

Title: Need to accord clearance to the proposal of Andhra Pradesh Government for development of a Nature Park at Vishakhapatnam- Laid.

SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHI (VISA KHAPATNAM) : Sir, Visakhapatnam city in Andhra Pradesh is a prominent and picturesque urban area located on the shores of Bay of Bengal and surrounded by the hills. It is a fast growing industrial city and has gained importance as the second capital of the state. A place for environment education and recreation within the city is quite essential. The Forest Department of Andhra Pradesh has prepared a detailed project report for the creation and development of a nature park. The cost of the project is estimated at Rs.15.82 crores. The nature park is proposed to be developed in an area of 6832 hectares in Kambalakonda forest area block. This request of Government of Andhra Pradesh is pending with the Union Government. I, therefore, request the Union Government to accord clearance and provide necessary funds for the projects so as to meet the environmental, educational, recreational and aesthetic needs of the Visakhapatnam city.