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From

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Nodal Officer, F(C)Act & Chief Executive Officer, CAMPA, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram – 695014.

То

The Principal Secretary, Forest & Wildlife Department, Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram.

Sir,

**Sub :-** Kerala Forest & Wildlife Department – Renewal of leased forest land of 94.08 ha of ICAR-IISR Experimental Farm, Peruvannamuzhi Kozhikode - regarding.

Ref :-

- 1. This office letter on even No. dated 15.03.2019.
- 2. Letter F.No. 8-05/2018-FC dated 06.03.2018 of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
- 3. Government letter No. 148/C2/2021/F&WLD dated 19.11.2021.

Kind attention is invited to the reference cited. The details called for vide Government of India's letter F.No. 8-05/2018-FC dated 06.03.2018 has been received from Chief Conservator of Forests (Northern Circle) Kannur. As per reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, the documents mentioned in item No. I has been submitted to Government. The remaining details are submitted herewith.

1. ICAR – Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode is a Research Institute functioning under the Indian Council of Agricultural and Farmers Welfare, Government of India and engaged on research work on spices crops. An area of 94.08 ha of forest land which is a part of Pannikkottur Reserve Forest (notified as RF vide notification Agri F(3)4-63626/58) 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 the same expired on 2001.

IISR had submitted an application for extension of lease and the lease was renewed annually upto 2012. Laterj on 24.11.2015, a fresh

proposal for renewal of lease in respect of the above land has been submitted by IISR, with necessary documents. Letter from IISR is attached as Annexure – I.

- 2. The physical copy of recommendation has been uploaded in the portal. It is attached as Annexure-2.
- 3. With respect to the Compensatory Afforestation, IISR had submitted application for exemption on the ground that the leased land is used for experimental purposes only. Being a Central Government research organization and since the proposed land is already being used for experimental purposes. IISR has requested to exempt them from paying of fee for Compensatory Afforestation charges and for diversion of equal area of non-forest land for afforestation.

The KML file along with connected documents of the proposed site is enclosed herewith (Annexure- 3).

Yours faithfully,

Enclosure: As above.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Nodal Officer, F(C) Act & Chief Executive Officer, CAMPA

Copy to Senior Assistant Inspector Gneral of Forest (FC), Indira Paryawaran Bhawan, Aligang, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110003.

Annexure-I

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The Divisional Forest Officer Civil Station Kozhikode

Note: Renewal of leased land of 94.08 fta. At ICAR-ilaR, Experimental Farm. Peruvannamuzhi. - Kozhikode-Reg.

Respected Sir.

Greetings from ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kezhikodo

With reference to the telephonia discussion had with you on 16-02-2022 in the above subject twind like to submit the following facts on tonema of lossed forest lead at IC MolDSR. Experimental Form. Peruxanannachi für your kind information and favourable action.

- 1. The forest land of 94.08 ha Peruvannanuzh: Kozialtode was handed over at 1976 and 1976; the then Central Plantation Crops Reasered lastitute. Kasaragod on lease for a period of 25 years for various field experiments on spaces the descriptions of necessary infra tracture for sessor nurposes in the national interest.
- 2. The 25 years of lease of ICAR-HSR Experimental Farm. Perconnamerin express at 200 and we had submitted application for extension of lease of Forest Land vide East Not 120-23 To-Works dated and the lease was renewed annually up to 2012 by remitting the prescribed leave rent Rs.23526 every year.
- 3. We obtained permission from Forest Department for remitting the lease rent on yearly basis of 2012. However, the Protest Department refused to give permission to pay lease rent from 2013 onwards citing the reason that the Gove, or Kerala is in the process of revisions the lease rent.
- 4. We had submitted online application on 24-15/2015 for renewal of lease land for a period of sexual sets. Thereafter, the essential documents, such as cost benefit analysis, copy of eather transcolori, enumeration list of trees duly signed by DFO and DRIPS Map were also similten to College Department vide this office letter F.No.12(12)Land/76(Works-Vol II duied; 2002-2019(copy enclosed).

In this scenario, I humbly request you to take necessary action. for renewal or the 94.08 hadeased land for a period of 99 years for the benefit of the farming community dedicated to the development of spicos.

I express my gratitude in advance for your kind tavourable action in this regard.

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## Recommendation from Divisional Forest Officer

The proposed area was leased to the Institute for 25 years prior to 1980. The lease expired in 2001. The land is under possession of a Central Government's Research Institute and is put to use for research. The area is developed into a research station with sufficient infrastructure. This is also acting as a field information centre to local farmers. No adverse effects to forest or wildlife are caused by this station. Hence, recommended.

