

**JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA**

**Water Resource Department, Govt. of Odisha** has accorded permission for in-principal allocation of 95 cusecs of water in favour of M/s NTPC Limited vide letter No.13280/WR dtd 31.05.2014 from Hirakud Reservoir. The approx. length of the MUW Pipeline corridor from Darlipali STPP, Darlipali, Sundargarh district to intake location at Chharharama, Lakhanpur Tehsil, Jharsuguda district is 40 km.

This corridor passes through

- i) 02 revenue villages (Darlipali & Kanaktura) of Sundargarh district
- ii) 18 revenue villages (Chichinda, Kechhobahal, Chandlimal, Rajpur, Goudmal, Katapali, Degaon, Brajarajnagar Unit-2, Brajarajnagar Unit-1, Bundia, Ailapali, Balput, Kirarama, Sarandamal, Dalagaon, Negipali, Telenpali, Banharpali) of Jharsuguda district which involves Private land, Non Forest Govt. land and Revenue forest land.


While deciding the route of the pipeline corridor, utmost care has been taken

- I. To avoid forest land as far as possible.
- II. To avoid coal bearing areas.
- III. To avoid Non-Forest land having forest growth or higher vegetative density.
- IV. To avoid displacement of population

But in order to maintain the continuity of the pipeline corridor it is necessary to divert certain forest land which comes in the path. Out of the total land requirement of the project of 194.39 Ha, only 25.76 Ha of Forest land is proposed for diversion purpose which is the barest minimum requirement.

The MUW Pipeline Corridor and its surroundings do not form a part of National sanctuary, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor etc.no rare or endangered species of flora and fauna are found in and around the Pipeline Corridor.

In view of the above it is pertinent to mention that the route finalised after thorough survey is the best possible route and it involves the minimum forest land.

  
प्रमोद कुमार / Pramod Kumar  
महा प्रबंधक (प्रभारी) / General Manager (I/C)  
दरलिपाली सुपर थर्मल पावर प्रोजेक्ट / Darlipali STPP  
एनटीपीसी लिमिटेड / NTPC LTD.  
सुंदरगढ़ / Sundargarh



Darlipali STPP

## CERTIFICATE FOR THE BEST LOCATION OF THE PROJECT

This is to certify that no alternative suitable non-forest land is available for the construction of Make-Up-Water Pipeline Corridor and 132 KV Transmission line of Darlipali Super Thermal Power Project of NTPC Ltd in question and that this is the best location among several alternatives considered and involving the barest minimum extent of forest land.

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Place\_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of User Agency)  
महा प्रबंधक (प्रभारी) / General Manager (I/C)  
Office seal  
एनटीपीसी लिमिटेड / NTPC LTD.  
सुन्दरगढ़ / Sundargarh

Countersigned by:-

Divisional Forest Officer

\_\_\_\_\_Forest Division

Office Seal\_\_\_\_\_