

JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST LAND

Sono Irrigation Project is a Barrage Project on river Sono (Sunei Nadi). The barrage scheme will irrigate 9900 ha of command area the drought prone district of Mayurbhanj and Balasore. 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 14.928 ha (2.95%) of the project area (506.778 ha) and scattered in 37 villages. 5.669 ha of Reserve Forest will be affected and 9.259 ha of revenue forest land involved, 0.300 ha of forest land belongs to Sabik Kisam forest, where the current land use is non-forest.


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