



Agenda Notes for the 5th meeting of
Executive Committee of
National CAMPA
on
23rd April, 2020 at 03:30 pm
Through video conferencing



Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of Minutes of 4th meeting of Executive Committee of National Authority

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of Executive Committee of National Authority is placed before Executive Committee for Confirmation.

Agenda Item No. 2: Action Taken on 3rd meeting of Executive Committee

Para No.	Brief Subject	Action taken Report
1	Agenda No. 1 Annual Plan of Operation- Himachal Pradesh(2019-20) Decision: The Executive Committee deliberated upon the activities proposed in the APO and approved it with detailed observations.	Decision of 4th Executive Committee meeting was conveyed/circulated through letter no.11-100/2015-FC dated 7th November 2019 and through email also.
2	Agenda No. 2 Annual Plan of Operation- Karnataka(2019-20) Decision: The Executive Committee deliberated upon the activities proposed in the APO and approved it with detailed observations.	Decision of 4th Executive Committee meeting was conveyed/circulated through letter no.11-100/2015-FC dated 7th November 2019 and through email also.
3	Agenda No. 3 Annual Plan of Operation- Manipur (2019-20) Decision: The Executive Committee deliberated upon the activities proposed in the APO and approved it with detailed observations.	Decision of 4th Executive Committee meeting was conveyed/circulated through letter no.11-100/2015-FC dated 7th November 2019 and through email also.
4	Agenda No. 4 Annual Plan of Operation- Assam (2019-20) Decision: The Executive Committee deliberated upon the activities proposed in the APO and approved it with detailed observations.	Decision of 4th Executive Committee meeting was conveyed/circulated through letter no.11-100/2015-FC dated 7th November 2019 and through email also.
5	Agenda No. 5 Annual Plan of Operation- Jharkhand (2019-20) Decision: The Executive Committee deliberated upon the activities proposed in the APO and approved it with detailed observations. Few decisions of the State Steering Committee were noted and detailed advices were also provided.	Decision of 4th Executive Committee meeting was conveyed/circulated through letter no.11-100/2015-FC dated 7th November 2019 and through email also.
6	Agenda No. 6 Annual Plan of Operation- Bihar (2019-20) Decision: The Executive Committee deliberated upon the activities proposed in the APO and approved it with detailed observations.	Decision of 4th Executive Committee meeting was conveyed/circulated through letter no.11-100/2015-FC dated 7th November 2019 and through email also.
7	Agenda No. 7 Annual Plan of Operation- Goa (2019-20) Decision: The Executive Committee deliberated upon the activities proposed in the APO and approved it with detailed observations.	Decision of 4th Executive Committee meeting was conveyed/circulated through letter no.11-100/2015-FC dated 7th November 2019 and through email also.

8	Agenda No. 8 Annual Plan of Operation-Mizoram (2019-20) Decision: No representative from the State Government attended the meeting. Hence, it was decided to issue a reminder to the State to immediately act on the decisions of 3rd Executive Committee meeting and till then the approval of the APO would be on hold.	Decision of 4th Executive Committee meeting was conveyed/circulated through letter no.11-100/2015-FC dated 7th November 2019 and through email also. Reminder was also issued.
9	Agenda No. 9 Annual Plan of Operation-Chhattisgarh (2019-20) Decision: The Executive Committee deliberated upon the activities proposed in the APO and approved it with detailed observations. It was also advised to the State Government to rework the proposed expenditure viewing huge outlay of the APO.	Decision of 4th Executive Committee meeting was conveyed/circulated through letter no.11-100/2015-FC dated 7th November 2019 and through email also.
10	Agenda No. 10 Annual Plan of Operation-Andhra Pradesh (2019-20) Decision: The Executive Committee deliberated upon the activities proposed in the APO, considered the clarifications and approved it with detailed observations.	Decision of 4th Executive Committee meeting was conveyed/circulated through letter no.11-100/2015-FC dated 7th November 2019 and through email also.
11	Agenda No. 11 Annual Plan of Operation-Maharashtra (2019-20) Decision: The Executive Committee deliberated upon the activities proposed in the APO, considered the clarifications and approved it with detailed observations.	Decision of 4th Executive Committee meeting was conveyed/circulated through letter no.11-100/2015-FC dated 7th November 2019 and through email also.
12	Agenda No. 12 Annual Plan of Operation-Uttarakhand (2019-20) Decision: The Executive Committee advised the CEO, State Authority to submit the detailed response on the observations contained in approval letter no. 11-100/2015-FC dated 21st June 2019 along with additional observations.	Decision of 4th Executive Committee meeting was conveyed/circulated through letter no.11-100/2015-FC dated 7th November 2019 and through email also.
13	Agenda No. 13 Annual Plan of Operation-Uttar Pradesh (2019-20) Decision: The Executive Committee deliberated upon the activities proposed in the APO, considered the clarifications and approved it with detailed observations.	Decision of 4th Executive Committee meeting was conveyed/circulated through letter no.11-100/2015-FC dated 7th November 2019 and through email also.
14	Agenda No. 14 Annual Plan of Operation-Rajasthan (2019-20) Decision: The Executive Committee deliberated upon the activities proposed in the APO, considered the clarifications and approved it with detailed observations.	Decision of 4th Executive Committee meeting was conveyed/circulated through letter no.11-100/2015-FC dated 7th November 2019 and through email also.
15	Agenda No. 15 Annual Plan of Operation-Tripura (2019-20) Decision: The Executive Committee deliberated the flexibility issue raised by the concerned Chief Secretary and denied it on the basis of inadmissibility under the CAF Act, 2016 and	Decision of 4th Executive Committee meeting was conveyed/circulated through letter no.11-100/2015-FC dated 7th November 2019 and through email also.

