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**NOTE**

A copy of 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority held on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Director General of Forests & Special Secretary/Chairman, Executive Committee, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change is enclosed for information and necessary action.

**Encl. : As above**

  
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**(Brijendra Swaroop)**

**Dy. Chief Executive Officer**

**National CAMPA**

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6. Head of all Regional Offices of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change ;
7. Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India – Member ;
8. Chief Executive Officer, National Authority – Member Secretary ;
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**Minutes of Meeting**

**3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Executive Committee of National Authority**

**Venue:** Krishna Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Jal Wing, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi

**Time:** 1100 hrs.

**Date:** 15th July 2019

All the present members of Executive Committee of National Authority were welcomed by the Chairman cum DGF& Special Secretary, MoEF&CC, GoI. Chief Executive Officer cum ADG (FC) ensured that the mandated quorum as per CAF Act 2016 is complete. The list of participants is provided at Annexure-I.

**I. Confirmation of Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Executive Committee of National Authority:**

The minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Executive Committee of National Authority were confirmed.

**II. Confirmation of Action Taken Report of 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Executive Committee of National Authority.**

The Action Taken Report on the decisions of 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Executive Committee of National Authority were perused and noted.

**III. Discussion & Decisions on Agenda Items for 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting:**

**a. Agenda No. 1: Annual Plan of Operation for the year 2019-20 of Chhattisgarh.**

Annual Plan of Operation of State CAMPA/State Authority for the year 2019-20 of Rs. 848.5104 crores which was approved by the Steering Committee of the State CAMPA was placed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Committee meeting. The component wise details of APO are as under:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Component</b>	<b>Main Activities</b>	<b>Financial (in Crores Rs)</b>
1	Mandatory works under FCA 1980	Compensatory Afforestation	230.8669
2	Activity under 80% of NPV Amount	SMC & maintenance of old plantation works	208.9358
3	Activity under 20% of NPV amount	Up gradation of forest roads and infrastructure requirements of frontline staff	56.5651
4	Activity under Interest Amount 60%	Modern Nurseries, AR, SMC, Silvicultural Operations etc.	347.7926
5	Activity under Interest Amount 40%	Salary of Staff and other office expenses	4.3500
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>848.5104</b>

The APO for the year 2019-20 was put up before the Executive Committee for examination and consideration. Chief Executive Officer, State CAMPA presented the detailed component-wise activities of the APO before the Committee.

The issue of unspent balance incorporated in the proposal was also discussed. Jt. CEO, National CAMPA pointed out that the proposal passed by the State Steering Committee is Rs 848.5104 crores and the same shall be the outlay of 2019-20 APO. The activities not undertaken in previous years may be made part of future APOs duly approved by the State Steering Committee. It was pointed out that many works provided in table 1-F (Wildlife Management Plan) are without specific location which needs rectification.

In the APO for 2019-20, compensatory afforestation over 4968.129 hectare, additional compensatory afforestation of 3.33 ha, penal CA of 5.08 ha and plantation of dwarf medicinal plant species of 428.1888 ha has been proposed with outlay of Rs 91.65 ha. Similarly provision of Rs 3.5 crores for Catchment Area Treatment Plan, Rs 61.01 crores for Wildlife Management, Rs 0.44 crores for safety zone plantation, Rs 2.98 crores for soil moisture conservation works and Rs 0.78 crores for Avi Fauna development works have been proposed as new works along with Rs 67.42 crores for management of previous year plantation works. A total amount of Rs 230.8669 crores for mandatory works has been provided in the APO. It was advised to State CAMPA that mandatory works are site specific and shall be carried out on approved locations.

During deliberations it was mentioned that NPV component of CAMPA funds shall be used for augmenting soil and moisture regime of the area and priority shall be accorded to drought prone districts of the State. It was pointed out that activities supported under CAMPA funds must achieve verifiable objectives which can be quantified. Concepts of landscape level of management and integrated treatment of catchment may be adopted while framing Annual Plan of Operations.

During discussion following points were made relating to APO for 2019-20 for Chhattisgarh State Authority:

1. Details of compensatory afforestation carried out since 1980 has not been provided in the APO. These details have to be uploaded on the e-green watch portal of CAMPA.
2. As per rule 5(2) for 80% of NPV amount only two components namely soil moisture conservation works (Rs 153.93 crores) and maintenance of old plantations & other works (Rs 55.00 crores) have been proposed. Though details of location for SMC works have been provided but without specific activities and model of treatment of the catchment. The State CAMPA must prepare the detailed five year catchment treatment plan for each catchment site and mention the treatment model and keep it for record for monitoring purposes.
3. In part II (C) maintenance of previous CA has been taken up with a provision of Rs 67.4256 crores and another provision of Rs 55 crores has been made in part 2.1 for maintenance of old plantations & other works. If the provisioning is for maintenance of earlier plantations carried out through NPV components details shall be uploaded on e-green watch portal and all such record shall be kept for monitoring purpose.
4. Provision for Rs 36.5651 crores for WBM roads under 20% NPV is to be viewed according to CAF rules regarding permissible/not permissible activities. Creation of new roads in forest areas shall only be for the purpose of protection. The details with geo tag of such activity shall be maintained by the State CAMPA for record and future monitoring purpose.

