

## Over 2,000 acres surplus land at hands of JSW in Salboni

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Sajjan Jindal group-owned JSW Group will not require more than 1,500 acres with all of its proposed plans, including a 200-MW solar park, out of some 4,000 acres it currently holds at Salboni and the group was preparing a report on best possible use of the excess land.

"We proposed to the state government that we want to return 2,000 acres surplus land," said Mr Parth Jindal, managing director of JSW cement. "The state government has asked us to prepare a plan as to how best the land can be used for industrialisation and we are working on it," said Mr Jindal.

He said the excess land can be returned or can be converted as industrial park and that can be managed by anyone. He gave clear indications that JSW was not averse to return the excess land.

The state government has asked not to return the land and is instead trying to persuade them to come out with ways and means to make that an industrial hub. JSW Bengal had earlier proposed a Rs 35,000 crore investment in an integrated 10 million tonne steel plant at Shalboni.

JSW group is currently running a 2.4 million tonne cement plant. It has a proposal for a paint plant, steel finishing unit and a solar park.