

JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN KONDAPALLI FOREST AREA AND DETAILS OF ALTERNATIVES EXAMINED

Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 for bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh received the Hon'ble President of India's assent on 01st March 2014. The "appointed day" for the new States' formation was 02nd June 2014. As per the section 94(1) of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, the Central Government shall take appropriate measures to promote industrialisation and economic growth in the newly formed state. The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to build the state's capital at Amaravati in an area of 217.23 SqKm in Thullur, Tadepalli and Mangalagiri mandals of Guntur district. The Capital Region is proposed in an area of 8914 SqKm around the Capital city. For promoting and securing the planned development of the Capital Region and to create future economic drivers for the Capital Region, the project is proposed to be located in the degraded forest lands available within the Capital Region area, since the area is strategically located in the identified growth corridors of the Capital Region.

There is no land bank available with the District Administration and as the Land acquisition process of alternative rytwari/private patta lands requires considerable time for examining the aspects of food security and the same involves huge burden on the exchequer of the State. Further taking up rehabilitation & resettlement activities not only to the project displaced families but also to project affected families (land owners/tenants/agricultural labourers) losing livelihood by virtue of acquisition of land is highly time consuming and laborious task as per the norms and guidelines of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

The APCRDA pooled up an area of 34,500 acres from the farmers of near by Capital city. All these lands are black cotton soils with rich population density of 479 per Sq Km.

All the major institutes and research centres of both central and state government are allotted to the bifurcated state of Telangana. There is urgent need to establish the Centres for Sports, Physical Training and Agri-Tourism. Hence the APCRDA examined revenue hillocks near **Trilochanapuram, Kattubadipalem and Chilukuru** but due to mining activities failed to identify any areas, which is more than 100 acres. Hence the 890.43 Ha. of forest lands in Kondapalli block is identified for Development of Centres for Sports, Physical Training & Agri-Tourism, which is adjacent to Vijayawada-Hyderabad National Highway, as there is no alternative left to the APCRDA.

After exhausting all alternative lands mentioned above in the unavoidable circumstances, the degraded forest land in Kondapalli forest block is identified for the purpose of the project for creating economic growth in the Capital Region.


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