


## Recommendation of Wildlife Warden, Peechi

Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, a Government of India Enterprises has applied for permission to lay their proposed Under Ground Power Cable for a length of 490 metre and width of 2 meter comprising of an area of 0.098 Ha Forest land which is already diverted for use by NH 544 by the Forest Department. The Proposed land falls in Paravattani Mala Notified RF area under Vellani Section of Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife sanctuary.

The project activities will not destroy, exploit or involve the removal of any forest product from the sanctuary. Since the area of the project is bound to be restored back to the original condition after installation of Power Cable, there is no diversion or impact on rain water in or out of the sanctuary limits. However additional protection against any possible erosion in slopes shall be provided by the proponent at their cost for the protection of Power Cable. No activities will be carried out by the proponent before sunrise and after sunset during or after the installation of Power Cable as it can impact Wildlife.

There is no impact in terms of Section 35(6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 as the proposed Power Cable is not passing through any National Parks. Since the project is to lay an underground Power Cable in an already diverted forest land and does not involve any diversion of water or removal of any forest product from Sanctuary, also the proposed project will not remove/destroy or damage habitat of any sanctuary, also the impact on the sanctuary in terms of Section 29 of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 or any amendments to it

The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and is the barest minimum for the project. The proposal does not include or involve any fresh diversion of forest land. However since it is for a new activity other than for which the land was diverted, this proposal should be treated as a fresh proposal and the project proponent shall comply with the provision/conditions under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. In view of above, the proposal is recommended for acceptance as the Power Cable is passing through a forest land which is already diverted and is using barest minimum extent.

  
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