5. A sum of Rs 20.00 crores from 20% component of NPV for providing basic facilities in forest staff colonies like compound wall, cement roads, drainage canal, drinking water facilities, solar lights etc. for frontline staff has been made. These activities were justified by the State Authorities on account of frontline staff needs and working in interior areas which are Naxalite affected. The details with geo tag of such activity shall be maintained by the State CAMPA for record and future monitoring purpose.
6. As per the APO, a provision of Rs 12.15 crores for vehicles have been kept from interest component of NPV which includes maintenance of existing strike force vehicles (Rs 7.50 crores), replacement of old strike force vehicles (Rs 3.15 crores) and general maintenance of vehicles (Rs 1.5 crores). As per CAF rules only those vehicles which are for mobility of frontline staff working for forest protection is admissible. Therefore, the amount in this component needs revision as per CAF rules.
7. The total interest component for State CAMPA is Rs 822.47 crores and APO for 2019-20 proposes expenditure of Rs 352.14 crores which is 42.81% of the total amount. The interest component is primarily for meeting cost of increased wage rates for mandatory works and other activities as referred in rule 5 (2) and (3). The state CAMPA shall rework the expenditure proposed in 2019-20 and rationalise the same with the provisions contained in CAF Rules 2018.
8. Inadequate provisions have been made for monitoring and evaluation of works under APO which may be enhanced.
9. A provision of Rs 13.98 crores has been made for protection from forest fire. Forest fire prevention and control is permissible and important activity which is to be in consonance with National Action Plan on Forest Fire, which has already been approved by Government of India in consultation with State Government in April 2018. The State Authority should come up with State Forest Fire Action Plan for next five years and propose activities from NPV component accordingly.
10. A provision of Rs 5.6815 crores has been kept for river bank plantations Mahanadi and others.
11. It was observed that activities under NPV funds & interest component are lacking details and are without mentioning locations. The details with locations along with geo tags shall be recorded and maintained by the State CAMPA of Chhattisgarh while implementing APO for 2019-20 for future monitoring purposes.
12. Removal of alien invasive species, improvement of growing stocks in Orange areas and other Silvicultural operations are positive feature of the APO.
13. Construction of boundary pillars shall be taken up for DGPS surveyed and settled boundaries with mention of latitude and longitude. The record of such boundary pillars are to be maintained by the State CAMPA of Chhattisgarh while implementing APO for 2019-20 for future monitoring purposes.
14. As per the provisions of CAF Rules 2018, the APO should be prepared in consultation with the Gram Sabha as prescribed under the FRA before the APO is approved by the Steering Committee of the State Authority. Certificate regarding consultation with Gram Panchayat has not been provided. The State Authority shall provide the same.

15. The State Authority should ensure that the expenditure from funds vested with State CAMPA shall be done strictly in accordance with provisions of CAF Act and CAF Rules, as well as directions issued by any authority or Court in this regard.
16. It was also pointed that State Authorities shall provide certificate regarding non-overlapping of activities with other schemes taken up under CAMPA fund.

**Decisions:**The committee examined the proposal in light of the above restrictions and approved the APO subject to amendment for non-permissible activities referred above. The budget for the APO should be revised accordingly and informed to the National Authority for record. Viewing above observations, the APO (2019-20) for Chhattisgarh is approved in principle for an amount of Rs 848.5104 crores only subject to modifications as recommended above. The unspent balances of previous years mentioned in APO shall be part of activities to be taken up in subsequent year APOs. The approval shall be issued after receiving clarification regarding observations made above.

**b. Agenda No. 2: Annual Plan of Operation for the year 2019-20 of Gujarat State Authority (Deferred agenda item no. 3 of 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019)**

The Gujarat APO 2019-20 was considered in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Committee meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The financial outlay of initial APO for 2019-20 was Rs 256.47 crores. In the meeting issues regarding permissible/non-permissible activities contained in the APO like maintenance of Sanskriti Van, maintenance of eco-park, Van Chetana Kendra, salaries of technical staff etc. were raised by the members. The proposal was deferred and it was decided in the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Executive Committee of National CAMPA on agenda item no. 3 that revised APO Shall be submitted by the State Authority. The decision of 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Committee is quoted verbatim below:

*“.....the CCA and Jt. CDO will examine the APO and the state CAMPA should provide details of activities separately. It was further decided by the Chairman EC to call the representative from Gujarat Forest Department along with the revised APO for discussion and finalisation in the Ministry.....”.*

A meeting was convened regarding revised APO for financial year 2019-20 was called on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The meeting was attended by the CCA MoEF&CC, Jt CEO National CAMPA, CEO National CAMPA, CEO State CAMPA Gujarat and PCCF cum HOFF Gujarat Forest Department. A report of Joint CEO regarding first APO was also placed in the meeting providing details of non-permissible activities inconsistent as per the provisions of the CAF Rules, 2018. The report of Jt. CEO was made part of agenda note of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting for appraisal of members of executive committee of National Authority. The revised APO provided by State Authorities were discussed in detail in the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The revised APO still contained activities which were inconsistent and non-conforming with CAF rules. In the meeting it was decided that further revision and reframing of the APO for Gujarat State Authority is needed. The state authority were advised to reframe and revise the APO for 2019-20 as per provisions contained in rules 4 & 5 of the CAF Rules, 2018 and submit the same for examination. The second revision of APO for 2019-20 was presented on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Committee meeting of National Authority.

CEO, Gujarat State CAMPA and PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest were present in the meeting. Revised Annual Plan of Operation for financial year 2019-20 was presented by the CEO, State CAMPA Gujarat. The outlay of the revised APO is Rs 259.970 crores instead of Rs 256.47 crores (as proposed earlier) with following break up:

Sr. No.	Component	Main Activities	Financial (in Crores Rs)
1	Mandatory works under FCA 1980	Compensatory Afforestation	35.0000
2	Activity under 80% of NPV Amount	<b>Details of Activities</b>	<b>Rs in Crores</b>
		<b>Statement 2 (i)</b>	
		Afforestation in urban, sub urban and	6.60

		rural areas to preserve traditional values and cultural heritage		
		Model plot for demonstration of Soil Moisture Conservation	1.34	
		Afforestation in degraded forest areas	5.4	
		Urban forestry in selected towns of Gujarat	1.87	
		Nursery Improvement	1.70	
		Silvicultural operations for improvement in prolific bamboo	2.35	
		Installation of 0.5MW solar stations in Narmada District	8.00	
		Narmada Riverbank treatment cum river rejuvenation-Bharat Van	15.00	
		Grassland Development	4.00	
		Seed Production Area	0.21	
		Bamboo setum	0.12	
		Medicinal Plantation at Narmada Riverbank-Arogya van	15.00	
		<b>Sub total</b>	<b>61.59</b>	
		<b>Statement 2 (ii)</b>		
		<b>Soil Moisture Conservation Works</b>	<b>36.54</b>	
		<b>Statement 2 (iii) Wildlife Management</b>		
		Habitat Improvement	24.90	
		Man Animal Conflict	3.11	
		Establishment of Rescue Centre	25.00	
		<b>Sub total</b>	<b>53.01</b>	
		<b>Statement 2 (iv)</b>		
		Forest Protection	20.01	
		Strengthening Peoples Participation for Forest Protection	16.31	
		<b>Sub total</b>	<b>36.32</b>	
3	Activity under 20% of NPV amount	Awareness Programme	2.20	14.9600
		Documentation	0.96	
		ICT-GIS based planning for forest conservation and development	2.00	
		Capacity Building	5.00	
		Management of forest awareness centre	0.80	
		Interpretation Centre-Sulpaneswar Sanctuary	4.00	
		Construction of beat guard quarter	7.50	19.0500
		Construction of new forester quarter	3.50	
		Construction of new RFO Quarter	2.55	
		Construction of Range Office	5.00	
		Third party monitoring	0.50	
		<b>Sub total</b>	<b>34.01</b>	
4	Activity under Interest Amount 40%	Personal services	0.75	3.5000
		Administrative expenses	0.75	
		Other Administrative expenses	0.50	
		Hiring of vehicles for forest protection	0.75	
		Renovation of Gujarat State CAMPA office	0.75	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>259.9700</b>	

The officials of Gujarat Forest Department reassured the Executive Committee that only forestry activities permissible as per provisions contained under the Compensatory Afforestation Funds Act 2016 and CAF Rules 2018 will be carried out through CAMPA funds.

