

The Khadaga Barrage project

The Khadaga Barrage project is a major project proposal located on the Khadaga River (a tributary of the Tel River which is a sub basin of Mahanadi River) in the Landagaon village in the Kandhamal district of Odisha and it was submitted to CWC for appraisal in October, 2017. The PFR was circulated for examination to the concerned units of CWC and also to the concerned co-basin states in November, 2017 in consonance with the extant CWC Guidelines. The ISM-1 Dte, CWC had noted that in view of the Mahanadi river water dispute, the PFR of the Khadaga Barrage Project is unlikely to be accepted by the other basin states and thus it is not acceptable from the inter-state angle. The IP(S) Dte, CWC had made certain observations subject to the establishment of water availability from the inter-state angle in December, 2017. The co-basin states were again requested to submit their views/opinion in December, 2017. However, the co-basin states have not conveyed concurrence for taking up the project by Odisha.

The project was returned to the State Govt of Odisha vide letter no T-28036/1/2019-PA-N DTE dated 03.10.2019 and it was requested that the project proposal may be submitted afresh based on the award of MWDT.