

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sec.II) DEPARTMENT

Memo.No.4621/Section-II/2018/(657656)

Dated: 29.06.2022

Sub: 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 Sanstan Trust, Visakhapatnam - Proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Additional information called for - 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, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.9-11-2018.
3) From GoI, MoEF& CC, Lr.No.4-APA089/2018-CHN/2007, dated 20.12.2018.
4) From GoI, MoEF& CC, Lr.F.No.4-APB089/2018-CHN/0748, dated 6.5.2019.
5) From PCCF (HoFF), A.P., Guntur, Lr.Rc.No.8005/2017/FCA-3, dt.4.6.2019 and even no.dt.08.01.2020.
6) From the District Collector, Visakhapatnam District, Lr.File No.REV-FSECOGNR/49/2020-DT(F), dt.nil.
7) State Govt.Lr.No.4621/Section-II/2018, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.26.05.2022.
8) From GoI, MoEF&CC, Lr.No.4-APA089/2018-CHN/450, dated.27.06.2022.

The attention of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur is invited to the reference 8th cited (copy enclosed), wherein it has been requested to furnish the following additional information / clarification for further consideration of the proposal;

- i. In online application, the name of the UA has been reported as "BHUVANAVIZAG", whereas the authorization certification and other documents wherein reported as Om Bhuvaneshwari Sanstan Trust, Visakhapatnam. Hence, discrepancy in the name of the UA need clarification;
- ii. 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 has 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.
- iii. As reported, the UA is a private entity and the trust is not published U/s 6(C) 'of the A.P.C & H.R.I & Endowments Act 30/1987. Further, the activities proposed by the UA are non-site specific in nature and as such, diversion of such pristine forest area for such non site specific purpose is not advisable. 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.

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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force is, therefore, requested to furnish the above requisite information / documents, to Government immediately so as to forward the same to GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada for further consideration of the proposal.

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To

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