

## Forest Clearance

Almost every irrigation project invariably involves diversion of forest land which is permitted by Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Diversion proposals are being prepared by this Dept. in close co-ordination with Forest and Revenue Departments and the proposals are transmitted to MOEF, Govt. of India for grant of necessary approval. During the year, one important inter-state matter, e.g. Issue of NOC by Govt. of Chhattisgarh for construction of Ong Dam Project in Bargarh District was solved with and this has resulted in recommendation of Environment Clearance by the Expert Committee to MOEF, Govt. of India. Forest clearances have been granted for the following irrigation projects by MOEF, Govt. of India during the year 2008-09. An amount of Rs.107.32 crore was sanctioned during 2008-09 for compliance to of conditions of MOEF while granting forest clearance of 14 irrigation projects towards compensatory afforestation/NPV/ Canal Bank Plantations/ Wild life Management Plan etc.,

### Achievement during 2008-09

Sl. No	Name of the Project	Stage of approval	Letter No. and Date of MoEF, Govt. of India
1	Nareijani MIP	Stage- I	No-8-332 / FCE dt. 20.04.08
2	Bagh Barrage(Phase-II)	Stage- II	No-8-16 / 2007 /dt.14.06.08
3	Damanijhar MIP	Stage- II	No- 8-45 / 2001-FC dt.01.08.08
4	Katarapal MIP	Stage- I	No-5-ORC 073 / 2008-FCE dt. 16.09.08
5	Laxmipur MIP	Stage- I	No. 5- No.ORC 075 / 2008-FCE dt. 06.10.08
6	Rukura Irrigation Project	Stage- II	No. 8 – 91 – FC dt.15.12.2008
7	Kurubella MIP	Stage- II	No.8 (22)4/2000- FCE dt.23.3.2009.