

RECOMMENDATION

The area of the project that falls in Netravali Wild Life Sanctuary is 0.8563 Ha. An area admeasuring 0.8563 ha is recommended for diversion for the applied project as User agency has ensured that bare minimum forest land is diverted by aligning the underground cabling with the existing motor able roads inside the sanctuary which is the only access to these villages of Velem, Salgini and Nundern.

Further, the digging for underground cabling shall be done as per the permissible limits in FCA rules of MoEF&CC. Further, it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency (UA) to ensure that the dug up land is sufficiently covered up (in terms of quantum of filling) and adequately sloped (natural slope existing shall be retained strictly) after the cabling work so as not to impede the movement of wildlife across it. The UA shall work in close coordination with the RFO, Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary to ensure the same.

The UA shall ensure that no camping of labor force is done inside the Sanctuary area. The UA shall also incorporate suitable measures to ensure that the sanctity of the habitat is not disturbed in any possible way. For subsequent digging and repair works after underground cabling, permissions as per rules and regulations shall be taken by the agencies separately and it shall be the duty of the agencies involved to keep this office and the RFO, Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary updated of the developments in this regard. The UA shall follow all the above mentioned directions and all due guidelines for safety of wildlife.

Considering the necessity of this project for the continuous electric supply to these villages and also to the State of Goa, this will in turn negate the threat of electrocution of wild life from hanging overhead wires. As User agency has ensured that bare minimum forest land is diverted by aligning the underground cabling with the existing motor able roads, the proposal is recommended for wildlife clearance.


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