During discussion following points were made relating to APO for 2019-20 for Gujarat State Authority:

1. The changes in activities as well as changed financial outlay of revised APO for 2019-20 is to be certified and approved by the State Steering Committee.
2. Details of compensatory afforestation carried out since 1980 has not been provided in the APO. These details have to be uploaded on the e-green watch portal of CAMPA for monitoring purposes.
3. Location details for compensatory afforestation works and other site specific mandatory works have not been provided. These details are to be uploaded on e-green watch portal of CAMPA for monitoring purposes.
4. It was clarified that NPV component could only be used for the ecological restoration of the forests lost due to diversion in the state. The NPV component cannot be utilised for creation of eco-tourism activities on forest land which are non-forestry activities in purpose. State authorities were also briefed about explanation 2 of the sub rule 4 of rule 5 of CAF Rules 2018 regarding mixing of monies. Non permissible activities in garb of forestry activities shall not be allowed by the State CAMPA which is responsible for implementation. The expenditure on development of Arogaya Van, Bharat Van and other facilities at tourist destination shall only be for ecological restoration which should not be mixed with other funds from other sources at the same location.
5. In case of bamboo development, the state government should prepare comprehensive bamboo development plan to supplement the efforts of National Bamboo Mission of Government of India.
6. Revamping of Interpretation Centre at Sulpaneswar Sanctuary shall be explored from some other funds rather State CAMPA.
7. A provision of Rs 20.01 crores has been made for barbed wire fencing, watch towers, boundary pillars etc. has been made in 80% of NPV component. The state CAMPA should ensure that the forest area in the State are properly demarcated and boundary pillars fixed and GPS coordinates of each boundary pillar are recorded in compliance of the Supreme Court order in Lafarge Judgement.
8. Inadequate provisions have been made for monitoring and evaluation of works under APO which may be enhanced.
9. A provision of Rs 2.85 crores has been made for protection from forest fire by constructing forest fire watch towers. Forest fire prevention and control is permissible and important activity which is to be in consonance with National Action Plan on Forest Fire, which has already been approved by Government of India in consultation with State Government in April 2018. The State Authority should come up with State Forest Fire Action Plan for next five years and propose activities from NPV component accordingly.
10. For the soil and water conservation activity Rs 36.54 crores from 80% of NPV funds have been provided. Geo coordinates of these activities should be recorded and uploaded on e-green watch portal.



11. It was observed that activities under NPV funds & interest component are lacking details and are without mentioning locations. The details with locations along with geo tags shall be recorded and maintained by the State CAMPA of Gujarat while implementing APO for 2019-20 for future monitoring purposes.
12. As per the provisions of CAF Rules 2018, the APO should be prepared in consultation with the Gram Sabha as prescribed under the FRA before the APO is approved by the Steering Committee of the State Authority. Certificate regarding consultation with Gram Panchayat has not been provided. The State Authority shall provide the same.
13. The State Authority should ensure that the expenditure from funds vested with State CAMPA shall be done strictly in accordance with provisions of CAF Act and CAF Rules, as well as directions issued by any authority or Court in this regard.
14. It was also pointed that State Authorities shall provide certificate regarding non-overlapping of activities with other schemes taken up under CAMPA fund.

**Decision:** The committee examined the proposal in light of above restriction and approved in principle the revised APO subject to the amendment for non-permissible activities referred above. The revised APO should be approved by the Steering Committee of State and the same shall be submitted to National Authority for record. The financial approval shall be issued after receiving the approved revised APO from the Steering Committee incorporating the clarification and observations made above.

**c. Agenda No. 3: Annual Plan of Operation for the year 2019-20 of Mizoram State Authority**

Annual Plan of Operation of State CAMPA of Mizoram for the year 2019-20 of Rs.19.2276 crores which was approved by the Steering Committee of the State was placed for consideration of Executive Committee of National Authority. The component wise details of APO are as under:

Sr. No.	Component	Main Activities	Financial (in Crores Rs)
1	Mandatory works under FCA 1980	Compensatory Afforestation	11.0169
2	Activity under 80% of NPV Amount	Natural Forest Management, Biodiversity Conservation etc.	1.0300
3	Activity under 20% of NPV amount	Establishment and maintenance of anti-poaching squad, Engagement of skilled and unskilled labour Awareness activities etc.	2.0784
4	Activity under Interest Amount 60%	Modern Nurseries, AR, SMC, Silvicultural Operations etc.	3.0613
5	Activity under Interest Amount 40%	Administrative expenses etc.	2.0408
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>19.2276</b>

ere presented by the officials of Mizoram State Authority. Following are the main observations/issues/highlights of APO which was discussed in the meeting:

1. Issue regarding mismatch of few figures in abstract and main pages of APO was brought to the notice of Mizoram State Authority Officials. It was asked from officials of State Authorities to rectify the anomaly.
2. It was also observed that provisions made under NPV(80%) component is less than amount kept under 20% of NPV component. This misappropriation in outlay also need rectification from State Authorities.
3. Funding as incentive to community for management of Community/Natural Forest Management is not a permissible activity. Funds can only be provided for forest related activities for community managing natural forests as per section 5(2) of CAF Rules 2018.
4. Details with specific location regarding item no. 3, 4 & 5 of page 27 need submission from the State Authority. The location details shall be kept as record by State Authority also for monitoring purposes.

