

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT

Rc.no.1625/2017/TO,
Dated: 28.11.2022.

Office of the District Forest Officer,
Anakapalli.

From:
Sri Anant Shankar, IFS.,
District Forest Officer,
Anakapalli.

To
The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Visakhapatnam.

Sir,

Sub: APFD – F(C) Act,1980 – Diversion of 2.40 ha of Forest land in Pothukonda RF in Visakhapatnam Division for development of Sree Sree Sree Bhuvaneshwari Devi Aaradhanapeetam in favour of Om Bhuvaneshwari Sansthan Trust, Visakhapatnam – Further information called for – Drawings submitted by the user agency – Signatures of the field staff – Report submission - Regarding.

- Ref:-
1. Government Memo No.4621/Section-II/2018, EFS&T (Section-II) Dept., dt:22.05.2020.
 2. Prl. CCF (HoFF) A.P. Guntur Rc.no.8005/2017/FCA-3, dt:15.06.2020.
 3. Managing Trustee / Settler, Om Bhuvaneshwari Sansthan Trust letter dt:17.11.2020.
 4. FRO, Visakhapatnam Rc.no.194/2018, dt:25.01.2021.
 5. DFO, Visakhapatnam Rc.no.1625/2017-TO., dt:30.01.2022.
 6. Special Secretary to Government, GoAP, EFS&T (Section.II), Department Memo no.4621/Section.II/2018/ (657656), dt:29.06.2022.
 7. Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF A.P. Guntur Rc.no. EFS02 -8005/2017/FCA-3, dt:17.07.2022.
 8. Managing Trustee, Om Bhuvaneshwari Sansthan Trust letter dt:12.10.2022.
 9. FRO, Anakapalli Rc.no.18/2022-AKP, dt:12.11.2022

In continuation of this office reference 5th cited, it is submitted that in the reference 6th cited, the Special Secretary to Government, GoAP, EFS&T (Section.II), Department has instructed to furnish the following additional information / clarification for consideration of the proposal. The same was



communicated by the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P. Guntur in the reference 7th cited.

In the reference 9th cited, the Forest Range Officer, Anakapalli submitted report (copy enclosed) stating that, the Forest Range Officer, Anakapalli has inspected the area along with Forest Section Officer, Pudimadaka and Beat Officer, Pothukonda on 01.11.2022 for diversion of 2.40 ha of Forest land in Pothukonda RF in Visakhapatnam Division for development of Sree Sree Sree Bhuvaneshwari Devi Aaradhanapeetam in favour of Om Bhuvaneshwari Sansthan Trust, Visakhapatnam and verified the drawings and taking Lat-Longs and arrived area as detailed below:

Sl. no.	Component	Area arrived (in ha)	Remarks
1	Proposed Temple area	0.9324	
2	Proposed road area	0.6500	
	Total area:	1.5824	

Further, it is submitted that, in the reference 8th cited (copy enclosed), the Managing Trustee, Om Bhuvaneshwari Sansthan Trust has submitted point-wise replies along with revised drawings to this office for onward submission to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam. The point wise replies as detailed below:-

Sl. no.	Question	Reply
1	In online application the name of the UA has been reported as "BHUVANA VIZAG" whereas the authorization certification and other documents wherein reported as "Om Bhuvaneshwari Sansthan Trust" Visakhapatnam. Hence, discrepancy in the name of the UA need clarification.	It is respectfully submitted that, the user agency has submitted that with limited knowledge and inadvertently name of the User Agency has been mentioned as BHUVANAVIZAG in online application. However in all documents / certificate the name of the User Agency has been mentioned as "OM BHUVANESHWARI SANSTHAN TRUST" Visakhapatnam. Hence error made in the online application may be condoned. Email address of user agency is bhuvanavizag@gmail.com .

An extent of 1.76 ha has been proposed for temple area falling in RF including Core area and Temporary area of structure and open area for pilgrims. However, detailed component wise breakup and justification for the same not been provided. Moreover, as per the layout plan submitted by the State Government, the UA proposed to breakup fresh forest area in the hill top which is nearly 100 feet above the existing structures and also requires more tree felling and earth cutting which need to be justification.

As directed / suggested by the Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Vijayawada, the user agency has now removed one of the proposed components in the forest area and accordingly the user agency finalized to take up only important and necessary activities like construction of temple at the same place, where existing temporary structures are existing and other pilgrims services related structures like shelter for serving food/prasadam, toilets.

3 As reported, the UA is a private entity and the trust is not published U/s 6(c) of the A.P.C & HRI & Endowments Act 30/1987. Further, the activities proposed by the user agency are non-site specific in nature and as such, diversion of such pristine forest area for such non site specific purpose is not available. Hence, it is requested that the proposal may kindly be re-examined and resubmitted after revising the proposal with the barest minimum (only the area wherein already religious structures claimed to be existing and road portion) along with all relevant documents accordingly with proper justification.

In view of the remarks from the Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Vijayawada, the user agency has reduced the proposed sofar to be diverted from 2.40 ha (as proposed earlier) to 1.58 ha.

It is submitted that, the user agency has submitted no residential or commercial shops etc., will be constructed in the RF area; The detailed breakup of the forest area proposed for diversion are as follows:

Sl. no.	Component	Area in Sq.mts
Core area of temples:		
a	Bhuvaneswari Devi temple	0.4600
b	Dattatreyaswamy temple	0.1025
c	Shivalayam temple	0.0144
d	Ganesh temple	0.0900
e	Kumaraswamy temple	0.0567
Total:		1701
Temporary structures		
a	Yagasala, store etc.,	900
b	Annadana Complex, Gosala	1025
c	Piligrims waiting hall	567
d	Maha Naivedyam (potu)	36
e	Pilgrims utility(Chlid, old age)	150
f	Pilgrims health clinic	100

	Programs waiting list	1000
	Work rooms for pilgrims	124
	Total	1124
	Total covered area	4723
	Open areas lateral roads, setbacks, steps, open area around the temple	4801
	Total area proposed for Temple and other amenities in the RF	9524
	Road area fallen in RF	6500
	Total area proposed for road and temple	15824
		Sq. mts
		1.5824
		ha.

In this connection, I request the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam to forward the additional information to the Pri.Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P. Guntur for further process.

This is submitted for favour of kind information.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully,
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District Forest Officer,
Anakapalli.

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Superintendent

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