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The paper presents a case study of developing catchment and command in totality in village Sukhomajri located near Chandigarh. The integrated approach of treating the catchment for inducing sediment-free water, constructing a storage reservoir designed store maximum rain water for supplemental irrigation, providing conveyance system, land development and provision of improved seeds and fertilizer, was adopted. Failure conserving vegetation in the catchment without visible short-term benefits to the poor inhabitants and the efforts to resolve the inconsistency between the short-term interest the long-term conservation needs, have been discussed.