

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOKSABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1030
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.11.2019

Upper Jonk Irrigation Project

1030. BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Upper Jonk Irrigation Project has not been completed due to lack of forest clearance and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether his ministry has received any proposal for forest clearance of Upper Jonk Irrigation Project; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

- (a) to (c) The Ministry had approved a proposal for Upper Jonk Irrigation Project in the state of Odisha involving 339.523ha of forest land under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 on 07.03.1986.

However, the proposal for additional forest area of 142.699 ha was not recommended by the Standing Committee of the Indian Board of Wildlife (IBWL) in its meeting dt 26.02.2002, for environmental consideration and adverse impact on wildlife, since that proposed area was falling within the Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary. Accordingly, Government of India did not consider the proposal.
