

**Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(National Authority)**

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**Dated the 06<sup>th</sup> July, 2020**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of the minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority held on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 at 1230 hours through video-conferencing under the Chairmanship of Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change for information and necessary action.

***Encl. As above.***

**Sd/-  
(Brijendra Swaroop)  
Dy. CEO  
National Authority**

**Distribution :**

1. Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India – Chairperson;
  2. Additional Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India – Member;
  3. Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife), Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Government of India – Member;
  4. Mission Director, National Mission for Green India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India – Member;
  5. Financial Adviser, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India – Member;
  6. Head of all Regional Offices of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India – Member;
  7. Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India – Member;
  8. Director IIFM, Bhopal.
  9. Chief Executive Officer of National Authority – Member Secretary;
  10. DIG, ROHQ, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India
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11. Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, Department of Forest, Jharkhand, Kerala, Chandigarh, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Gujarat.
  12. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Department of Forests Jharkhand, Kerala, Chandigarh, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Gujarat.

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority**

**Venue:** Through video conferencing

**Time:** 1200 hrs. onwards

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

**List of members and other participants who attended the meeting is attached.**

On behalf of CEO, National Authority (on leave), Joint CEO welcomed DGF&SS, the members of the Executive Committee and other participants present in the meeting. With the permission of the chair, the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

**PART I:**

**Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority.**

The minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority held on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 were confirmed.

**Agenda Item No.2: Confirmation of Action Taken Report of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority.**

The Executive Committee of the National Authority agreed that the detailed action taken report on the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority would be submitted in the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority.

**PART II: Annual Plan of Operations of different State Authorities**

The general observations of the Executive Committee made in its 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were reiterated for all the APOs considered in this meeting also as follows:

The Executive Committee decided that the approvals of APOs shall be subject to following conditions:

1. Prior to implementation of approved Annual Plan of Operations, the Executive Committee of the State Authority shall ensure that a certificate is available with them to the effect that the activities that are proposed to be taken up by them, are being taken up after due consultation with Gram Sabha and are as per provisions of FRA

2006; activities proposed in forest areas are in consonance with approved working plan; and activities proposed in protected areas (PAs) are in consonance with approved management plan. The Executive Committee of the State Authority will also ensure that there is no overlapping of activities with other schemes.

2. Compensating the loss of ecological services due to forest diversion for non-forestry purposes is the main objective of Compensatory Afforestation Fund. Regeneration and development of forests should, therefore, be given priority. Also, in the prevailing unprecedented circumstances of pandemic Covid 19, where loss of job and migration of labour is prevalent, more emphasis is to be given in APOs on creation of employment opportunities. Therefore, while implementing APOs, priority should be accorded to labour intensive activities for regeneration and development of forests.
3. Only 'Standalone' activities of State/UT Forest Fire Action Plan should be proposed in the Annual Plan of Operation.
4. The approved activities shall be carried out as per Rule 4 of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Rules, 2018 i.e. as per the provisions of the State/UT Financial Rules or any such rules applicable from time to time in the State.
5. The Executive Committee of the State Authority shall also ensure that proposed activities have adequate forward and backward linkages and are being taken up as per prevailing approved minimum wage rate, schedule of rates, model estimates etc. In future, the APOs that are sent to the National Authority for approval must be accompanied with rationale of activities proposed, information on approved minimum wage rate, schedule of rates, model estimates etc.
6. There should not be any reduction in allocation for forestry sector in the regular State/UT Budget due to flow of CAMPA funds to the States/UTs. In addition, the State Government/UT Administration shall also make timely and adequate budget provision as per approved APO for 2020-21 and release money so that activities approved under the APO could be implemented in time.
7. Works related to Eco-tourism and Eco-development are permissible only as per approved site-specific schemes.
8. As per Rule 5 (2) (g), only soil and moisture conservation work in forests are permissible. Soil and moisture conservation work should be carried out in an

integrated manner under watershed approach from “ridge to valley”. Construction of Dams, Stop Dam and ponds and their deepening are to be taken up only if they are a part of an integrated soil and moisture conservation plan of the catchment area.