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Divisional Forest Officer

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## **Recommendation from Conservator of Forests**

The area is developed into a research station with sufficient infrastructure. This is also acting as a field information centre to local farmers. No adverse effects to forest or wildlife are caused by this station. Hence, recommended.

SHRAWAN KUMAR VERMA, IFS Chef Conservator of Forests,

Northern Circle, Kannur

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No.80/C2/2017/F&WLD

Forest & Wild Life (C) Department Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 26.09.2017

From

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government

To

The Deputy Conservator of Forest (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, Regional Office (Southern Zone). Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E& F Wing, 17th Main Road. Koramangala, Bangalore - 560034.

Sir

Sub:- F&WLD - Renewal of Leased Forest Land Of 79.08 Ha - Indian Institute of Spices Research(HSR), Peruvannamoozhi, Kozhikode - reg.
 Ref:- Letter No.FC1 - 38786/2001 dated 29.08.2017 from Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (F.L&R) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

I am directed to forward herewith 3 hard copies of the proposal along with the appendices, for extension of lease for 79.08 ha of forest land to Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR), Peruvannamoozhi, Kozhikode.

The area of 94.08 ha of forest land is a part of Pannikottur Reserve Forest which was notified as Reserve 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. Thereafter the user agency has submitted necessary proposal for the extent of lease for a further period of 99 years and also submitted the application in online mode in Form A accompanied with the essential details.

Site inspection report by the Forest Department shows that the lease for an area of 79.08 ha only needs be extended as the farm authorities have constructed Elephant Proof Trench to protect the crops in which the remaining 15 Ha was not used in the past for any other activities and requested Government to that extent from further leasing.

The lease renewal is essential for HSR for their continuing research programme. This is a case of lease renewal and therefore the need of Compensatory Afforestation is not required and hence the proposal is recommended for approval subject to the following conditions.

- 1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. Construction of no new building shall be taken up in the forest area except for those which are inevitable for research purpose and with the approval of Chief Conservator of Forests (Northern Circle), Kannur.
- 3. The forest land to be utilized shall not exceed 79.08 ha.
- 4. User Agency should abide any other condition to be stipulated by either the Government of India or Government of Kerala and Kerala Forest Department in the interest of conservation of Forest.

It is requested to kindly obtain the approval of the Ministry of Environment and Forest in this regard and to communicate to this office at the earliest. Clarifications, if any, while considering the proposal may be intimated to this office for initiating necessary action.

Yours faithfully,"

Deputy Secretary

For Additional Chief Secretary to Government

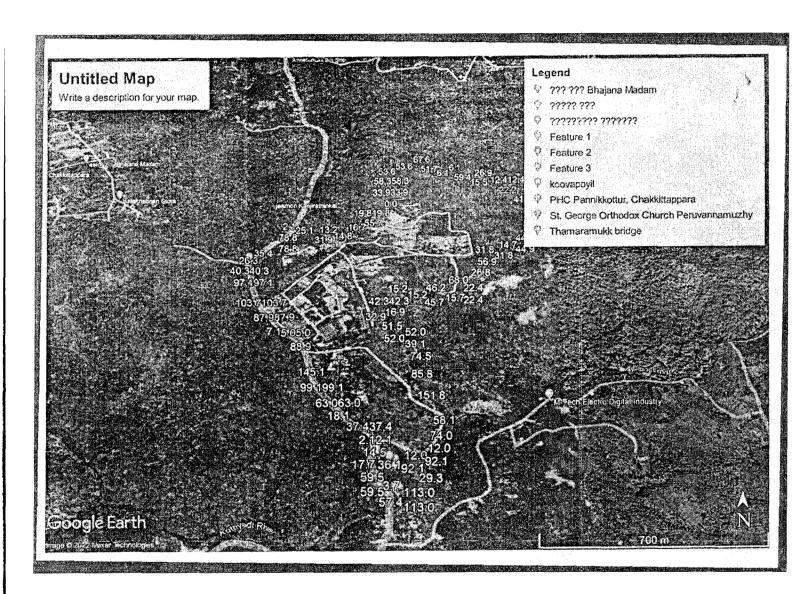
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## <u>CERTIFICATE</u>

This application is connected with renewal of lease granted as per order No. GO (MS) 366/75/AD dated 08.12.75. Hence NPV and cost of Compensatory Afforestation is not applicable in this application.

Divisional Forest Officer,

Kozhikode



AREA = 54 hA
PERIMETER = 4.4KM
AVG. ELEVATION = 85 M