

Justification for locating the project in forest area.

The earmarked site for the development of Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is basically a rural area and backward area of Madhya Pradesh. The site is located on the foothills of Satpuda range and admeasures 1320.065 hectares (3260.56 acres). In the said project 1320.065 Hectares of land also includes Revenue Forest Land of 80.065 hectare scattered in various villages namely Khapakarimwar, Kodadongri B1, Kodadongri B2, Kodadongri Dawami, Kodadongri Malgulari, Dudhalakhurd, Satnoor, Sawanga, Gondiwadhona, Gowariwadhona of Tehsil Sausar, and District Chhindwara in Madhya Pradesh. It necessity of the project to make the land contiguous and also it is compulsion under SEZ Act – 2005 that the land has to be contiguous. Hence there is no option to leave the forest land from our project area. However, during land acquisition we had tried all the possibilities of not to include forest land adjoining to our SEZ boundary.

The total area on which the Multi-Product SEZ is proposed a contiguous land parcel of 1320 hectares. The forest land is mainly made up of revenue forest which exists in the area in 62 patches.

Chhindwara Plus SEZ is located in the centre of India on confluence of two rivers Kanhan and Jam. The site is on the foothills of the Satpuda range. The site is located about 40 kms from India's Zero Mile (Nagpur City), the intersection point for major highways connecting north-south and east-west of India. The area is well connected by road, railway and the nearest airport (Nagpur airport) is just 45 minutes away. National Highway 547 bisects the proposed site and having four lane connectivity.

The area is land locked and has remained backward, mainly due to negative yield from agriculture and lack of infrastructure. As brought out in the Cost Benefit Analysis the benefit from the project is long term and could lay a foundation to exponential economic growth.

The project promoters has already in partnership with the state government set up a dam capacity of 3.115 M.C.M./Annum from which water for irrigation will be released.

The project is justified as it creates a social impact by delivering huge employment to locals and residents of neighboring states.

