

BANKATIRA BARRAGE PROJECT

The scheme envisages construction of a barrage at village Bankatira in Remuna block of Balasore district across Burhabalanga river. The project has been planned to irrigate 6100 ha. of C.C.A with 85 % irrigation intensity during khariff.

The site is approachable from NH-5 (Balasore-Baripada) from Kalma road for a length of 2 km. The nearest railway station is Balasore of E.C Railway in Balasore district which is about 10 km far away from project site.

Burhabalanga river originates from the hill ranges of Similipal R.F in Jashipur block in Mayurbhanj district. It travels a distance of 110 km almost in east direction and finally drains into the Bay of Bengal near Balasore district at about 20 km down stream of proposed project site. It is ascertained from local enquiry that the flow in the river is perennial. The project is technically feasible. The catchment area at the proposed barrage is 2200 sq km. It is fern leaf shaped and surrounded by hills.

The command area is moderately populated covering 30 numbers of villages. The population mainly consists of fishermen, S.T, S.C, OBC & general and backward class people. The scope of the project is to construct a barrage to irrigate an ayacut of 6100 ha. The barrage is designed for the maximum flood discharge of 6801.87 cumecs.