	asked for issuance of reminder on the basis of approval accorded in 2nd EC.	
16	Agenda No. 16 Annual Plan of Operation- Odisha (2019-20) Decision: The Executive Committee deliberated upon the revised APO and approved the same with certain observations.	Decision of 4th Executive Committee meeting was conveyed/circulated through letter no.11-100/2015-FC dated 7th November 2019 and through email also.
17	Agenda No. 17 Annual Plan of Operation- West Bengal (2019-20) Decision: The Executive Committee deliberated upon the clarification of State Authority and accepted it with certain observations.	Decision of 4th Executive Committee meeting was conveyed/circulated through letter no.11-100/2015-FC dated 7th November 2019 and through email also.
18	Agenda No. 18 Annual Plan of Operation- Sikkim (2019-20) Decision: The Executive Committee deliberated upon the clarifications and accepted the same with certain observation.	Decision of 4th Executive Committee meeting was conveyed/circulated through letter no.11-100/2015-FC dated 7th November 2019 and through email also.

Agenda Item No. 3: Provisional approval of the mandatory and time bound activities of Annual Plan of Operation (APO) 2020-21 of State Authorities due to unprecedented situation arising out of Covid-19 pandemic

As per the provisions contained in the section 15 (1) (i) the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 on of the main function of the Executive Committee of the National Authority to " approve within three months from the date of receipt, annual plan of operations of State Authorities, with such amendments as it deems fit and proper;" and as per the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018 the Annual Plan of Operation (APO) of the State Authority shall be submitted by the State Authority before the 31st December of every year to the National Authority for the next financial year. Till date of finalisation of this agenda note i.e. mid of April 2020 only 11 APOs (for financial year 2020-21) out of 33 State/UT Authorities have been received from the following states:

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Madhya Pradesh
3. NCT of Delhi
4. Chhattisgarh
5. Assam
6. Tripura

7. Andaman & Nicobar Islands
8. Kerala
9. Uttarakhand
10. Bihar
11. Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

State Authorities have been citing various reasons for delay. Spread of COVID-19 pandemic has affected the normal functioning of the states and in many states meetings of the State Steering Committee or State Executive Committee have been deferred.

This unprecedented situation has raised serious concerns in respect of carrying out of time-bound ongoing forestry activities, payment of pending wages to labors, and disbursement of salary and allowances to the officers and staff of the State Authority etc. as all these require the approval of APO 2020-21 from the Executive Committee of National Authority. As per the consolidated revised guidelines issued vide F No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 15th April 2020 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, forestry related certain mandatory activities have been allowed (except in containment zone) in para 19 (v) in view of their time bound nature and essentiality. The relevant para is as under:

“Forest Offices: staff/workers required to operate and maintain zoo, nurseries, wildlife, firefighting in forests, watering plantations, patrolling and their necessary transport movement.”

In view of the unprecedented situation arising out of COVID-19 pandemic, the Executive Committee may consider issuing provisional approval of the CAMPA APOs 2020-21 till 30th September, 2020, as a special case, for carrying out following essential activities. The components/activities of an APO allowed are:

1. **Site-specific activities-**

All activities as per section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016.

