

**TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From

Thiru.K.BhargavaTeja, I.F,S.,  
District Forest Officer,(i/c)  
Tirupattur Division,  
Tirupattur – 635 601

To

The Administrative Officer,  
Indian Institute of Astrophysics,  
Block II, Koramangala,  
Bengaluru,  
Pin code - 560034

**C.No. 9057 /98 D dated 26.12.2020**

Sir,

Sub : Forest (Conservation) Act 1980-Vellore Forest Circle/Tirupattur Forest Division – Proposal for renewal of lease for diversion of 40 ha of Forest land for Vainu Bappu observatory in Kavalur Indian Institute of Astrophysics in Jawadhi Hills in Tirupattur Forest Division in Vellore District – Online proposal submission by User Agency-ie., Administrative Officer, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore - reg

- Ref : 1) Online application uploaded by the User Agency – The Administrative Officer, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Block II, Koramangala, Bangalore, Pin code – 560034, Proposal No. FP/TN/Others/37766/2018 dt. 22.01.19 and Re-submission of the proposal uploaded by the user agency on 27.03.2019
- 2) Government of India latter No-4-TNC067/2020-CHN/225 dt.16.12.2020 and Government of India latter No-4-TNC067/2020-CHN/263 dt.24.12.2020
- 3) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD), Chennai C.No.TS3/38628/18 dt. 24.12.2020
- 4) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle EDS raised on 21.12.2020

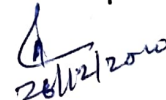
A copy of the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> cited is enclosed herewith. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HOD) is pointed out the institute using only 4 Ha (10 acres) of land out of 40 ha of land under possession of institute forest land for non forestry purpose. Hence it should be demarcated in the ground by ground survey / GPS survey and the same may be uploaded in the KML file format. Hence you are requested that the above details may be uploaded and submit the hard copy in 5 copies at the earliest for further actions.

Sd/- R.Rajkumar,  
for District Forest Officer,  
Tirupattur Division.

Copy to the Forest Range officer, Alangayam for necessary action.

((t.c.b.o))

  
Superintendent

  
26/12/2020

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C.No.TS3/38628/2018

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator  
of Forests (Head of Department),  
Panagal Maaligai, Saidapet, Chennai-15.

Dated: 24.12.2020.

- 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 - Regarding.
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The Administrative Officer, Indian Institute of Astrophysics,  
Block II, Koramangala, Bangalore Pin code 560034 - Proposal  
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2018, dated 23.09.2019, 09.11.2019 and 29.07.2020.
- 3 Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central), Government of  
India, MoEF&CC, ROSEZ, Chennai letter F. No. 4-  
TNC067/2020-CHN/119, dated 09.11.2020
- 4 Government letter No. 16671/FR.10/2019-5, dated 16.11.2020
- 5 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No. TS3/38628/  
2018, dated 28.11.2020.
- 6 Government of India letter No. 4-TNC067/2020-CHN/225,  
dated 16.12.2020 and letter No. 4-TNC067/2020-CHN/263,  
dated 24.12.2020.

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In continuation of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference 5<sup>th</sup>  
cited, a copy of Government of India letters 6<sup>th</sup> referred above is enclosed herewith.

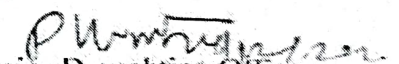
Details called for by the Government of India may be furnished urgently.

Encl : As stated above.

Sd/-A. Deivendran,  
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Department)

To  
The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle, Vellore.  
The District Forest Officer, Tirupathur Division, Tirupathur, Vellore District.  
Copy to the Administrative Officer, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Block II,  
Koramangala, Bengaluru Pin code 560034. (User Agency)

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F.No.4-TNC067/2020-CHN/263  
Date 24 December 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 Kavalur 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 it is to inform that  
the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) in its 44<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 18.12.2020  
considered the subject proposal and after detailed deliberation, the committee  
recommended the proposal and directed the IRO Chennai to issue Stage I approval  
after receipt of the compliance report on below mentioned condition;

1. Actual area under possession of the institute shall be demarcated; that is  
demarcation of all structures including road, common area utilized etc; within  
the 40 ha of forest area diverted shall be done and proper map with DGPS co-  
ordinates of the same shall be submitted to the IRO, Chennai.
2. Detailed justification on the requirement of keeping the entire 40 ha forest  
area by the institute shall be furnished.

In view of the above, I am directed to request to submit the compliance report  
on the above condition at the earliest to this office so as to consider the proposal to  
issue Stage I approval.

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
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F.No.4-TNC067/2020-CHN / 225  
Date: 6 December 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 VainuBappu  
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 it is to inform that  
this office vide letter dated 09.11.2020 requested to submit following additional  
information / documents / clarification at the earliest so as to consider the subject  
proposal under FCA, 1980 and same is still awaited;

- a. 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;
- b. "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.
- c. As decided by the FAC, the User Agency required to be carrying 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;

The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) in its meeting held on 27.11.2020 considered the subject proposal and also pursued the Site Inspection Report of the proposal; after detailed deliberation, the committee opined that, carrying out extensive planting of indigenous species in the remaining forest land under the control of the institute shall be done only if feasible and necessary vacant area is available, else the fact shall be reported with viable other schemes to the Govt. of India.

It was also decided to request the User agency to come up with a detailed and proper justification for retaining the forest area other than the 10 acres already cleared and being utilized. The committee decided to revisit the proposal subject to the compliance of above points as well as reply yet to be received from the State Govt. on the EDS raised by IRO, Chennai on 09.11.2020 in the next meeting.

In view of the above, I am directed to request to submit compliance report on the above matter at the earliest so as to place the subject proposal before next REC meeting

Yours faithfully,

(K.Karthikeyan)  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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Dated: 28 .11.2020.

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 - Regarding.

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A copy of Government of India letter 3<sup>rd</sup> and Government letter 4<sup>th</sup> cited are enclosed herewith. The Additional Principal Chief conservator of Forests and District Forest Officer are informed that the above proposal has taken up for consideration in the Regional Empowered Committee meeting conducted on 27.11.2020 and facts sheet and site inspection of report of Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central) Integrated Regional Office, Chennai has been placed before the committee for consideration. A copy of the same is enclosed herewith.

Additional Details called for by the Government of India and remarks and action taken report on Site inspection report may be obtained from the user agency on the part of action by the user agency and upload the comprehensive report for the project proposal urgently so as to furnish report to the Government of India for approval.

Encl : As stated above.

Sd/-B. Shanmugam,  
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Department)

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

Date 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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