5. The expenditure from the NPV should be as per the CAF Rules which provides 80% for core forestry activities and 20% for ancillary activities. The State Authority shall redistribute the permissible activities accordingly. Similar rule applies for expenditure from interest component.
6. As per the provisions of CAF Rules 2018, the APO should be prepared in consultation with the Gram Sabha as prescribed under the FRA before the APO is approved by the Steering Committee of the State Authority. Certificate regarding consultation with Gram Panchayat has not been provided. The State Authority shall provide the same.
7. The State Authority should ensure that the expenditure from funds vested with State CAMPA shall be done strictly in accordance with provisions of CAF Act and CAF Rules, as well as directions issued by any authority or Court in this regard.

**Decision:** The committee examined the proposal in light of the above restriction and approved the APO subject to the amendment of non-permissible activities referred above. The budget of the APO should be revised accordingly and informed to the National Authority for record. The financial approval shall be issued after receiving the approved revised APO from the Steering Committee incorporating the clarification and observations made above.

**d. Agenda No. 4: Annual Plan of Operation for the year 2019-20 of Maharashtra State Authority**

Annual Plan of Operation of State CAMPA/State Authority of Maharashtra for the year 2019-20 of Rs.499.38 crores which was approved by the Steering Committee of the State on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 was placed for the consideration of executive committee of National Authority. The component wise details from APO is provided below:

Sr. No.	Component	Main Activities	Financial (in Crores Rs)		
1	Mandatory works under FCA 1980	Compensatory Afforestation	CA	41.17	73.47
				4.92	
			Afforestation as per other conditions	13.39	
			Maintenance of plantations	13.99	
2	Activity under 80% of NPV Amount	Artificial regeneration, wildlife management, forest protection, management of biological diversity and others	Artificial Regeneration	149.00	211.70
			Plantation protection	9.60	
			Forest Fire protection	14.70	
			Village relocation	20.00	
			Improvement of Wildlife Habitat	6.00	
			Man-animal conflict	6.50	
			Biodiversity management	7.50	
3	Activity under 20% of NPV amount	Residential and official buildings for frontline staff, conservation documentation of biodiversity, purchase and maintenance of equipment etc. and others.	Establishment of modern nurseries	2.00	51.77
			Documenting knowledge regarding biodiversity conservation	9.00	
			Residential and official building construction & maintenance & roads	31.02	
			Monitoring & Evaluation	3.00	
			Publicity & Others	3.75	

			SUB TOTAL	263.47
4	Activity under Interest Amount 60%	Incremental cost of CA, CAT, WL mgmt. etc. Proposal for relocation of villages, road side plantations, costal plantations etc. has been made	161.09	
5	Activity under Interest Amount 40%	Administrative expenses etc.	1.35	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>499.38</b>	

CEO of Maharashtra State Authority made a detailed presentation regarding various highlights of the APO for 2019-20. Explanation/justification regarding issues raised in circulated agenda notes was also provided in the power point presentation. During deliberations following points were observed:

1. Major focus of APO is voluntary relocation of villages from protected areas. A lump sum provision of Rs 20.00 crores in activities funded through 80% of NPV and Rs 112.00 crores from 60% of interest component has been kept. The detailed list of villages planned for relocation in 2019-20 has not been provided in the APO. The details shall be recorded and kept for record.
2. Support for preparation of working plans which is basic forestry function of State Forest Department Rs 50 lakhs has been kept. This is not permissible as this is prime and basic function of State Forest Department.
3. Reasons/justifications regarding Rs 50 lakhs for wages of additional labour was not provided. Activity for which these wage provision has been made has not been elaborated in the APO. The same needs clarification from the State Authorities.
4. A provision of Rs 30.2 corers has been kept for construction of type I, II & III quarters, maintenance of buildings and spill over works has been kept in the APO. Geo tagging of construction of buildings through CAMPA funds is needed and the same shall be uploaded on e-green watch portal.
5. Provisioning of Rs 5.0 crores has been done for fire fighting equipment, cutting and burning of fire lines and for wages of fire watchers. The fire management components shall be in tune with National Action Plan for forest fire management approved by MoEF&CC.
6. Biodiversity conservation works are reflecting at two places of APO and same shall be justified on account of overlapping nature of the both.
7. APO is silent on measurable outcomes after completion of activities which need elaboration as per CAF Rules, 2018.
8. Rule 6(b) was explained to the State Authorities that 40% interest accrued of CAMPA funds may be utilised for management of office establishment, hiring on lease buildings and residences specifically for

officials working for State CAMPA. CEO State Authority was advised to establish fully equipped State CAMPA.

9. The expenditure from the NPV should be as per the CAF Rules which provides 80% for core forestry activities and 20% for ancillary activities. The State Authority shall redistribute the permissible activities accordingly. Similar rule applies for expenditure from interest component.
10. As per the provisions of CAF Rules 2018, the APO should be prepared in consultation with the Gram Sabha as prescribed under the FRA before the APO is approved by the Steering Committee of the State Authority. Certificate regarding consultation with Gram Panchayat has not been provided. The State Authority shall provide the same.
11. The State Authority should ensure that the expenditure from funds vested with State CAMPA shall be done strictly in accordance with provisions of CAF Act and CAF Rules, as well as directions issued by any authority or Court in this regard.

**Decision:** The committee examined the proposal in light of the above restriction and approved the APO subject to amendment for non-permissible activities referred above. The budget for the APO for 2019-20 of Maharashtra State Authority should be revised accordingly and informed to the National Authority for record.

**e. Agenda No. 5: Annual Plan of Operation for the year 2019-20 of Andhra Pradesh State Authority**

Annual Plan of Operation of State CAMPA/State Authority of Andhra Pradesh for the year 2019-20 of Rs.306.79 crores which was approved by the Steering Committee of the State on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019 was placed for examination and consideration of the Executive Committee of the National Authority. The component wise details of APO is provided below:

Sr. No.	Component	Main Activities	Financial (in Crores Rs)		
1	Mandatory works under FCA 1980	Compensatory Afforestation	CA	30.81	40.42
			Additional & Penal CA	1.89	
			Safety zone	1.76	
			CAT	5.95	
2	Activity under 80% of NPV Amount	Afforestation, Forest Fire Prevention, Wildlife management, Protection of Plantation & forests, Information Technology and Communication (IT&C), Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E), Capacity Building (CB), infrastructure, Research and Development	247.60		
3	Activity under 20% of NPV amount				
4	Activity under Interest Amount 60%	Administrative expenses, Monitoring & Evaluation Expenditure, non-recurring management expenditure	14.98		
5	Activity under Interest Amount 40%				
6	Spill over liabilities of 2018-19		3.79		
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>306.79</b>		