2. **Activities as per Rule 5 of CAF Rules, 2018-**

- a. Completion and maintenance activities related to assisted natural regeneration/artificial regeneration/silvicultural operations, where preparatory works were undertaken in the year 2019-20 as per APO 2019-20
- b. Maintenance activities in areas related to assisted natural regeneration/artificial regeneration/ silvicultural operations etc., where main/planting activities were undertaken during previous years as per respective APOs
- c. Nursery works for the above activities
- d. Casual employment of local people or labors etc. to assist regular staff of SFDs for protection of plantations, forests and wildlife including forest fire prevention and control

- e. Operation and maintenance of existing animal rescue centre and veterinary treatment facilities for wildlife
- f. Maintenance of modern nurseries and other planting stock facilities for production of quality planting materials
- g. Independent concurrent monitoring and evaluation and third-party monitoring of various works undertaken from State Fund
- h. Production and distribution of quality planting material through certified nurseries at subsidized price for promoting of trees outside forest on Government lands

3. Activities as per Rule 6 of CAF Rules, 2018-

- a. For disbursement of salary and allowances of members and staffs, both regular and contractual, of the State Authority
- b. For disbursement of sitting fees and allowances to nominated members of the State Authority
- c. Management of office establishment of the State Authority
- d. Hiring of staff cars for use of officers and officials of the State Authority
- e. Hiring of buildings on lease for the office establishment and residences of the officers of the State Authority.

The proposed provisional approval will be subjected to following observations: -

- i. These activities should be/proposed to be part of APO 2020-21.
- ii. The State Authorities, which could not submit their APO 2020-21 to National Authority, shall submit them by June, 2020.
- iii. These activities shall be carried out according to Rule 4 of CAF Rules, 2018, i.e. as per provisions of the State financial rules or any such rules applicable from time to time in the State.
- iv. Other observations to be mentioned in the approval for APO 2019-20 by National Authority shall apply.
- v. The expenditure on above activities is to be borne from budget line of the State/UT. However, the likely delay in procedural formalities in the States/UTs under ongoing difficult circumstances due to COVID-19 might have adverse effect on the speed and progress of works in the field. Therefore, the States/UTs are allowed to utilize the unspent balance funds available with them on 31st March, 2020 until 30th September, 2020 or the date the fund is exhausted, whichever is earlier. The remaining unspent balance as on 30th September, 2020 shall be transferred to the respective State Fund created under the Public account of the States/UTs.

The agenda for according provisional approval to APOs due to unprecedented situation arising out of COVID-19 is placed for the consideration and decision of the Executive Committee of the National Authority.

Agenda Item No. 4: Comprehensive review regarding continuation of scheme of NICS I "e green watch/Web based Monitoring System" as per the approval accorded on agenda no. 3 of the 1st Governing Body Meeting held on 15th November 2019

Initially, CAMPA funds were being managed through creation of Adhoc CAMPA as per the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court. Compensatory levies vested with Adhoc CAMPA were used for various forestry and wildlife management schemes having national significance. The schemes were approved by National CAMPA Advisory Council (NCAC) and implemented by various Institutions/Organisations/State Forest Departments. After establishment of the National Authority and in its 1st meeting of Governing Body chaired by Hon'ble Minister Environment, Forest and Climate Change held on 15th November 2019, following decision on the Agenda item No. 3 "**Examination and Approval of Existing Schemes funded by the erstwhile Adhoc CAMPA and approved by the National CAMPA Advisory Council (NCAC)**" was taken:

"The Governing Body also considered the continuation of ongoing schemes which were approved by the NCAC. The Governing Body decided that all ongoing schemes, which were approved by the NCAC will be continued. However, a comprehensive review of all such schemes will be taken up by the Executive Committee."

The above mentioned scheme "**e green watch/Web based Monitoring System**" of National Informatics Centre Services Inc. (NICS I) is in pursuance to the spirit of 'Digital India' and capturing the essence of Minimum Government and Maximum Governance to ensure online monitoring and tracking of various programmes/clearances (Environmental, Forest and Wildlife). The basic objectives and details of the scheme under the aegis of NIC, MEF&CC through NICS I:

- a. Integrated concurrent Monitoring and Evaluation System (i-CCMES) or e-Green Watch for automation, streamlining and effective management of process related to utilization of CAMPA funds and all other funds earmarked by States under various Central or State Government schemes for plantation and other forestry related works.
- b. Development on online submission and monitoring of forest clearances: - developed and rolled out by the Hon'ble MEF&CC on 15.07.2014. Portal is being managed by the dedicated team of NIC established at MoEF&CC and its Regional Offices.
- c. Pro-Active Responsive Facilitation by Interactive Virtuous and Environmental Single Window Hub (PARIVESH) for complete online, expeditious and transparent system for environment, forest, wildlife and CRZ clearances in the country.

