

Title: Need to accord environmental clearance for the Bhimli Brach Sand Project of Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation in Vishakhapatnam district.

SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHI (VISA KHAPATNAM): The Andhra Pradesh Mineral Department Corporation proposed to have a collaborative Brach Sand Project with IRE and NMDC at Bhimili engaged the services of an acknowledged wild life expert who has given a very categorical report stating that these mining projects are not detrimental to the nesting of Olive Ridley Turtles. This report has been sent to the Ministry of Environment & Forests. Similarly, the environmental clearances in respect of Transworld Garnet with whom the State Government has signed an MOU is also pending. In view of the fact that these mineral are very rare and unique and it would be in the national interest to exploit them judiciously for the development of the nation.

I therefore, request the Union Government to accord necessary environmental clearance for the Bhimili Brach Sand Project of APMDC in Vishakhapatnam district and the project of M/s Transworld Garnet at Srikakulam district immediately