

F. No.8-05/2018-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated: 6th February, 2018
March

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forests and Environment,
Government of Kerala,
Thiruvananthapuram.

Sub.: Diversion of forest land for extension of lease of 94.98 ha. for setting up of experimental farm at Peruvannamuzhy Range in Kozhikode District by Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR).

Sir

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Kerala's letter No. 80/C2/2017/F& WLD dated 26.09.2017 submitting the above subject proposal for prior approval of the Central Government under Section – 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that preliminary scrutiny of the proposal revealed following shortcoming:

- (i) The Ministry vide its letter No. 8-82/2002-FC dated 17.07.2015 in response to their proposal for diversion of forest land for extension of lease of 94.98 ha. for setting up of experimental farm at Peruvannamuzhy Range in Kozhikode District by Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR), as submitted vide their letter no. 2924/C2/02/FLD dated 02.04.2002, had requested for submission of following documents which are pending till date:-
 - a) Cost benefits analysis.
 - b) Detailed lay out plan, for building and roads with justification.
 - c) Copy of earlier lease deed.
 - d) Enumeration list of trees of forest species, if any found / grown over the years in the area.
 - e) DGPS map of the area and all formats as per the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 amended in 2014.
- (ii) It is mentioned by the State Government that the area of 94.08 ha. of forest land is a part of Pannikottur Reserve Forest which was notified as Reserved Forest vide notification Agri F(B)4-63626/58 and it falls in Survey No. 568 of Chembanada Village of Koyilandi Taluk. The above said 94.08 ha. of forest land was leased to IISR in the year 1975 for establishing experimental farm. The initial lease period was for 25 years w.e.f 02.08.1976 and which expired on 2001. **It may clarify why the prior approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for renewal of**

forest clearance was obtained before its expiry in year 2001 with justification.

(iii) In case of uploading of recommendation of DFO, the letter written by the Ministry on 17.07.2015 has been uploaded on forest clearance web portal, and the unsigned recommendation of CCF has been uploaded. Moreover, the physical copy of recommendation of CCF and State Government are not same as uploaded.

(iv) The KML file / shape file for proposed diversion & sites identified for CA, if any, or CA done already towards this diversion may be provided.

Yours faithfully,



(Nisheeth Saxena)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

1. The PCCF, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. The Nodal Officer, under forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 Office of the PCCF, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
3. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office (South Zone), Bangalore: **The Regional Office may also be requested to carry out site inspection of the proposal and furnish their detailed report with delay in submission of proposal for renewal by the project proponent.**
4. User Agency.
5. Forest Conservation Monitoring Cell, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.



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