



Wild Life Clearance FAQs

Q1. What does “Act” mean?

Ans. The Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and its subsequent Amendments thereof.

Q2. What does “Protected Areas” mean?

Ans. “Protected Areas” means areas as notified under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and its subsequent Amendments thereof

Q3. Which areas are considered for Wild Life Clearance?

Ans. Protected Areas (This includes National Parks, Wild Life Sanctuaries, Tiger Reserves, and Tiger Corridors), and Eco-Sensitive Zones (The buffer zone outside/around the Sanctuaries and National Parks).

Q4. How is the proposal routed?

Ans. Once an Applicant will apply on PARIVESH for WL Clearance, the proposal will be routed through the Wild Life Warden to the Chief Wild Life Warden followed by the State Board of Wild Life, State Government, and further to the Ministry for approval.

Q5. What is a Project?

Ans: “Project” means a project or an activity.

Q6. What does “Project Proponent” mean?

Ans: "Project Proponent" means an individual or public or private entity or government entity, that has ultimate control over the affairs of the project and is duly authorized or appointed by the Board of Directors of the company or a competent authority of such entity or firm or trust or Limited Liability Partnership or Joint Venture.

Q7. Which projects require Wild Life Clearances?

Ans: Any project falling within National Parks, Wild Life Sanctuaries, Tiger Reserves, and Tiger Corridors would be required to undergo Wild Life Clearances. This also includes activities that require Environmental Clearance (EC) and are located within ESZs.

Wild Life Clearance is issued not only to forest areas but also for non-forest areas such as Tanks, and Lakes which are notified as sanctuary/national parks, tiger reserves, and tiger corridors as per the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, or eco-sensitive zones.

Q8. What do "Eco-sensitive zones" mean?

Ans: "Eco-sensitive zones (referred to as 'ESZ')" for the purpose of Wild Life Clearance are the areas as notified under sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and subsequent amendments, from time to time, around National Parks and sanctuaries, etc.

Q9. Where the applications for Wildlife Clearance be submitted?

Ans: The User Agency has to login into the Ministry's portal <https://parivesh.nic.in> and fill up Part I and Part II and submit them.

Q10. Is there a need to submit hard copies along with online submission?

Ans: No, Online submission of applications would be sufficient.

Q11. Can the applicant track the application?

Ans: Yes, the applicant can track the status of the concerned application online at various levels.

Q12. If the activity proposed is within National Park or Sanctuary, does it require clearance from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL)?

Ans: Yes, as per the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 9th May 2002, any non-forestry activity inside a Sanctuary or National Park requires clearance from the Standing Committee of NBWL. The application for this needs to be submitted online.

Q13. If the activity proposed is outside National Park or Sanctuary, does it require clearance from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife?

Ans: If the proposed activity is located within an ESZ of a National Park or Sanctuary and requires Environment Clearance (EC), such a proposal would need to be placed before the Standing Committee of NBWL.

Q14. If the activity proposed is located within the not notified Eco-Sensitive Zone around National Park or Sanctuary, does it require clearance from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife?

Ans: Project activity located within the default ESZ of 10km from the project boundary would require clearance from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL).

Q15. If the activity is proposed within a Tiger Reserve, does it require clearance from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife?

Ans: Any proposal involving any area under the notified Tiger Reserve needs to be referred to the Standing Committee of NBWL for Wildlife Clearance

Q16. Would activities involving 'non-invasive surveys' as a prelude to the main activity also require clearance from the Standing Committee of NBWL?

Ans: No, the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change has clarified to the State Chief Wildlife Wardens that activities involving 'non-invasive surveys' as a prelude to the main activity, may be decided by the concerned Chief Wildlife Warden and need not be referred to the Standing Committee of NBWL. In such cases, the application needs to be submitted to the State Chief Wildlife Warden, clearly indicating 'Survey & Investigation using non-invasive methods.

Q17. Would proposals involve the laying of transmission lines outside National Parks and do sanctuaries require clearance from the Standing Committee of NBWL?

Ans: Power transmission lines within a 10 km zone outside the National Parks / Sanctuaries do not require Environmental Clearance (EC). Consequently, these would not need Wildlife Clearance