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Letter No.16671/FR.10/2019-5, Dated. 16.11.2020

From
Dr. Shekhar Kumar Niraj, I.F.S.,
Special Secretary (Forests).

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Department),
Chennai-15.(w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Vellore Circle
/ Tirupathur Forest Division - Proposal for renewal of
lease for diversion of 40 ha. of forest land for Vainu Bappu
Observatory in Kavanur Indian Institute of Astrophysics in
Jawadi Hills in Tirupathur Forest Division in Vellore
District - Online proposal Submission by the User Agency
ie., Administrative Officer, Indian Institute of Astrophysics,
Bangalore - Regarding.

- Ref: 1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, letter
No.TS3/38628/2018, dated 23.09.2019.
2. Government letter No.16671/FR.10/2019-4, dated
07.09.2020.
3. From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests
(Central), Government of India, MoEF&CC, Chennai
letter F.No.TNC067/2020-CHN/119, dated 09.11.2020

I am directed to enclose a copy of the reference third cited and to request you to
furnish the additional information / documents / clarification as called for therein to
Government, immediately, so as to forward the same to Government of India for
obtaining their concurrence.

Yours faithfully,

S. Mohamed Yusuf 16/11/2020.
for Special Secretary (Forests)

Copy to:-
The Administrative Officer,
Indian Institute of Astrophysics,
Block-II, Koramangala,
Bangalore – 560 034.



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F.No.4-TNC067/2020-CHN /119

Date 9th November 2020

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,
Environment & Forests Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.

Subject: Renewal of lease for diversion of 40 ha of forest land for Vainu Bappu Observatory in Kavanur Indian Institute of Astrophysics in Jawadi Hills in Tirupathur Forest Division in Vellore District in favour of the Administration Officer Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore-reg

Reference: The State Government letter No 16671/FR.10/2019-4 dated 07.09.2020

Sir,

Please refer to the subject and reference cited above, and I am directed to request to submit following additional information / documents / clarification at the earliest so as to consider the subject proposal under FCA, 1980.

- Details of compensatory afforestation (CA) activities, if any, carried under subject project during previous clearance may be provided. In case no such CA scheme was carried out, then state Government may be required to include CA provision in the present proposal;
- "As per the decision taken by the FAC, the NPV may not be chargeable on total forest land which is under the possession of the institute, because institute is using up to 10 acres of forest land only for non forestry purpose and rest of the forest land is maintained as forest." It is to be clarified by the State Forest Department that whether the actual possession of the land has been demarcated in the ground by ground survey / GPS survey and apropos with the kml file.

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- c. As decided by the FAC, the User Agency has to carry out extension plantation of indigenous species in the remaining forest land under the control of the institute. Hence, details of such scheme with justifiable financial out lay may be prepared and submitted;

Yours faithfully,



(K.Karthikeyan)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
2. The PCCF & Chief Wildlife Warden/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015
3. Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Block II, Koramangala, Bangalore Urban, Karnataka-560034. shripathi.k@iiap.res.in



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Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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