The above projects are being implemented by NIC by developing the online portals which provides interface to various users for effective implementation and monitoring of various schemes. To ensure the users of such interface get credible information on real time basis, a dedicated team of various professionals from relevant fields i.e. from IT, forestry, GIS, Multitasking Staff, etc have been deputed by the NIC on contractual basis through NICS. The NIC team working at MoEF&CC and its Regional Office has been providing services on the following:

- To maintain software applications.
- To resolve the issues received from State Forest Departments
- To generate monitoring reports
- To provide quantitative inputs required for parliamentary questions, meetings, etc.
- To evolve and strengthen the software based on the inputs received from the State/UT Governments/Officials of the MoEF&CC.
- Strengthening the capabilities of the professionals engaged in the State/UT Governments.

An amount of Rs. 1, 39, 22,348 was sanctioned for the period of 1st January, 2019 to 31st December, 2019 to book the expenditure on account of remunerations of above professional and other project expenses. In the calendar year 2019, an expenditure of Rs. 70, 88,826/- has only been incurred on the professional/staff, and other project related activities while and amount of Rs. 68, 33,522/- could not be spent during 2019.

The term of contract of above professional engaged through NICS has been expired on 31.12.2019 and with a view to ensure smooth and effective operations of online portals, services of these professional/staff are required by the MoEF&CC on continuous basis. For the current calendar year, the NIC has submitted proposal for engagement/extension of services of 27 professional/staff engaged at MoEF&CC and its Regional Offices involving total expenditure of Rs. 1,46,93,340/- for the smooth functioning of online portals.

Further, it is also to mention here that Forest Conservation Division has also been monitoring the online proposal for the purposes of the processing and tracking the online applications submitted by the various State/UT Governments seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. FC Division has presently only 8 officers, comprising of IGF(FC), DIGF(FC), AIGF(FC), Scientist C and Technical Officers (4 nos). Currently, there is no Section Officer, Assistants/clerks posted in the FC Division. FC Division is facing the difficulty of acute scarcity of staff to deal with voluminous work which not only involves day to day office work but also sensitive issues, thereby compelling its officers to work beyond the officer hours and to attend the office on weekends. Therefore, with a view to utilize and enhance the capabilities of officers of the FC Division, it has been proposed to provide them laptops so that officers may perform their task efficiently and from home also during Saturdays

and Sundays or whenever needed. A tentative cost of Rs. 6, 40,000/- will be incurred on purchasing of laptops for the officers of the FC Division. Given the quantum of work handled by the FC Division viz. processing of FC proposals, meetings, parliamentary matters, court cases, etc. number of officers deputed in the FC Division needs to be strengthened to ensure the smooth handling of work. It has, therefore, been proposed that to ensure adequate support to the officers of FC Division, services of two consultants from the field of forestry may be provided to the FC Division. Consultants, so proposed, shall be engaged in accordance with the relevant guidelines issued by the Ministry for their engagement.

The above proposal was approved at the level of Hon'ble Minister, MoEF&CC on 11th February, 2020(Copy enclosed). Subsequently, with the approval of Hon'ble Minister NICSI was allowed to incur expenditure on the staff engaged in the project from the unspent funds released by Ad hoc CAMPA till 31.03.2020 or till ratification by the Executive Committee, whichever is later.

In this regard it is also to submit that the National Authority has been established in the year 2018 only and does not have adequate space on the portal of the Ministry. Development of suitable and appropriate portal for the National Authority is extremely essential. NIC may be advised to take appropriate action in the matter and NIC may be allowed to engage 3 additional professional for this purpose.

