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MADA to finalise agency for master plan by March 28

Vice-Chairman says a five-member committee formed for selection

The Machilipatnam Area Development Authority (MADA) will finalise the selection of agency for preparing master plan by March-end. The tenders from the interested agencies have been invited and March 20 is the last date for submission.

“A five-member evaluation committee comprising experts has been set up to select the agency for preparing the master plan. The selection of the agency will be done by March 28,” MADA Vice-Chairman M. Venugopala Reddy told *The Hindu* . “International agencies are also being encouraged to submit their tenders as we are looking for quality and expertise, given the need of having a robust master plan for developing the area spreading 426.16 square kilometres,” he added.

The MADA master plan would likely to be on the lines of Amaravati master plan, focussing on developing tourism and township required to be developed for the port and industrial

corridor projects. The master plan would be prepared for the entire area of 426 square kilometres, including above 30,000 acres of land that was proposed for Machilipatnam deep sea port and industrial corridor.

Port project

In February 2016, the State government constituted the MADA, bringing 28 revenue villages and 27 villages in Machilpatnam mandal, including Machilipatnam Municipality, under its jurisdiction with 2.41 lakh of population. Mr. Venugopala Reddy has confirmed that over 5,200 acres of land would be spared for the proposed deep sea port based on the detailed project report prepared before constituting the MADA. “We have targeted to hand over the land to the Department of Ports in the first phase instead of waiting until completion of gathering of 30,000 acres,” he added.