

Proposal for Railway Track Electrification of Daliganj-Mailani-Kashganj section from Ch. 181.400 to 192.185 in District Lakhimpur Kheri in the state of Uttar Pradesh falling Within Buffer Zone of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve-wildlife clearance reg.

PART- IV

(To be completed by the Chief Wildlife Warden within 15 days of the receipt of PART-I&II and PART- III)

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| 1-Date of receipt of PART-I&II and Part-III by the Chief Wild Life Warden or the Officer authorized by him in this regard. | 17-02-2021 |
| 2-Do you agree with the information and recommendations provided by the Officer-in-Charge in PART-III ? | Yes |
| 3-If not, please provide the reasons. | NA |
| 4-Have you visited the site yourself and held discussions with the applicant? | NO |
| 5-Do you agree that the present proposal for permitting use of NP/WLS area is the best option or the only option, and is viable? | The project falls in Buffer Zone of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve from Ch.181.400 to 192.185 in District Lakhimpur Kheri Uttar Pradesh of Daliganj-Mailani-Kasganj section. The project area is in reserve forest of North Kheri Forest Division/Buffer Zone of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve Lakhimpur Kheri. The proposed Railway track electrification work passes through the Buffer area of notified Dudhwa Tiger reserve and hence requires wildlife clearance under section 38 (O) (1) (b) of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. |
| 6- Please providespecific Comments w.r.t. Section 29 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, | Though the project does not fall in protected area but passes through North Kheri Forest Division/Buffer Zone of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve in Uttar Pradesh, which is part of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve. The project area is in reserve forest of North Kheri Forest Division/Buffer Zone of Dudhwa Tiger reserve. The proposed Railway track electrification passes through the Buffer area of notified Dudhwa Tiger reserve and hence requires wildlife clearance under section 38 (O) (1) (b) of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. As per NTCA Guideline Letter No. F.No-7-9/2010-NTCA (Part), dated 28.11.2018. |
| 7-Any other information that you would like to bring to the notice of the State Board for Wildlife, National Board for Wildlife or its Standing Committee that may be relevant and assist in decision making. | According to comments of concerned officers, the old Railway line (since 1952) is passing through the notified Buffer zone of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve. According to the proposal the details of land in question for the project, is as under- Project area- 59.21 ha. Under Non- Protected land The Railway Track Electrification work of Daliganj-Mailani-Kashganj Section from Ch.181.400 to 192.185 will be carried out in ROW of old Railway line where only lopping of few trees which are situated in ROW would be done. There will be no felling of any tree. |

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| | <p>Positive Impact- With the completion of the subject work, direct connectivity will be provided from Lucknow to Mailani section and the local inflow through this route is likely to go up. The noise and air pollution are likely to decrease.</p> <p>Negative Impact- Since the project area falls in the buffer zone of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve, a regular monitoring will be required for preventing any damage to wild animals on and along the railway line passing through the forest area by both the Railway and Forest departments.</p> |
| <p>8-Do you recommend the project? (Please provide full justification to support your recommendations)</p> | <p>Yes,</p> <p>According to the brief justification given by user Agency (Senior Manager, Electrical, Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd, A Govt. of India Enterprises), Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, subject project aims to improve transport efficiency by providing safe and faster connectivity and reducing noise and air pollution which will be beneficial for environment and wildlife animals situated in the area. With electric traction, the reduction on dependency on diesel will result in saving of foreign exchange and will also help India Railway to mobilize the trains at faster speed with higher haulage capacity and increasing the traffic density on the existing rails. The subject work will also contribute to expansion of economic opportunities and job creation.</p> <p>The improved rail track electrification will lead to better accessibility to social and physical infrastructure. Therefore the project is recommended subject to mitigation measures & conditions as suggested below.</p> |
| <p>9-Conditions, if any, to be ensured in the interest of protection and conservation of wildlife for allowing use of the area?</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protection and mitigation measures for wildlife should be ensured as standard practice in such case. 2. No other work will be carried out other than specified in the proposal. 3. Rules and regulation of the concerned department for establishing the project shall be complied with. 4. The instruction/Orders passed by the state Govt./ Central Govt. and the directions passed by Hon'ble High Court/Supreme court from time regarding such project shall be complied with. 5. User agency will ensure that the project personnel engaged in the project or none of their workers will indulge into any kind of anti-wildlife activities as per the provision of the wild life (Protection) Act 1972 & Rules made thereafter. 6. Use agency will take all precaution including technical measures to contain the noise and air pollution protection form fire due to construction activities. 7. No labour camp shall be established in the sanctuary/forest area or other sensitive area. 8. The user agency will ensure that no construction waste materials will not be thrown inside the sanctuary area or the movement corridor of wildlife. |

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none">9. No work shall be allowed between sunset to sunrise.10. The user agencies shall extend all support to forest department in case of any forest & wildlife offence.11. User agency shall provide 2% of the project's proportionate cost of the area falling in Buffer zone of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve for impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan duly approved by CWLW, UP.12. Two GPS sets shall be provided to the Buffer Zone/North Kheri Forest Division for the survey and demarcation of the sanctuary boundaries.13. The user agencies shall extend all support to forest department in case of any forest & wildlife offence. |
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