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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From Sri N. Prateep Kumar, I.F.S., Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Nagarampalem, Guntur-522004.	To The Spl. Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Forests, Science and Technology Department, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District.
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Rc.no. 8005/2017/FCA-3, dated:04/05/2022.

Sir,

Sub: APFD - F(C)Act, 1980 - Diversion of 2.40 ha of forest land in Pothukonda RF
- in Visakhapatnam Division for development of SreeSreeSreeBhuvaneswari
Devi Aaradhanapeetam in favour of Om Bhuvaneswari Sanstan Trust,
Visakhapatnam - Further information called for - Submitted - Reg.

Ref:-

1. Online proposal no. FP/AP/OTHERS/30831/2017.
2. PCCF & HoFF, A.P, Guntur Rc. no.8005/2017/FCA-3, dated:05.10.2018.
3. G. M. No.4621/Section-II/2018, EFS &T (Section-II) Dept., dated: 08.07.2019.
4. PCCF & HoFF, A.P, Guntur Rc. no.8005/2017/FCA-3, dated:08.01.2020.
5. G.M. No.4621/Section-II/2018(657656), EFS &T (Section-II) Dept., dated: 27.12.2021.

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In compliance with the reference 5th cited, it is to submit that, in the reference 2nd cited, proposal was submitted to the Government for diversion of 2.40 ha of forest land in Pothukonda RF in Visakhapatnam Division for development of Sree Sree Sree Bhuvaneswari Devi Aaradhanapeetam in favour of Om Bhuvaneswari Sanstan Trust, Visakhapatnam duly mentioning the nature of the violations and action taken on the violations. The details of action taken is as follows.

- **Action taken :** Action has been taken against the user agency by imposing penalty of Rs.80,278/- (1+1) in O.R. No. 117/2010-11 for violation of the provisions of the A.P. Forest Act, . The user agency has paid the "C" fees of Rs. 80278/- through challan on 05-02-2011.
- **Action taken on officials:** The Forest Section Officer, Forest Beat Officer and Asst. Beat Officer were kept under suspension as per orders contained in Divisional Forest Officer , Visakhapatnam Rc. No. 5022/2010-P, dated : 25-09-2010 and also issued Articles of Charge (AoCs) against the concerned Forest Staff as per Rule 20 of APCS (CC &A) Rules 1991.

Further, the Government of Andhra Pradesh in the reference 3rd cited has requested to furnish a report on the proposal from the Commissioner, Endowments Department, along with his recommendations to the Government for taking further action in the matter.

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Accordingly, in the reference 4th cited, a report was submitted to Government as reported by the Commissioner, Endowments Department, A.P, Vijayawada stating that, Om Bhuvanewari Sanstan Trust, Visakhapatnam is not published U/s 6(c) of the A.P Charitable & Hindu Religion Institution and Endowments Act 30/21987 and this trust is under private management.

The enquiry report of District Collector, Visakhapatnam in File no.REV-FSECOGNR/49/2020-DT(F) dt.06.12.2021 has been examined and the District Collector, Visakhapatnam also informed that the trust is being run by the private organization i.e., Committee formed with four members.

In view of the above, there are no further remarks to offer on the report of the Collector & District Magistrate, Visakhapatnam .

This is submitted for favour of information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,
N Prateep Kumar I/s
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam and the Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam for information.

Copy to the Managing Trustee/Settler, Om Bhuvaneswari Sanstan Trust, ChellayammaThota, Yathapalem (V), Sabbavaram(M), Visakhapatnam for information and necessary action.