## JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST LAND

Jeera Irrigation Project is a Reservoir project on river Jeera. The Reservoir scheme will irrigate 4800ha of command area in Bhatili, Bargarh & Sohela block of the drought prone district of Bargarh, Odisha. This is the only dependable surface water source available to irrigate this command area. Irrigation project is a site specific project which follows a definite topography. As such the forest area involved is only 0.8% of the project area scattered in 5 villages. All are revenue forest, no reserve forest is affected.

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