CEO, State Authority of Andhra Pradesh made a power point presentation on salient features of APO of Andhra Pradesh State CAMPA for financial year 2019-20. He also briefed regarding mutation & notification of non-forestland (NFL) in lieu of diversion of forestland in State of Andhra Pradesh. Scrutiny and examination of APO was carried out by the Regional Office, Bangalore and comments/observations were submitted by the DIG representing Regional Office. Chief Controller of Accounts, MoEF&CC raised the point regarding submission of APOs in a specified format as provided in CAF Rules 2018. During deliberations following points were observed:

1. The resource allocation as per rule 5 and 6 of CAF Rules 2018 has not been provided. Mainly activities taken up under NPV component and accrued interest component have not been further sub-divided in 80%-20% and 60%-40% components respectively.
2. As per observations of Regional Office, Bangalore; the outlay of APO shall be commensurate to capacity of State to utilise the funds and previous year utilisation shall be the guiding principle. There should not be reduction in allocation for forestry sector in State Budget due to flow of CAMPA funds. The APO shall clearly delineate measurable outcomes of each activity.
3. Details of location and forest diversion cases have not been provided in the APO regarding Compensatory Afforestation, Additional & Penal CA, Safety Zone & Catchment Area Treatment Plan.
4. Activities taken up under forest fire prevention & control shall be in consonance with the National Forest Fire Action Plan. The state authorities are advised to prepare a five year forest fire action plan and make provisioning in APOs according to the State Forest Fire Action Plan.
5. Afforestation activities under NPV component are without location details. Geo tagging of these afforestation activities shall be carried out and polygons of each patch needs uploading on e-green watch portal for record and monitoring works.
6. Overlap of activities taken up under forest protection like base camps, strike force for anti-poaching etc. with activities taken up in other forest protection scheme needs ascertaining and certificate of non-overlap need submission by the State Authority.
7. Construction of training hostel under capacity building is a non-permissible activity and the same shall be removed from APO.
8. The expenditure from the NPV should be as per the CAF Rules which provides 80% for core forestry activities and 20% for ancillary activities. The State Authority shall redistribute the permissible activities accordingly. Similar rule applies for expenditure from interest component.
9. As per the provisions of CAF Rules 2018, the APO should be prepared in consultation with the Gram Sabha as prescribed under the FRA before the APO is approved by the Steering Committee of the State Authority. Certificate regarding consultation with Gram Panchayat has not been provided. The State Authority shall provide the same.
10. The State Authority should ensure that the expenditure from funds vested with State CAMPA shall be done strictly in accordance with provisions of CAF Act and CAF Rules, as well as directions issued by any authority or Court in this regard.

**Decision:** The committee examined the proposal in light of the above restriction and approved the APO subject to amendment for non-permissible activities referred above. The budget of APO should be revised accordingly and informed to the National Authority for record. The financial approval shall be issued after receiving the approved revised APO from the Steering Committee of the state duly incorporating the clarification and observations made above.



**f. Agenda No. 6: Annual Plan of Operation for the year 2019-20 of West Bengal State Authority**

Annual Plan of Operation of State CAMPA of West Bengal for the year 2019-20 of Rs.73.2038 crores duly approved by the Steering Committee of the State and submitted vide letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 Component wise placed for examination of the executive committee of the National Authority. The details of APO is provided below:

Sr. No.	Component	Main Activities	Financial (in Crores Rs)		
1	Mandatory works under FCA 1980	Compensatory Afforestation	CA	2.8493	9.8194
			CAT	0.9701	
		Wildlife Management	Wildlife Management	6.0000	
2	Activity under 80% of NPV Amount	Artificial Regeneration Forest Protection, Supply of wood saving cooking devices and other forest produce saving devices, soil & Moisture conservation works and Monitoring & Evaluation	Artificial Regeneration	1.925	54.3084
			Forest Protection	44.9834	
			Supply of wood saving cooking devices and other forest produce saving devices	6.70	
			Soil & Moisture Conservation Works	0.15	
			Monitoring & Evaluation	0.55	
3	Activity under 20% of NPV amount	Construction of official building for front line staff and maintenance, Establishment, up gradation and maintenance of modern nurseries and other planting stock production facilities for production of quality planting materials, purchase of computers and software and publicity and awareness.	Construction of official building for front line staff and maintenance	4.08	5.56
			Establishment, up gradation and maintenance of modern nurseries and other planting stock production facilities for production of quality planting materials	0.43	
			Purchase of computer and software	1.00	

			Publicity & Awareness	0.05	
4	Activity under Interest Amount 60%	Disbursement of salaries and wages, TA/Da and other allowances Sitting Fees	Disbursement of salaries and wages	2.136	2.416
			TA/Da and other allowances	0.25	
			Sitting Fees	0.03	
5	Activity under Interest Amount 40%	Staff car, Office establishment and Contingencies	Staff car	0.40	1.10
			Office establishment	0.12	
			Office establishment	0.05	
			Office establishment	0.25	
			Office establishment	0.08	
			contingencies	0.20	
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>73.2038</b>	

State Authority of West Bengal was not represented by any official in the meeting. The members of the Executive Committee members present in the meeting, it was decided to discuss the APO of State CAMPA of West Bengal for 2019-20. During deliberations following points were observed:

1. Allocations provided in Annual Budget Statement (Form VI) does not match with the details provided in the APO. The budget estimation is of Rs 70.06 crores whereas details in APO sum up to Rs 73.2038 crores. This issue needs clarification and rectification by the State Authority.
2. Afforestation activities relating to DPR of Namami Ganga project has not been incorporated in the State CAMPA APO from NPV (80%) funds. This prime activity needs due attention and incorporation in 80% of NPV component of the APO.
3. A meagre amount of Rs 9.1 lakhs has been kept for Monitoring and Evaluation of works carried out under CAMPA funds which is to be enhanced.
4. Purchase of agricultural equipment, purchase of searchlights, construction of toilets, implementation of micro-plans, purchase of LPG etc. under NPV component is a non-permissible activity as per the provisions contained in CAF Rules, 2018.
5. APO does not conform to form XII provided in the CAF Rules 2018.
6. The expenditure from the NPV should be as per the CAF Rules which provides 80% for core forestry activities and 20% for ancillary activities. The State Authority shall redistribute the permissible activities accordingly. Similar rule applies for expenditure from interest component.

