

SUBJECT NO: 62

The Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority has taken up 30 hectares area for hill afforestation at Kailasa hill during 1986, as part and partial under Social Forestry Schemes at the cost of Rs. 1.45 lakhs. The funds to implement the scheme was borne out of VUDA funds.

During the year 1987, the VUDA had proposed a very ambitious ^{programme} in order to expand schemes of social forestry. It has proposed to take up (1) Hill Afforestation (2) Avenue Plantation in various layouts (3) Cannel bund plantation and open site plantations.

1. HILL AFFORESTATION:

The Urban Forestry Division has selected degraded hills in the heart of Massive Industrial belt which are under the grip of worst pollution. It has been planned to take up afforestation on the degraded hills by adopting the new technique of soil and moisture conservation which was suggested recently by the Consultant National Waste Land Board, New Delhi by introducing vettivera grass (Khus, Khus grass). Mr. Thomas, Consultant has visited the Vettivera grass Nursery and opined that this is the first of its kind in Andhra Pradesh which can establish well in the area and can play a vital role in checking this soil arosion from the hill slppes .

2. AVENUE PLANTATION & CANAL BUND PLANTATION:

The District Collector, Visakhapatnam has suggested to take up Avenue Plantation and Canal bund Plantation and open site plantation in Steel Plant Rehabilitation Colonies like Pedagantyada, Dibbalapalem, Vadlapudi and Aganampudi. This scheme was not originally included in the Action Plan of 1987-88 of VUDA.

To take up the above works an amount of Rs. 17.09 lakhs is required as detailed in the statement enclosed. There are no other agencies for funding the VUDA for the above schemes.

In Visakhapatnam day by day deforestation has been taking place at higher degree. Hills are being cut off indiscriminately making the area scarcity of rains which consequently leading to drought. Hence Eco Development Project has been prepared by VUDA and A.P. Shore Development Authority in which 7536 Hects. of hills are identified to be developed under Hill Afforestation Programme from 86-90 in a phased manner. This could not be taken up effectively during 1986-87 due to paucity of funds and for want of required technical staff through these works are of immense value of future Visakhapatnam. To execute this work, D.F.O. and Forest Range Officer have also been taken up on deputation.

Unless Afforestation is taken up at large scale particularly in the crowded areas of Visakhapatnam we will be posing major problem to future Visakhapatnam. So keeping all this hazards in view, VUDA has proposed an Action Plan of Rs. 61.00 lakhs during 1987-88 to execute Afforestation work. For implementation of the above type of works the Hyderabad Urban Development Authority has been provided with an amount of Rs. 52.50 lakhs from N.R.E.P. funds. Out of an amount of Rs. 95.00 lakhs which is earmarked for this afforestation work. So there is every need to provide VUDA also with sufficient grants as in the case of HUDA for this Afforestation work.

Hence the matter is placed before VUDA Committee to recommend to Government for providing an amount of Rs. 61.00 lakhs as grant for 1987-88 from sources like NREP, IRDP etc., as the above works are designed out side the Municipal Corporation limits. The Collector, Visakhapatnam may also be requested on the similar lines to provide some funds for this work.

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