

**Title:** Regarding need to accord clearance to the proposal of Andhra Pradesh Government for development of a Nature Park at Vishakapatnam-Laid.

SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY (VISAKHAPATNAM) : Visakhapatnam city in Andhra Pradesh is a prominent and picturesque urban areas 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 a 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 crores. The nature park is proposed to be developed in an area of 6832 hectares in Kambalankond a forest area block.

I request the Government of India to accord clearance and funding of the project so as to meet the environmental, educational, recreational and aesthetic needs of the Visakhapatnam city.