7. As per the provisions of CAF Rules 2018, the APO should be prepared in consultation with the Gram Sabha as prescribed under the FRA before the APO is approved by the Steering Committee of the State Authority. Certificate regarding consultation with Gram Panchayat has not been provided. The State Authority shall provide the same.
8. The State Authority should ensure that the expenditure from funds vested with State CAMPA shall be done strictly in accordance with provisions of CAF Act and CAF Rules, as well as directions issued by any authority or Court in this regard.

**Decision:** The committee examined the proposal in light of the above restriction and approved the APO subject to the amendment for non-permissible activities referred above. The budget for the APO should be revised accordingly and informed to the National Authority for record. The financial approval shall be issued after receiving the approved revised APO from the State Steering Committee incorporating the clarifications and observations made above.

**g. Agenda No. 7: “Implementing the Central Asian Flyway National Action Plan with special focus on preparation of site-specific activity plan, capacity building, developing bird sensitivity map for setting up of wind energy and species action plans- Bombay Natural History Society”**

A proposal was submitted by Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) regarding implementing some of the activities proposed under National Action Plan for Central Asian Flyway. A power point presentation on finer details of the proposal was presented by Dr Dipak Apte, Director BNHS. The details of the proposal presented are provided below:

- The Central Asian Flyway (CAF), one among the nine flyways in the world, encompasses overlapping migration routes over 30 countries for different water birds linking their northernmost breeding grounds in Russia (Siberia) to the southernmost non-breeding (wintering) grounds in West and South Asia, the Maldives and the British Indian Ocean Territory. The major traditional wintering grounds for the water birds of the CAF are located in India. India provides *critical stopover and wintering sites*. Central Asian Flyway harbours at least 279 populations of 182 migratory water bird species, which breed, migrate, and winter within the region.
- To address those needs and to identify coordinated actions to conserve those species, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) launched a five-year National Action Plan for the conservation of migratory species (2018 to 2023).
- The National Action Plan (hereinafter NAP) for conservation of migratory birds and their habitats states the national priority and specific actions required to ensure healthy populations of migratory species in India.

Main Objectives of the proposal:

- ✓ Developing site-specific actions and objectives related to conservation of migratory bird species and their habitats in Protected Area Plans and (Both Management and Working Plans) and details of action to be taken for the non-protected areas.
- ✓ Impart training to forest staffs and other stakeholders in various aspects of Migratory bird conservation
- ✓ Preparation of Bird sensitivity mapping for setting up of wind farms and energy sector in India
- ✓ Preparation of Single Species action plan for the 20 species prioritised in the National Action Plan.

As per the scheme, the main deliverables of the proposal are as under:

- Activity plans to be included in the protected area management plans or working plans for the prioritised CAF wetlands and land bird sites
- Activity plans for prioritised CAF non-protected wetlands and land bird sites
- Minimum 340 trained members (20 members in each of 17 states) from 17 states for successful implementation of the NAP
- A Comprehensive Bird sensitivity map and GIS Tool to guide for setting up of wind farms and transmission lines
- National Single Species action plan for 20 species prioritized in the NAP which will have the specific action for conservation of the species
- Standardized site-specific plan for Annual Water bird Census for each prioritized wetlands

As per the proposal, the outcome of the proposal will help State Governments in:

- ✓ Implementation of CAF Action plan and scientific management of the wetlands and land bird sites.
- ✓ Initiate the stakeholders' participation in wetland conservation. Addressing the site-specific protection and management issues, mainstreaming the biodiversity conservation initiatives related to water birds and framing the site-specific conservation strategies,
- ✓ Frontline staff and local stakeholders will get acquainted with the CAF, NAP and action to be taken for managing the wetlands for CAF Action Plan perspective.
- ✓ The information gathered through this study will be helpful for revisiting the Management Plans/Working Plans of these wetlands.
- ✓ The activities envisaged in the CAF Action Plan will be incorporated with timelines in the management/working plans of the selected wetlands and land bird sites.

As per the scheme the final outcome will help Government of India to fulfill the India's commitment on various international Conventions and agreements.

The time required for implementation is three years and the budget proposed for the following four components for three years is Rs. 3.754 crores as per table provided below.

(In crores Rs.)

Item wise details	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Component 1- Site specific Management Plans	0.6203	0.5397	0.5585	1.7185
Component 2- Capacity Building	0.3525	0.4255	0.3782	1.1562
Component 3-Bird Sensitivity Mapping	0.2870	0.2335	0.0000	0.5205
Component 4-Single Species Action Plan	0.3588	0.0000	0.0000	0.3588
<b>Total</b>	1.6186	1.1987	0.9366	<b>3.7540</b>

The proposal was examined by the Wildlife Division of MoEF&CC and following comments have been provided:

- ✓ **Component 1:** Site specific activity plans for integrating NAP component in Protected Area Plans (Both Management and Working Plans) and activity plans for non-protected area: This activity is as per the CAF Action Plan under 2.1 and 2.5 of the Action Plan. The proposed activities would be helpful for long term implementation of the CAF National Action Plan as it facilitates funds for the activities through the Management & Working Plans.
- ✓ **Component 2:** Capacity building with respect to CAF: This component is as per the CAF Action Plan under Chapter 3 of the Action Plan. Capacity strengthening of staff is needed not only to understand CAF National Action Plan but also CAF international activities too.
- ✓ **Component 3:** Preparation of bird sensitivity mapping for setting up of wind farms in India-Though this is not directly indicated in the CAF Action Plan, the activities

undertaking under this component may help in better planning and habitat management for migratory birds. Further, bird sensitive map would be helpful in making guidelines for the energy sector which would guide and assist in fulfilling the activities under CMS Resolution 11.27.

- ✓ **Component 4:** Preparation of Single Species Action Plan for the 20 CAF Action Plan priority species – This is part of the CAF Action under Species conservation. Single species action plan may be helpful for recovery of threatened/near threatened species of birds, like other recovery programmes implemented by Wildlife Division.

ADG (WL) also provided input regarding positive aspect of such proposal in management of migratory bird species.