In view of the above, approval is solicited on the following:

- a. To extend the services of professionals/staff (27 Nos) deputed by the NIC MoEF&CC for the smooth operation and maintenance of online portals at MoEF&CC, New Delhi and its Regional Office for the current calendar year i.e. from 1.01.2020 to 31.12.2020 at an expenditure of Rs. 1,46,93,340/-
- b. To purchase laptops (8 nos) for the officers of the FC Division involving expenditure of Rs. 6,40,000/- for enabling them to cope up with the voluminous task handled by the FC Division.
- c. To engage consultants (2 nos) from the field of forestry in the FC Division to support officers of FC Division in various matters related to the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- d. Engagement of 3 professionals for development, operation and maintenance of online portal for the National Authority. NIC may prepare the cost estimate for the purpose.
- e. NIC may be allowed to exhaust the unspent balance of the funds received from Ad-hoc CAMPA initially and submit the cost estimate for this project for the financial year 2020-21.

The agenda is placed for the consideration and decision of the Executive Committee of the National Authority.

Agenda Item No. 5 Deployment/Filling up of the post for National Authority as per approval on agenda no. 9 (A) of the 1st Governing Body meeting of the National Authority held on 15th November 2019

The National Authority had sought approval of the Governing Body for creation of four (4) Group 'A', fifteen (15) group 'B' and eighteen (18) group 'C' posts of officers and officials for National Authority under the provisions of Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Act, 2016 and CAF Rules, 2018. The proposed expenditure was of Rs 2, 96, 07,600 (Rupees two crores, ninety-six lakh, seven thousand six hundred) annually. Approval of the Governing Body was also solicited to fill up some of these posts temporarily on contract basis as per immediate requirement till these posts are created and filled up.

Initially, CAMPA funds were being managed through creation of Adhoc CAMPA as per the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court. Compensatory levies vested with Adhoc CAMPA were used for various forestry and wildlife management schemes having national significance. The schemes were approved by National CAMPA Advisory Council (NCAC) and implemented. Functioning of the National Authority has been started after joining of the CEO, Jt. CEO and Dy. CEO. But absence of adequate, specific and skilled manpower is being felt strongly. This issue has resulted in loss of focus on many important issues in the National Authority. All the issues are being handled/initiated at the level of Joint/Deputy CEO. Decision of the 1st Governing Body on agenda no. 9(A) was affirmative and decision is quoted below verbatim

"The Governing Body approved 'in principle' the proposal of the National Authority for creation of 37 posts as mentioned in the agenda note. The approval of the central government for creation of these posts will be sought by the National Authority as per the rules/guidelines issued by the Government of India from time to time. In the meantime, the National Authority may hire consultants/contractual staff on need basis"

In this regard, proposal for creation of posts in the National Authority is under preparation and the process would take some time. Till then, deployment of outsourced staff as approved by the Governing Body may be allowed.

The agenda is placed for the consideration and decision of the Executive Committee of the National Authority.

Agenda Item No. 6: Briefing on action taken on decisions taken by the Governing Body of the National Authority

1st meeting of Governing Body of National Authority was held in Teesta Hall, 1st floor, Vayu Wing, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi at 1100 hrs. on 15th November 2019 under the

Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Prakash Javdekar. Many crucial issues were deliberated in this meeting and important decisions were made to guide the future course of the National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Planning and Management Authority (National Authority). In the 1st Governing Body meeting of the National Authority, seven new projects/schemes of ICFRE, FSI, BNHS, and IUCN were approved under agenda item nos 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8, four ongoing projects/schemes of ICFRE, WII & UCOST which were approved by NCAC were also approved under agenda item no. 3 and administrative matters of National CAMPA were approved under agenda item no. 9.

Agenda item wise details, decisions and action initiated so far are as under:

1. Agenda Item No. 1: Strengthening Forestry Research for Ecological Sustainability and Productivity Enhancement

The scheme was proposed by ICFRE at a cost of Rs. 313.67 crores that is to be implemented over a period of 6 years (2019-20 to 2024-25) with following objectives:

- To undertake research aimed at enhancing the health and productivity of natural forests and plantations for augmenting ecosystem goods and services.
- To undertake research aimed at efficient and sustainable resource use through value addition and development of appropriate technologies.
- To establish a comprehensive national programme for conservation and development of Forest Genetic Resources (FGRs).
- To undertake policy research in forestry sector to analyse the policy gaps and determine concordant policies.
- To undertake capacity building programmes for stakeholders, including forestry personnel, communities, tree growers and forest-based industries.
- To undertake an exclusive outreach programme taking research and technology to users through a comprehensive extension strategy.

Decision of the Governing Body: The scheme was approved by the Governing Body.

