



FAC Recommends Diversion of 154 ha

The Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) in its meeting on 15 November 2018 considered 15 proposals involving 3461 ha of forest area. The Committee has recommended only 154 ha of forest for diversion for 5 proposals. It declined to recommend 8 infrastructure proposals for diversion of forest land for Andhra Pradesh Capital Region for various activities including establishment of Adventure Eco Theme Park, Institutional Park, Science City, Eco-tourism village, Offices of various Government Agencies in Guntur Forest Division & District of Andhra Pradesh. It involved a whopping 3306 ha area.

FAC rightly reasoned that

1. Area under RF is less than 5% of the entire area of Capital Region, which in the opinion of FAC is too less area as a green cover in any capital city.
2. The User Agency has not explored the possibilities of taking up the project on non-forest land which is more than 95% of the entire area of Capital Region.
3. The State Govt. should make efforts to increase the total area under green cover, in line with some of the best capital regions in the country and also should make efforts in increasing the density of the existing RFs in the capital region.

Overview of status of 15 proposals considered

Sr. No.	Item	Proposals
1	Recommended	5
2	Declined to recommend	8
3	Others (Previously recommended) ¹	2
-	Total	15

¹ Two projects are Katamati Iron Ore mines, Odisha (old lease) and North Koel Dam project in Jharkhand (Recommended in Oct 2017 and appeared for some review)

State-wise Area Recommended for Diversion

No.	State	Area	Area%	Proposals	Proposals %
1	Karnataka	21.856	14.16	3	60
2	Maharashtra	56.86	36.85	1	20
3	Odisha	75.635	49.01	1	20
-	Total	154.35	100.00	5	100.00

Sector-wise Area Recommended for Diversion

Sr. No.	Sector	Area	Area%	Projects	Projects %
1	Irrigation	56.86	36.84	1	20
2	Mining	16.585	10.74	2	40
3	Others category	80.906	52.42	2	40
-	TOTAL	154.351	100.00	5	100.00

FAC November 2018 – Status of Proposals Considered

Project	Area	State	Recommendation	Comment
Kotgal Barrage	56.86	Maharashtra	Recommended	
North Koel Dam	1007.29	Jharkhand	-	Previously Recommended- 8 conditions revoked
Paradip Port Trust	75.635	Odisha	Recommended	
Katamati Iron Ore	360.01	Odisha	-	Previously recommended- Modification in Stage I conditions
Adventure Park	150.84	Andhra Pradesh	Declined	Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Proposals
Institutional Complex	434.85	Andhra Pradesh	Declined	“
Science City	123.82	Andhra Pradesh	Declined	“
Eco Torism Village	118.3	Andhra Pradesh	Declined	“
Forest Academy	250.08	Andhra Pradesh	Declined	“

Biodiversity Park	231.33	Andhra Pradesh	Declined	“
Green Mobility Park	1625.53	Andhra Pradesh	Declined	“
E-5 Park	371.8	Andhra Pradesh	Declined	“
Rama Iron Ore	15.981	Karnataka	Recommended	
Tunga Iron Ore	0.604	Karnataka	Recommended	
Downhill pipe conveyer	5.271	Karnataka	Recommended	

(Minutes of the meeting are attached.)

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