**Decision:** The proposal/scheme was accepted in principle with an outlay of Rs 3.754 crores. It was decided by the Executive Committee to recommend it for approval of the Governing Body of National Authority as per the provisions contained in section 14(1)(iv) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act 2016. The programme division of this proposal will be the Wildlife Division of the MoEF&CC and monitoring & implementation of proposal shall be responsibility of Wildlife Division of MoEF&CC.

**h. Agenda No. 8: “Project proposal for estimation of economic losses in real terms per hectare basis due to forest fire in Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh-Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE)”**

Forest Protection Division of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change has submitted a proposal for estimation of economic losses in real terms per hectare basis due to forest fire in Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh. Forest fires are a major factor of environmental transformation in a wide variety of ecosystems. Apart from the effect on forest vegetation in forests where fire is natural part of the system, species are adapted to a natural fire regime and can benefit from the aftermath of a fire. However, where fire is not a natural part of the system the impact on the species can be negative that include direct and indirect loss.

There is no comprehensive data on different dimensions of fire such as area burned, loss of ecological, economic values and regeneration status on a regular basis in India. Based on the recommendation of the Parliamentary standing committee on Science and technology, Environment & Forest to Uttarakhand, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change vide their Letter dated 11.03.2017 requested ICFRE, Dehradun to submit a proposal for undertaking the study on Estimation of economic losses in real terms per hectare basis. A power point presentation on details of proposal was made by Dr Jeeva and Dr Sudheer of ICFRE.

**Main objectives of the proposal are following:**

- To quantify the forest losses in terms of total economic value i.e. monetary value on per hectare basis for the forest types in the states of Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh.
- Burnt Area assessment and severity classification due to forest fire for the states of Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh.
- Economic loss assessment of Terrestrial flora due to forest fire on per hectare basis for the respective states.
- Economic loss assessment of faunal diversity and habitat due to forest fire per hectare for the respective states.
- Economic loss assessment of hydrological changes on per hectare basis due to forest fire.
- Economic loss assessment of provisioning services and cultural value of forest produce loss due to forest fire on per hectare basis for specific forest types and will be extrapolated for the states.

**Agencies involved:**

The proposal being multi-disciplinary requires study from expert agencies. ICFRE, Dehradun will conduct the study in partnership with the following institutions:

**i. Forest Survey of India, Dehradun :**

The burnt area size, severity classification will be made by FSI in association with respective State Forest department.

**ii. ICFR and its respective state Jurisdiction Institutes:**

The forest cover and forest type map will be prepared from the pre-processed data used for ISFR 2017. Primary baseline data on Terrestrial floral-diversity will be

collected through extensive field survey in the study area during three seasons. Carbon stocks will be determined using the biomass value of three species multiplied by a factor ( $C = \text{biomass} \times 0.475$ ) following Magnussen and Reed. The deliverables are Economic loss assessment of Terrestrial flora due to forest fire on per hectare basis for the respective states.

**iii. Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun:**

Point count method will be adopted and points in each site will be laid to capture the bird diversity. Herpetological information will be gathered through direct sightings and indirectly such as gathering information during PRA/RRA with local community. To estimate monetary value of non-market goods those are used by the wild animals, birds and herpeto-fauna will be estimated through non-market valuation methods and participatory valuation method/replacement cost method. The deliverables are Economic loss assessment of faunal diversity and habitat due to forest fire per hectare for the respective states.

**iv. National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee:**

A paired plot approach would be adopted in the study that involves use of two neighbouring plots (one burnt and another unburnt) where precipitation inputs, pre-burnt vegetation characteristics, soil and geological conditions, and other variables are similar/identical. The deliverables are Economic loss assessment of hydrological changes on per hectare basis due to forest fire

**v. GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment & Sustainable development, Almora:**

Baseline data on revenue generated from various ecosystem goods such as timber, resin, NTFPs etc. will be taken from various sources (publications, Govt. records, SFD and Van Panchayats records etc.) The economic value of the provisioning services is a direct use value and will be estimated using market valuation methodologies based on quantities and prices available from standard market rates of respective State and will also be taken from published literature to estimate the loss apart from the direct market survey. The deliverables are Economic loss assessment of provisioning services and cultural value of forest produce loss due to forest fire on per hectare basis for specific forest types and will be extrapolated for the states

Project duration of the proposal is 24 months with project cost Rs. 3.78 Crores.

The above project has been vetted and recommended by Forest Protection Division of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. In the meeting CEO, National Authority mentioned that timeline of 24 months is on higher side and asked ICFRE scientist to liaison with FSI for obtaining satellite data and subsequent ground truthing in a shorter span of time. There is a need for submission of detailed proposal.

**Decision:** The proposal was accepted with an outlay of Rs 3.78 crores and it was decided by the Executive Committee to recommend it for approval of the Governing Body of National Authority as per the provisions contained in section 14(1) (iv) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act 2016 after obtaining detailed project report (DPR). It was also decided that monitoring & implementation of proposal shall be responsibility of Forest Protection Division of MoEF&CC.



**i. Agenda No. 9: “Execution of readiness activities for implementation of REDD+ in India-Indian Council for Forestry Research and Education(ICFRE)”**

A proposal regarding readiness activities needed for COP decision (Decision 1. CP/16) requires developing countries aiming to undertake REDD+ activities was submitted by ICFRE by DDG (Research) & Project Director, ESIP. The proposal has been solicited from Forest Policy & Forest Protection Division of MoEF&CC. REDD+ is based on concept of “forest conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries”. The COP Decision is for evolving following broad elements:

- ✓ A national REDD+ strategy or Action plan,
- ✓ A national forest reference emission level and/or forest reference level (FREL/FRL)
- ✓ A robust and transparent national Forest Monitoring System (NMRV) for the monitoring and reporting of the REDD+ activities
- ✓ A Safeguard Information System(SIS) for providing information on how safeguards are being addressed and respected throughout the implantation of the REDD+ activities, while respecting sovereignty.

Dr RS Rawat from ICFRE made a presentation in the meeting duly highlighting need of the proposal and nation’s commitment on this COP decision. Main objective of the proposal with outlay are as under:

1. Development of Safeguard Information System for REDD+ through stakeholder construction processes with outlay of Rs.36.40 lakh.
2. Capacity building of State Forest Departments for developing State REDD+ action plans under National REDD+ strategy with outlay of Rs.120.06 lakh.
3. Development of REDD+ learning and knowledge sharing platform, web-based SIS module and networking of relevant stakeholders with outlay of Rs.30.00 lakh.
4. Capacity building of the stakeholders on various aspects of REDD+ including safeguards at regional level with outlay of Rs.40.00 lakh.