Action Initiated: Sanction letter issued and 1st installment for 2019-20 has been released.

2. Agenda No.2: Monitoring Protocol for Plantations and Assets created by State Forest Departments (SFDs) from the Compensatory Afforestation Fund

The scheme of Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun was proposed at a cost of Rs. 13.14 crores with a capital expenditure of Rs 6.14 crores in first year and

annual recurring expenditure of Rs 7.00 crores. The main objectives of the schemes are:

- To monitor plantations raised from CAMPA funds
- To monitor other assets and activities implemented from CAMPA funds
- To assess relevant parameters such as survival percentage and growth of plantations
- To create a transparent monitoring platform accessible to different stake holders

Decision of the Governing Body: The scheme was approved by the Governing Body.

Action Initiated: Sanction letter issued and 1st installment for 2019-20 has been released.

3. Agenda No. 3: Examination and approval of existing schemes funded by the erstwhile Ad-hoc CAMPA and approved by the National CAMPA Advisory Council (NCAC)

Prior to advent of National CAMPA funds vested with Ad hoc CAMPA were utilised for various schemes of forestry and wildlife management having ramification at national level by various Institutions/State Forest Departments. These schemes were approved by the National CAMPA Advisory Council (NCAC). The list of these schemes are provided below:

- i. WII – UNESCO C2C Centre on world natural heritage management and training for the Asia Pacific Region at WII.
- ii. WII – Conservation of Species
- iii. UCOST – Assistance to Uttarakhand Council for Science and Technology.
- iv. FRI – Assistance to Centre of Excellence of Forest Genetic Resource
- v. FRI – Support to FSI for Centre of Excellence
- vi. FSI – Centre of Excellence – Part funding for forest fire monitoring project.
- vii. NICSI – e-Green Watch/Web based proposal monitoring system.
- viii. IIFM, Bhopal – Support to Geo Informatics Centre.
- ix. Nagar Van Yojana
- x. School Nursery Yojana

Out of ten above ongoing schemes of National CAMPA, four schemes at i, ii, iii & iv same were placed for consideration of General Body meeting and were approved.

Decision: The Governing Body also considered the continuation of ongoing schemes which were approved by the NCAC. The Governing Body decided that all ongoing schemes, which were approved by the NCAC will be

continued. However, a comprehensive review of all such schemes will be taken up by the Executive Committee.

Action Initiated: Sanction letter issued and 1st installment for 2019-20 has been released.

4. Agenda No. 4: Establishing an FSI Cell in Each State for Strengthening Monitoring and Forest Resource Assessment

A scheme for establishing FSI Cell in each State/UT to strengthen monitoring and forest resource assessment with a capital outlay of Rs 1.6390 crores in the initial year and recurring expenditure of Rs 2.6915 crores annually was proposed. The main objectives of the scheme are creating node to help SFDs, providing technical help to SFDs and Regional Offices of MoEF&CC, forest fire monitoring etc.

Decision of the Governing Body: The scheme was approved by the Governing Body.

Action Initiated: Sanction letter issued and 1st installment for 2019-20 has been released.

5. Agenda No. 5: 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

A scheme for implementation of Central Asian Flyway National Action Plan with a total outlay of Rs 3.754 crores has been proposed by the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) for three years starting from 2019-20 with following main objectives:

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

Decision of the Governing Body: The scheme was approved by the Governing Body.

Action Initiated: Sanction letter issued and 1st installment for 2019-20 has been released.

Agenda No. 6: Project proposal for estimation of economic losses in real terms per hectare basis due to forest fire in Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh

A collaborative research project of Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE), Dehradun through Forest Protection Division of the MoEF&CC where Forest Survey of India, Wildlife Institute of India, National Institute of Hydrology and GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment & Sustainable development would assess the economic losses in real terms due to forest fire. The scheme is of one and a half years with financial implication of Rs 3.78 crores. The objectives of the scheme are:

- i. To quantify the forest losses in terms of total economic value
- ii. Burnt Area assessment and severity classification due to forest fire
- iii. Economic loss assessment of Terrestrial flora due to forest fire on per hectare basis for the respective states
- iv. Economic loss assessment of faunal diversity and habitat due to forest fire per hectare
- v. Economic loss assessment of hydrological changes on per hectare basis due to forest fire
- vi. Economic loss assessment of provisioning services and cultural value of forest produce loss due to forest fire on per hectare

Decision of the Governing Body: The scheme was approved by the Governing Body.

