

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

Memo.No.4621/Section-II/2018

Dated: 16.06.2021

Sub: 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 - Proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Additional information sought - Not submitted - Reg.

- Ref: 1. From PCCF (HoFF), Lr.Rc.No. 8005/2017/FCA-3, dt:05-10-2018.
2. State Govt.Lr.No.4621/Section-II/2018, dated.9-11-2018.
3. From GoI, MoEF&CC, Lr.No.4-APA089/2018-CHN/2007,dt 20.12.2018.
4. Govt. Memo No.4621/Section-II/2018, dated.02-1-2019.
5. From GoI, MoEF&CC, Lr.F.No.4-APB089/2018-CHN/0748, dt 6.5.2019.
6. From PCCF (HoFF), Lr.Rc.No.8005/2017/FCA-3, dt.4.6.2019.
7. From the PCCF(HoFF), Lr.Rc.No.8005/2017/FCA-3, dt.08.01.2020.
8. Govt. Memo.No.4621/Section-II/2018, dated.27-05-2020.

The attention of the Collector and District Magistrate, Visakhapatnam is invited to the reference 8th cited, (copy enclosed) wherein it was informed that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Guntur has sent proposal along with necessary documents 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 and requested for onward transmission to the Regional Office, Chennai for consideration of the proposal.

2. It was also informed that, the User Agency has stated that during 1950s a Goddess by name Sree Sree Sree Bhuvaneswari Devi has taken birth at Yathapalem. The Goddess is situated 100 mtrs from the ground point and it needs pour pathway for Villagers to perform pooja to Goddess. As such the proposal is submitted for utilization of Forest land "Diversion of 2.40 ha in pothukonda RF in Visakhapatnam Division for development of Sree Sree Sree Bhuvaneswari Devi Aaradhanapeetam in Visakhapatnam in favour of Om Bhuvaneswari Santhan Trust, Visakhapatnam of Visakhapatnam District under F(C) Act, 1980 as there is no other alternative than the proposed land.

3. In the reference 7th cited, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) has reported that the Commissioner, Endowments Department, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada has stated that, Om Bhuvaneswari Sanstan Trust, Visakhapatnam is not published U/s 6 (c) of the Andhra Pradesh Charitable & Hindu Religion Institution and Endowments Act 30/21987 and this Trust is under private management and that the question of their offering of remarks 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, does not arise.

4. In the Memo.8th cited, it was requested to cause detailed enquiry with Joint Collector level Officer in the field and furnish report along with his specific recommendation on the genuinity of the above Om Bhuvaneswari Sanstan Trust, Visakhapatnam and existence of the Temple as for the records, etc., for taking further necessary action in the matter. The said report has not been received so far.

5. The Collector and District Magistrate, Visakhapatnam, is once again requested to furnish the report as called for in the reference 8th cited, to Government immediately for taking further necessary action in the matter.

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To
The Collector and District Magistrate,
Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. (CW-E)

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SECTION OFFICER