**Cost of the Project:** Rs.2.2646 crores

**Timeline of the Project:** 18 months

During discussion CEO asked to reduce the timeline of the proposal to 9 months.

**Decision:** The concept note and proposal with an outlay of Rs 2.2646 crores was accepted and in it was decided by the Executive Committee to recommend it for approval of the Governing Body of National Authority as per the provisions contained in section 14(1)(iv) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act 2016. ICFRE will submit the detailed project/scheme with reduced time line of 9 months for consideration of Governing Body. It was also decided that monitoring of implementation & progress of proposal shall be responsibility of Forest Policy Division of MoEF&CC.

**j. Agenda No.10: “Administrative matters of National Authority”**

ADG (FC) cum CEO, National Authority brought to the notice of all the members of Executive Committee regarding transition from Adhoc CAMPA regime to National CAMPA. As per provision of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act 2016, establishment of National Compensatory Afforestation Planning & Management Authority has already taken place and now functions & activities of Ad-hoc CAMPA is tapering off which is being taken over by the National Authority in this transient period.

The management of day to day works related with National CAMPA like organizing meetings of both Executive Committee & Governing Body at national level, maintenance of funds, scrutiny of Annual Plan of Operations, parliament related issues, reconciliation of receipts of compensatory levies on account of various diversion of forestland, other associated functions etc. are basically overlapping tasks which were earlier performed by the Adhoc CAMPA and now the same will be performed by the National Authority. An enlarged scope and function of National Authority as per section 3,8,9,14,15, chapter V& Chapter VI of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act 2016 has been envisaged. Section 31 of the CAF Act 2016 specifically provides for transfer of all assets and liabilities of Adhoc CAMPA to the National Body.

For seamless and smooth transition from winding up of Adhoc CAMPA and initiation of National CAMPA, it would be pertinent to maintain the continuation of staff working presently at various level of Adhoc CAMPA. Need of present staff/manpower working in different offices/levels is required due to being conversant with the functioning of CAMPA which will ensure efficient working of National Authority till sanctions of various posts and modalities of filling of such post is finalized in consultation and guidance of Ministry. Section 9 &12 of the CAF rules of 2018 provides for appointment of officials and staff as well as respective pay & allowances. List of existing manpower with Adhoc CAMPA is placed at Annexure 1.

Along with requirement of manpower office space, vehicle requirement and other office requirements were also highlighted. Details of budgetary provisions for National Authority for 2019-20 is provided at Annexure 2. CCA of MoEF&CC present in the meeting asked for utilising budgetary provisions for functioning of National Authority.

**Decision:** The Executive Committee of National Authority approved following

- i. Empowered CEO, National Authority to make decisions regarding day to day management of Authority.
- ii. In the initial phase existing manpower working for Adhoc CAMPA at different levels/offices will be taken up in the National Authority on contractual basis from approved agencies/service providers of MoEF&CC on similar terms and conditions finalised by the Ministry.
- iii. Regarding office space possibility will be explored to accommodate National Authority in government owned building at central location near MoEF&CC on hire basis.
- iv. Two staff cars will be provided in the initial phase for day to day works. Furthermore, vehicles required will be as per entitlement of officials joining National Authority on deputation basis.

- v. It was also decided that the organisational structure, no. of posts, proposed pay, modalities of recruitment etc. for different level of posts as per CAF Act provisions and as required for National Authority shall be finalised and placed for approval from the competent authority.

**IV. Discussion & Decisions on Additional Agenda Items for 3rd meeting:**

**a. Additional Agenda Item No. 1:“Enhanced Capacity Building of Stakeholders and State Governments on Forest Landscape Restoration and Reporting Mechanism on Bonn Challenge-IUCN”**

A proposal on above cited subject matter was received from National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board, MoEF&CC. The project proposal is to be initiated on pilot basis in five states. The basics of proposal were provided by Dr Vivek Saxena, IFS, country representative, IUCN. He briefed the members regarding concept being accepted by the Ministry and formally launched the programme during National Workshop on Land Degradation Neutrality.

In 2010, IUCN and partners developed the world of opportunity map world opportunity map which showcased that about 2 billion hectare of degraded land with potential of restoration is available globally. The Bonn Challenge is a global effort to bring 150 million hectares of the world’s deforested and degraded land into restoration by 2020 and 350 million hectares by 2030.

The Government of India joined the Bonn Challenge pledge (At UNFCCC COP 21 at Paris in 2015) by agreeing to bring into restoration 13 million hectares of degraded land by 2020, and an additional 8 million hectares by 2030. This is one of the largest pledges from Asia.

Main objectives of the proposal is to create a holistic country level focus on forest landscape restoration and Bonn Challenge. Specific objectives of proposal includes:

- a) Support MoEF&CC in monitoring and assessing efforts on forest landscape restoration (FLR) undertaken in the states so as to create a database for reporting on Bonn Challenge from the country.
  - i. To facilitate developing a reporting mechanism
  - ii. Enabling reporting by States and compilation at the National level
- b) Capacity building of Indian states on FLR and Bonn Challenge- pilot rollout in 5 states- MP, Maharashtra, Haryana, Nagaland and Karnataka to begin with and scaling it up later on.
- c) Develop protocols for identification, prioritisation and monitoring of landscapes for FLR in pilot states using ROAM methodology.
- d) Jointly work in preparation of India’s second progress report on Bonn Challenge.
- e) Organise the second chapter of the South Asia regional consultation on forest landscape restoration and Bonn Challenge in India and create a platform for best practices on FLR from the region.


The proposed project duration is 3.5 years with estimated budgeted cost of Rs 5.9 crores. The potential funding is from National CAMPA with co-financing from other relevant stakeholder Ministries and Departments. It was also pointed out that the project will demonstrate India’s leadership role in South Asia on Bonn Challenge.


The proposal was discussed with remarks that the proposal needs a detailed project report with item wise breakup of each activity with a time line.

**Decision:** The proposal was accepted in principle and it was decided by the Executive Committee to recommend it for approval of the Governing Body of National Authority as per the provisions contained in section 14(1)(iv) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act 2016. It was also decided that a detailed project report (DPR) shall be prepared by IUCN in consultation with the NAEB of MoEF&CC, who will be implementing Programme Division for this scheme in the Ministry.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

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