Action Initiated: Sanction letter issued and 1st installment for 2019-20 has been released.

7. Agenda No. 7: Execution of readiness activities for implementation of REDD+ in India

A project of Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE), Dehradun has proposed a project as per COP decision regarding evolving broad elements of national REDD+ action plan with an outlay of Rs 2.646 crores for a period of 9 months. The objectives of the proposal are:

- i. Development of Safeguard Information System for REDD+ through stakeholder construction processes
- ii. Capacity building of State Forest Departments for developing State REDD+ action plans under National REDD+ strategy.

- iii. Development of REDD+ learning and knowledge sharing platform, web- based SIS module and networking of relevant stakeholders.
- iv. Capacity building of the stakeholders on various aspects of REDD+ including safeguards at regional level.

Decision of the Governing Body: The scheme was approved by the Governing Body.

Action Initiated: Sanction letter issued and 1st installment for 2019-20 has been released.

8. Agenda No. 8: Enhanced Capacity Building of Stakeholders and State Governments on Forest Landscape Restoration and Reporting Mechanism on Bonn Challenge

IUCN through National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board (NAEB) has proposed for enhanced capacity building of stakeholders of State Governments on reporting mechanism on Bonn Challenge with outlay of Rs 5.9 crores for a duration of 3.5 years. The main objectives of the proposal are following objectives:

- i. Create a holistic country level focus on forest landscape restoration and Bonn Challenge.
- ii. Demonstrate India's leadership role in South Asia on Bonn Challenge.

Decision of the Governing Body: The proposal was approved and it was also decided that 5 pilot states will be selected on the basis of performance.

Action Initiated: Sanction letter issued and 1st installment for 2019-20 has been released.

Agenda No. 9: Administrative matters of National Authority

A. 'In principle approval' for the creation of 37 posts for the office of National Authority and approval to fill up some of these posts temporarily on contract basis as per immediate requirement till these posts are created and filled up.

The proposal of CEO, National Authority was for seeking approval of the Governing Body of the National Authority for creation of four (4) Group 'A', fifteen (15) group 'B' and eighteen (18) group 'C' posts of officers and officials for National Authority in terms of Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Act, 2016 and CAF Rules, 2018. The proposal entails an estimated expenditure of Rs 2, 96, 07,600 (Rupees two crores, ninety six lakh, seven thousand six hundred) annually. The office of the National Authority has started functioning after joining of the CEO, the Jt. CEO and the Dy. CEO. A FA&CAO is likely to join soon. However, for discharge of its duties in an efficient and effective manner, adequate support staff

at different levels is required. This requirement has been assessed and after careful examination, four (4) group 'A', fifteen (15) group 'B' and twenty-three (23) group 'C' posts of officers and officials are proposed to be created. Creation and recruitment of posts are a lengthy process. The works of the National Authority do not get stuck on this account, it is necessary that some of these posts are filled up temporarily on contract basis as per immediate requirement.

Decision of the Governing Body: The Governing Body approved 'in principle' the proposal of the National Authority for creation of 37 posts as mentioned in the agenda note. The approval of the central government for creation of these posts will be sought by the National Authority as per the rules/guidelines issued by the Government of India from time to time. In the meantime, the National Authority may hire consultants/contractual staff on need basis.

Action Initiated: File moved for approval of hiring staff on contractual basis has been pended due to want of approval on creation of posts through approval of Ministry of Finance.

(B) Adoption of Delegation of Administrative and Financial Powers of MoEF&&CC

Introduction: The present proposal seeks approval of the Governing Body of the National Authority for adoption of the Delegation of Administrative and Financial Powers of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change in the office of the National Authority.

The Executive Committee of the National Authority in its third meeting, has empowered the CEO to make decisions regarding day to day management of the Authority. The management of affairs of the National Authority includes procurement of various items. The work of the Authority is growing everyday making it necessary that delegation of financial powers in the National Authority is finalised. Therefore, it is proposed to adopt the delegation of financial powers issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change in the National Authority.

Approval was requested for adoption of delegation of Administrative and Financial powers of the MOEF&CC in the National Authority.

Decision of the Governing Body: The Governing Body observed that delegation of administrative and financial powers of MoEF&CC is applicable to the National Authority as it has been created as a part of the Ministry.

Action Initiated: File is processed for approval of the competent authority.

Agenda Item No. 7: Any other matter with the permission of the chair.
