

Copy of note containing Justification for Proposal for Diversion of Forest Land for Construction of Minor Irrigation Tank in Nirukhe Village Tal- Kudal Dist- Sindhudurg

The project being of tech Nature it is to be constructed the location where it suits technically as well as economically. The present site is finalized after investigation of various alternatives after trying for different alternatives, ultimately the present project is finalized on its technical meant. Such as availability of foundation of rock minimum submergence of villages and their area so also minimum forest area etc. The Survey Nos. of Identified Forest Land as per the dictionary meaning of forest and in timed to expert committee under the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court Dated 12/12/1996. These land were first acquired under Maharashtra Private Forest Acquisitions Act-1975 and later restored to owners under section 22A of the Act At the time of Administratively approval in 1983 of the scheme the village records (7/12) etc was not shown record of forest land, hence the question of locating the scheme in forest area does not arises.

The proposed site is at 2 Km Upstream of village Nirukhe with utilization of 863.00 Tcum is feasible having benefit cost ratio of 2.07 and catchment area 2.54 sq km (0.31sq miles) Village Nirukhe is not going under submergence. There is no opposition by the local people of village Nirukhe This project is carrying Imigable command area 287 Ha by pipe distribution Network.

The site is selected for the following benefits

- 1) Land coming under submergence is minimum
- 2) B/C ratio is 2.07 >1 as per norms of the Irrigation department
- 3) Existing natural high ground profile on both flanks.
- 4) Any village goathan or its part is not going under submergence. Total land required for the project is 35.787 Ha.Out of witch Forest land 18.94 Ha. Private land is 16.807 Ha
- 5) Mitigating / beneficial impacts.

- a) The project involves 16.847Ha.of private land and 18.94 Ha of Forest land le a total of 35.787 Ha of non-fertile land but will irrigate 287 A of fertile land
- b) The compensatory afforestation area is adjoining the forest area
- c) Most environmental impact due to loss of forests would be mitigated over 10-15 years due to large scale afforestation and the project seeks only a spatial and temporal adjustment.
- d) Afforestation with rare / endangered / medicinal plants would help conserve them and also improve the habitual for rare birds
- e) Afforestation would help counteract the degradation caused by shifting cultivation in the past



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