

Justification for locating the project in Forest Area

1. The SEZ site has been selected considering its proximity to the Howrah – Chennai Railway Link and National Highway NH 16 (earlier NH 5).
2. Besides, the selected site is very close to the Gopalpur Port.
3. The selected site is about 7 kms away from the trading centre of southern Odisha i.e. Berhampur.
4. The nearest international airport is at Bhubaneswar about 150 kms from the site and Vishakhapatnam is about 350 kms from the site.
5. Above all, the Multi-product Special Economic Zone is being set up by TATA Steel at the proposed site as per decision of the State Government vide Notification No. 40586/R&DM dated 09.10.2000.
6. Since the forest lands coming within the selected site are existing in scattered plots within the large contiguous land parcel, it has not been possible to avoid the forest area. The forests are of minor nature and minimum in extent.
7. Project site enjoys excellent connectivity with the established markets of Odisha along with neighboring states of Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Telangana, etc.



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