

## **Rs 322cr funds for forest department**

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Vijayawada: The AP government released Rs 322 crore as additional funds to the forest department on Thursday. The amount was sanctioned under a government order for various projects.

Out of the total amount allocated, Rs 43 crore has been dedicated for compensatory afforestation while Rs 259 crore has been given to protect the forest land in the state. Previously, the forest department was struggling as the money stood pending for months for contractual forest helpers.

Around Rs 5 crore has been allotted to the catchment area treatment plan. The order also relaxed treasury control and quarterly regulation orders to ensure easy use of the money allocated to the department.

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