TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

To

Thiru Ashok Upreti, I.F.S., Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department) Panagal Maaligai, Saidapet, Chennai-600 015.

The Principal Secretary to Government, Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

Ref. No. TS3/38628/2018 dated 31.08.2021.

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 in favour of Administrative Officer, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore Additional details called for by the Government of India Regarding.
- 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
 - 2 Part II of Form B uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Tirupathur Division, Tirupathur on 31.07.2019.
 - 3 Part III of Form B uploaded by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle, Vellore on 06.08.2019
 - 4 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No. TS3/38628/2018, dated 23.09.2019 and
 - 5 Government letter No. 16671/FR.10/2019-4, dated 07.09.2020
 - 6 Government of India letter No. 4-TNC067/2020-CHN/263, dated 24.12.2020
 - 7 Government letter No. 16671/FR.10/2019-7 dated 06.01.2021

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With reference to the Government letter 7th cited above, I wish to inform the following details.

- i) As informed in the 44th Regional Empowered Committee Meeting conducted on 18.12.2020 by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Demarcation of area under actual possession of the Astrophysical Institute in the field has been carried out and map along with DGPS co-ordinates submitted by the user agency is enclosed herewith.
- ii) Detailed justification of requirement of keeping the entire 40 ha forest area submitted by the user agency has also enclosed.

I request that the report furnished by the user agency may please be forwarded to the Government of India for their consideration and issue of Stage I approval.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department)

31/01/22