

Title: Need to clear the proposal of Andhra Pradesh Government for setting up of a Nature Park in Visakhapatnam city.

SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHI (VISAKHAPATNAM): Visakhapatnam city in Andhra Pradesh is a prominent and picturesque urban area located on the shores of Bay of Bengal and surrounded by hills. The city is a fast growing industrial city and has gained importance as the second capital of the State. A place for environmental 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 crore. The nature park is proposed to be developed in an area of 6832 hectares in Kambalakonda forest area block.

I request the Union Govt. to accord clearance and funding of the projects so as to meet the environmental, educational and aesthetic needs of Visakhapatnam.