

**Justification for locating the project in the forest area**

Administrative approval of “**Handya Kundy Storage Tank**” Tal. Chopda Dist. Is from Tapi Irrigation Development Corporation a Government of Maharashtra undertaking vide letter no. TIDC/ ED/ PB-1 / 32-98 / A.A / 32 Dated 12 / 10 / 1998.

There is constant and strong demand for irrigation & drinking water facilities in these areas. Considering the topography of the area there is **no alternate means** to provide water for irrigation except lift irrigation technique. A well conceived Lift Irrigation Scheme in the command area of the project will be beneficial to the people.

Maximum possible efforts are made to locate project in non forest area. By studying three alternative alignments, Forest land required is less as compared to other two alignments. Total 31.49 Ha. Of forest land required for the project comes under Dam Seat & Submergence and the demand made is barest minimum.