

## Justification for Development of Eco-Tourism Project at Murguma.

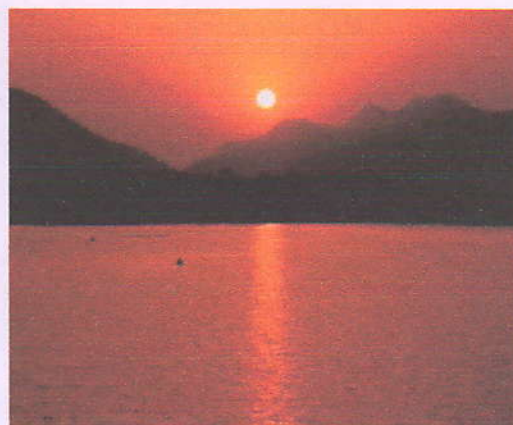


The splendid scenic beauty content and eye soothing Murguma Dam is located at the footsteps of Ayodhya Hills in the Chotonagpur Plateau. The name Murguma came from the word 'Murgum' that means beautiful. It is known that in earlier times, it was the dwelling place of 'Mayur' (Peacocks). Its area is near about 1200 Sq Mtr.

It is located at 43 Kms away from Purulia Town (on road). Nearest Railway Stations are Jhalda and Muri. Nearest Airport is at Ranchi, the Capital of Jharkhand.

The proposed main land is in between three mouzas namely Lakhipur, Gajraidih and Govindpur. Before the Dam was constructed in the year 1970, it was a poor village with less cultivable area. 70% of the total inhabitants are tribes here.

The area itself is a treasure of natural beauty and tourist attraction. Pictorial Sunrise and overwhelming Sunset over the Murguma Dam creates an uncanny and supernatural atmosphere throughout the area that can attract tourists from the nation and as well as from abroad.

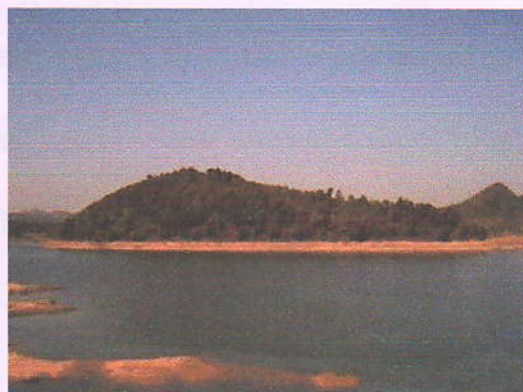


It's valleys hold beautiful and magnificent 'Palash' trees which give a mindblowing red colour look to the nearby forest areas in the spring, i.e., in the season of Holi, the festival of colours.

The tranquil Murguma Dam has a marvelous content of twittering of birds of different species, wildlife, beautiful flora and fauna, Gorgaburu Peak, Bamni Falls, rivers which can make tourists to rush into this place.

It is a beautiful seasonal picnic spot in winter that calls with its wilderness, hundreds of nature lovers spreading its two arms. Series of Sal, Piyal, Shimul and other forest trees has created a calm, dense look.

Famous Ayodhya Hills is just 11 kms from this place. Other beautiful spots that can be explored here are Narhara Dam, Deulghata Temple (symbols of Pala and Sen Dynasty) etc.







It is the perfect place to promote Rural Tourism. It can be a pathfinder to the local tribal people to explore and change their livelihood option into some better dimension.

Watch tower can bring a pleasant vision to the nature lovers the beauty of widespread Chotonagpur Range. Home stays can open a new horizon among the local poor people, enabling them to change their financial scenario. The art & craft of these local poor people can be taken with a new vision. Bamboo craft, Pottery and Chhou Mukhosh are the main creations that can be spread throughout the globe.

The project can change the way of transport, promote local shops causing upliftment of employment generation among the local populace. They may be trained to perform as tour guide also. This may lead to a gross financial growth in this remote tribal region.

It is a place of Cultural Heritage also. Chhou Dance, Jhumur Song and Dance, Tushu, Bandna and Karam festivals add colours to its glorious rituals.

The behavioral change that is expected from the proper introduction and implementation of this-tourism project may lead to circuit tourism in that area which can invite the country men to avail and spent 2 – 3 days here as a package tour with in a very easy accessible zone.

In a short tour, after arrival at the Murguma, a tourist can avail the flavor of Ayodhya Hills with tribal dances. There after they can explore Mayur Pahar, Upper Dam, Sunrise point which can mostly be covered in a single day. The next day the destination may include Bamni False, Marble Lake

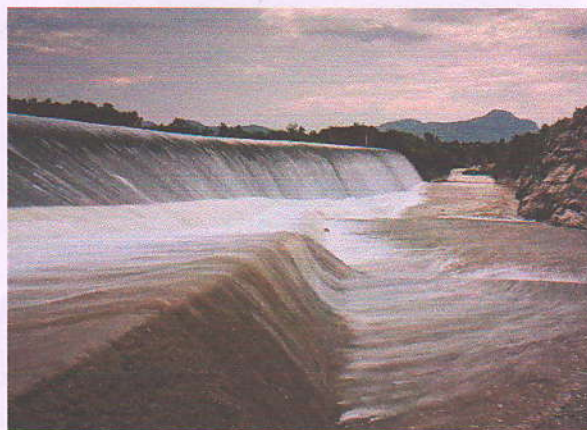
and on that way they can reach Khoirabera Dam and its surrounding natural beauty.

In a nutshell it can be concluded that this District is always expecting to take up the tourism project of Murguma up to its zenith.

This plot which is close to Murguma Dam and has very few trees was found most suitable for developing Eco-Tourism center.

Alternative non-forest lands were explored but those lands were not suitable for above mentioned purpose.

Moreover, project has been framed keeping in view the authorities and natural beauty of the area.



  
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At the outset, we have surveyed alternative non forest lands for developing of Murguma Eco Tourism complex, but unfortunately these lands were found unsuitable for the instant project. Details of lands are mentioned below:

**Alternative Land 1:** We have explored 0.99 hectare of alternative land in Laxmipur Mouza, J.L. No. 270 (Latitude-23.320443 N, Longitude-86.054273 E) which is located far away from the main tourism circuit area and which is found not suitable for development of Eco Tourism Complex at Murguma as,

- Located area is not feasible for good communication.
- Far away from Murguma Dam.
- Construction challenges due to terrain points.
- Tourism attraction will hamper.

**Alternative Land 2:** We explored another 0.99 hectare alternative land in Lalpur Mouza, J.L. No. 256 (Latitude-23.3200725 N, Longitude-86.051572 E) which is also far off from the Murguma Dam. This plot is also not suitable for development of Tourism Project at Murguma as,

- Narrow strip of land.
- Approach road is not suitable for vehicles for tourism.
- Local villager's livelihood opportunity scope will not be there.
- Distance is too much from Murguma Dam
- Tourism attraction will hamper.

**Alternative Land 3:** Finally we have explored the nearby land at Murguma in Murguma Mouza, J.L. No. 269, plot no 1202 (Latitude-23.32196 N, Longitude-86.820465 E) which is located in the vicinity of the dam. The land belongs to forest department which is found suitable and appropriate for development of Eco Tourism Complex at Murguma as,

- This area is having good communication via Ayodhya and Jhalda both ways.
- Murguma Dam is located in the heart of the project.
- Construction challenges will not be there as communication way is better.
- Local livelihood will improve the village economy.
- The identified land will give the project a complete tourism site look.

  
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