village, Bhadravathi Taluk, Shimoga District, within the precincts of the Bhadra Reservoir Project Area. To enable the University of Mysore to establish the Post Graduate Centre, the Government of Karnataka, by their order dated 21.02.1979 granted 230 acres of land in Singanamane Reserve Forest for the purpose of construction of conference hall, guest house, buildings etc., at the lease rent of Rs. 50 per acre per annum. The Government of Karnataka by its order dated 17.12.1981 fixed the lease period for 20 years. Thereafter the lease agreement was executed between the Chief Conservator of Forest (General) and the Registrar University of Mysore on 30.07.1987 for a term of 20 years starting from 28.02.1979.
2. Thereafter the said Post Graduate Centre was converted in to Kuvempu University by an enactment of the Government of Karnataka, namely the Karnataka State Universities (Amendment) Act 1987.
3. After the establishment of Kuvempu University, lot of constructions have been made by the University to carry out the academic activities of the University. Such as;
 - a) Post Graduate Departments
 - b) Libraries
 - c) Men and Women's Hostels
 - d) Three administrative blocks
 - e) Teaching and Non-teaching staff quarters
 - f) Play grounds
 - g) Indoor stadium
 - h) Health centre
 - i) Buildings for Bank and Post office
 - j) Building for SMR First Grade college.
 - k) Guest House
 - l) Hotels and Canteens
4. In sum the University that was established in the year 1987 has been developed into a full blown University from all the angles. By these developments the land has lost all the character of a Forest land.
5. The Kuvempu University is a developing University and it has grown for and while and its research contributions are exemplary and acknowledged by the reputed Universities of the world as well. Around 5000 students, among which 75% are female students, are pursuing their studies in different post graduate departments of the University.

Nearly 60% of the students are residing in the hostels constructed by the University in the University campus. Since the University is situated in the rural area, the rural candidates dwelling nearby areas are also benefited with the establishment of the University in this area. Around 250 teaching employees and 600 non-teaching employees are already residing in the staff quarters built by the University in the University campus and near the campus.

6. The University proposes to place on record that the University has implemented all the conditions on which the proposal has been cleared by the standing committee of the Indian Board of Wild Life, in its meeting held on 12.07.2002.
7. Therefore the University places on record the Kuvempu University has been established by the Government of Karnataka under the Karnataka State Universities (Amendment) Act 1987. The University is imparting learning and education in accordance with the provisions of the Karnataka State Universities Act 2000 and as such involved in non-revenue earning public utility governmental functions, namely imparting education.

In the context, the University Authority requests the Hon'ble Authority, to renew the lease period for an indefinite period, in the interest of general public at large.

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