

JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

The newly emerged Amaravathi, the Capital City of residual Andhra Pradesh is located in Guntur District and it is about 36Km away from Guntur urban. Apart from this the Forest Circle, Guntur is also located here. Thus, Guntur has reached its utmost importance in all respects.

An exercise has been made to explore the ways and means including alternatives on the feasibility of Government lands available in and around Guntur & Vijayawada towns falling within CRDA limits for the purpose of construction of Forest Department and its associated offices complex for Environment, Forest, Science and Technology Department. However, the Revenue Department has informed that there is acute shortage of Government lands and hence for taking up Capital related infrastructure projects, CRDA had already approached Forest Department for diverting large extent of forest lands falling in Vijayawada and Guntur Forest divisions. Therefore, the availability of land has been further explored in forest lands. An extent of 23.83 Ha in Compartment No.133 of Mangalagiri block of Tadepalli Reserve has been found suitable for the above purpose. The area is plain having gentle slope devoid of vegetation and no important fauna. There would be no adverse impact on the existing flora and fauna. The location is about 20 Km equidistant to both Vijayawada and Guntur urban towns. It is also located very near to Velagapudi, the A.P. Secretariat and the National Highway No 16 (AH 45) runs touching the area. Apart from this, train connectivity is also there to reach the destination. Considering all the above factors, it is proposed to establish the Forest complex. DGPS survey was also carried out to the proposed area of 23.83 Ha. Accordingly, the proposals are formulated to meet the above requirement.


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