

## **Environmental Clearance**

As per notification dated 14.9.06 of MOEF, Government of India issued under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, prior environment clearance of projects has become mandatory in respect of all new irrigation projects and for extension of existing projects. Intensive persuasion was made with F&E Deptt. / MOEF, GOI for constitution of SEIAA (State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority) and EAC (Expert- Appraisal committee) to expedite grant of Environmental clearance in respect of Irrigation Projects. In the meantime constitution of SEIAA and EAC has already been notified and they have started functioning. During 2008-09, environmental clearance was obtained from MOEF, GOI for Ong Dam Irrigation Project vide Lr. No. J-120/11/2006, Dt. 28-04-08 and for Daha Irrigation Project vide Letter No. J-12011/54/2008 –IA-I Dt. 7-11-08. Moreover, applications and TORs of many Irrigation Projects were submitted the MOEF, GOI for grant of Environmental clearance.