

JUSTIFICATION FOR FOREST LAND DIVERSION

Jammu Kashmir Power Development Corporation is an organization under Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The Ujh Multipurpose Project has been proposed at River Ujh at Panjthirhi, a spot where River Ujh is joined by its four tributaries. The dam site has been proposed at village Barbari 1.6 km downstream of Panjthirhi. The Power House is at village Deoli. 9.5 km downstream of dam site. The barrage is proposed at 1.5 km downstream of powerhouse at village Jakhole. From the barrage two canals, Right Main Canal and Left Main Canal have been proposed. Major benefits are 196MW Power Generation, 16243 ha of Irrigation, Drinking water to Kandi area besides improvement in Socio- Economic status of Locals.

Out of submergence area of the project and area involved for other components of the project, some percentage of forest area is also involved. The Dam site is an important selection and it has been done by team of experts after examining all the Geo-technical aspects. Involvement of Forest Land could not be ruled out completely and it has been proposed to be minimum.

Hence, the diversion of the forest land is the only choice for implementation of Ujh Multipurpose Project.

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