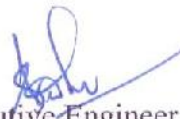


## **JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST LAND**

Aherajore Irrigation Project is a Barrage Project on river Aherajore. The barrage scheme will irrigate 2220 ha of command area of the drought prone district of Jharsuguda. 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 in Reservoir is only 3.21 ha. (2.68% of the project area 119.71 ha) and scattered in 2 villages. i.e Debdarha and Chhuikanch.

  
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