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1) The Project depends on 126.938 thousand MT surplus rice husk within 15 KM radius, against which only 44126 tonnes of rice husk is required. This means the surplus rice husk would be available almost free of cost.

In such situation the project would be financially most attractive. Whereas the cost of raw material is considered as Rs.1.25 /Kg for coal and Rs.1.31/Kg considering on rice husk. These statement do not validate the claim of surplus biomass.

The major risk is considered as supply of rice husk. It is projected that the project is only based on rice husk; The risk parameters stated about the government policy influencing the rice husk availability don't seem to validate the risk, when the coal is available also as cheaper fuel; which can always used. In such situation can the project barrier considered as valid?

The project seems to be switching over to rice husk as a natural choice as business as usual, since there is no technology barrier for the project; in implementing rice husk based (which always is a co-fired) boiler.

Hence the firing of rice husk seems to be the baseline.

The DOE must ensure the proper and authenticated survey about the surplus availability of biomass. The project should not impose leakage on the existing users.