

# **Impact of Baglihar Dam on Land Use and Settlement: A Case Study of Pull Doda-J&K**

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## **ABSTRACT**

Baglihar dam also known as Baglihar hydel power project is a run of river power project on Chenab River in southern part of the district. This project was conceived in 1992, approved in 1996 and the construction began in 1999. The project was estimated to cost one billion US dollars. The first phase of the project was completed in 2004 with a capacity of 450 mega watts in 1<sup>st</sup> phase. In this paper an attempt has been made to examine the impact of Baglihar Dam on the land use and settlement pattern changes, and to evaluate the forces, which have compelled the people to bring out these changes in and around Pull Doda.

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