## Visit of Honorable Minister (Forest), Shri. M.S.M. Anandan, Government of Tamil Nadu and the Mayor of Coimbatore Shri. S. M. Velusamy to Gass Forest Museum

Shri. M.S.M. Anandan, the Honorable Minister (Forest), Government of Tamil Nadu and Shri S. M. Velusamy, Coimbatore Mayor visited Gass Forest Museum on 3rd July 2013 along with senior Forest officials of Tamil Nadu. Dr. N. Krishnakumar, IFS, Director, Shri T.P. Raghunath, GCR and Shri R.S. Prasanth, IFS, Head, Forest Economics and Extension, IFGTB received the Hon'ble Minister, the Mayor and other officials at Gass Forest Museum. They viewed the very old historical museum building and they were explained about the collections of Mr. Gass which includes wildlife trophies, timbers, non timber products, botanical specimens, forest engineering, entomology, geology, mycology, specimens and wood crafts which are assembled and displayed under various themes. The honorable Minister appreciated the contribution of H.A. Gass and suggested further improvement of the museum. He also suggested to take steps to give wide publicity to the museum to attract more visitors. The Coimbatore Mayor Shri S. M. Velusamy suggested that such a precious historical monument should have world wide publicity in order to add additional fame to Coimbatore city. The Director explained that action is being taken under EFC to improve the museum including repair to roof and improvement to the exhibits. It was informed that a new students Edu-centre has been opened recently near the museum to orient students and teachers visiting the museum and to conduct students awareness programme.

The Director IFGTB explaining features of the Gass museum to the Hon'ble Minister (Forest) and Mayor of Coimbatore.



The Hon'ble Minister (Forest) signing in the Visitors' register

