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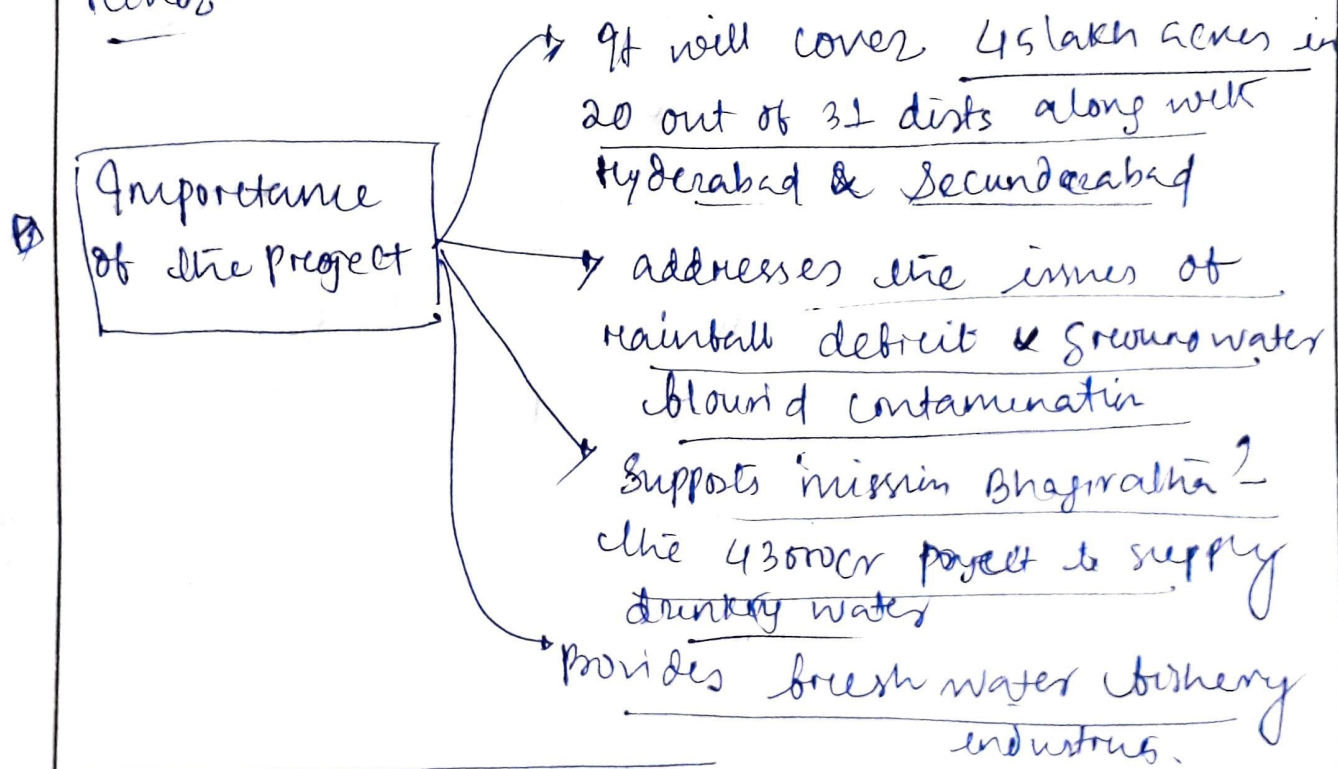
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Q. Why does NIT want to re-examine the Kaleswaram lift irrigation project? Explain.

Ans. The Kaleswaram lift irrigation project of Telangana is a multi-purpose irrigation project on Kodavari river. The project starts at the confluence point of Prahnila & Kodavari rivers.



Q. Issues raised by NIT :-

→ NIT has observed that Telangana govt subsequently changed the design of the project to increase its capacity without obtaining any environment & forest clearance.

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- By increasing its capacity to pump 3TMC water from 2TMC, large tracts of forest land & other lands was taken over.
- Massive infrastructure was built in these areas causing adverse impact on the environment.
- Extraction of more water requires more storage capacity and also affects hydrology and riverine ecology of Godavari river.
- Telangan govt's argument on ~~not~~ non-issuance of EC and forest clearance is not satisfactory.

Therefore, NIT has directed MoEFCC to constitute a seven members committee with a month to assess the damages caused with the project's future plan & expansions.