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**JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUIRMENT OF FOREST LAND**

Upper Bhadra Project envisages providing irrigation facility to drought prone areas and also aims at providing drinking water and underground recharge by filling MI tanks in Chikkamagaluru, Chitradurga, Davanagere and Tumkur Districts. The present alignment of Tumkur Branch Canal (TBC) is traversing in Udugere RF (in the chainages between 65.261 Km to 66.423 Km) and Bukkapatna RF (in the chainages between 150.735 Km to 158.282 Km).

The present alignment is most Techno-Economical feasible in view of following reasons:

1. The alignment is finalized based on the irrigation contours and to achieve 84900 Ha of command area in Chikmagalur (22130 Ha), Chitradurga (43555 Ha) and Tumkur District (19215 Ha), It runs for about 158 Km from Ajjampura Tunnel, Benefits about 375 villages by filling 131 MI tanks.
2. The Proposed alignment is selected based on Barest Minimum (Minimum Forest) area criteria i.e. among the three alternatives studied at Udugere Reserved Forest region and Four alternatives studied at Bukkapatna Reserved forest region, the selected alignment is barest minimum.
3. The flora of the alignment is scrub and dry deciduous. There is no RET / timber yielding trees in the Right of Way (RoW) of proposed alignment.

  
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