

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1220
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2021

Upper Jonk Irrigation Project

1220. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

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

- (a) whether the Upper Jonk Irrigation Project in Nuapada district of the Kalahandi parliamentary constituency is being considered for forest clearance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) to (c) The Ministry had approved a proposal for Upper Jonk Irrigation Project in the state of Odisha involving 339.523ha of forestland 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 approved and vide letter No. 8-88/2000-FC dated 24.01.2002 the State Government was intimated that the proposal be treated as rejected/closed. The proposal was also rejected by the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL).
