

Justification for locating Sandul Irrigation Project in Forest land

Sandul Irrigation project is Barrage project on river Sandul. The barrage scheme will irrigate 5000ha of command area during kharif in Karlamunda, Kesinga & M.Rampur block of the drought prone district, Kalahandi in KBK region of Odisha. This is the only dependable surface water source available to irrigate this command area. Irrigation project is a site specific project which follows a definite topography. As such the forest area involved is only 4.25% of the project area and scattered in 11 villages. All are revenue forest, no reserve forest is affected. Out of the 7.53⁸ Ha of forest land involved, 3.314 ha of forest land belongs to Sabik Kisam forest, the current land use is non-forest.

Yours faithfully



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