9. Maintenance/Improvement of buildings/infrastructure created from regular State/UT budget (except activities permissible under 5(3)(d), CAF Rules, 2018) shall continue to be carried out from regular State budget
10. Engagement of manpower (regular, contractual, through outsourcing or daily wage including Data Entry Operators and drivers etc), capacity building of the personnel involved in utilization of State Fund, publicity-cum-awareness programme and exhibition on various schemes being implemented by the State Authority shall be done as per provisions of CAF Rules, 2018 only.
11. The proposed activities in the APO need to be rearranged at some places as per sub-rules of rule 5 and 6 of CAF Rules, 2018, wherever found inappropriate. The State Authority shall make necessary changes in the APO accordingly with the permission of the Executive Committee of the State Authority. In addition, any increase or reduction in the proportion of Rule 5(2) and 5(3) as well as Rule 6(a) and 6(b) will also need to be adjusted in the next APO.
12. The expenditure in respect of managing man-animal conflict such as payment of ex-Gratia, compensation for crop/property damages or damage to life on account of wild life and payment of reward to informers/helpers shall be paid from regular State budget.
13. Maintenance of computers and other peripherals shall be limited the equipment purchased from CAMPA funds;
14. Expenditure on items such as maintenance of vehicles and buildings purchased/constructed previously from CAMPA funds etc shall also be kept at the barest minimum, shall be for front-line staff only, and must relate directly to the attainment of objectives specified in CAF Act, 2016 and CAF Rules, 2018 i.e. primarily for regeneration of forests etc.
15. Purchase of vehicles shall be avoided. Instead, hiring of vehicles shall be the first option. Repair/ maintenance of vehicles shall be limited to the vehicles purchased from the CAMPA funds previously.

16.The Executive Committee of the State Authority shall ensure that there is no mixing of money with any other state scheme under implementation from any other budget as per Explanation 2 below Rule 5 of CAF Rules, 2018.

17.The State Authority shall ensure that adequate numbers of Geographical coordinates/Geo-tags of all the site-specific activities proposed in the Annual Plan of Operation are available. All the physical works undertaken under this APO shall be uploaded timely on the e-Green watch portal along-with photographs of the area before and after the execution of the work.

‘Measurable output’ of all physical activities and targets of each permissible activity along with period required for achieving the measurable output shall be monitored by the Executive Committee of the State Authority and the State Steering Committee of the State Authority.

**Agenda No. 3: Annual Plan of Operation (APO) for the year 2020-21 of Jharkhand State Authority**

The APO (2020-21) of Jharkhand State Authority with a proposed outlay of Rs 381.06 crore was received vide its letter no. 222 dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020 after the approval of the Steering Committee of the State Authority in its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020. The APO was placed before the Executive Committee for consideration. Issues related to APO were discussed with the Chief Executive Officer of the State Authority present in the meeting. The State Authority submitted its comments on the issues on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 and on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 through e-mail. After going through the clarifications, the Executive Committee approved the APO with an outlay of Rs 376.56 crore as activities related to “catchment treatment of Ganga” and “Others” are deferred. Component-wise details of approved APO are as under:

**Amount in Rs crore**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Major Activity</b>	<b>Proposed Amount</b>	<b>Approved Amount</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1.	Mandatory works as per Section 6(a), CAF Act, 2016	182.92	182.92	
	<b>Sub Total (1)</b>	<b>182.92</b>	<b>182.92</b>	
2.	<b>Activities as per Rule 5 of the CAF Rules, 2018</b>			
	I. Minimum	150.59	148.59	Catchment treatment of river Ganga

	80% NPV			amounting to Rs. 2.0 crores - details were not given, so this item was not considered. The strengthening of permanent nursery infrastructure was approved subject to furnishing of details of such activities. Executive Committee of the State Authority shall ensure that these activities are undertaken with proper planning.
	ii. Maximum 20% NPV	35.05	33.05	
	<b>Sub Total (2)</b>	<b>185.64</b>	<b>183.64</b>	
3.	<b>Activities as per Rule 6 of the CAF Rules, 2018</b>			
	i. Minimum 60% interest	8.20	8.20	
	ii. Maximum 40% interest	1.80	1.80	
	<b>Sub Total (3)</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	
	<b>Total (1+2+3)</b>	<b>378.56</b>	<b>376.56</b>	

#### Agenda No. 4: Annual Plan of Operation (APO) for the year 2020-21 of Chandigarh State Authority

The APO (2020-21) of Chandigarh State Authority with a proposed outlay of Rs 2.26 crore was received vide its letter no. FOR/2020/27 dated 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 after the approval of the Steering Committee of the State Authority in its meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. The APO was placed before the Executive Committee for consideration. It consists of activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016. The Executive Committee approved the APO with an outlay of Rs 2.26 as per following details:

**Amount in Rs crore**

Sr. No.	Major Activity	Proposed Amount	Approved Amount	Remarks
1.	Mandatory works as per Section 6(a), CAF Act, 2016	2.26	2.26	1. Form VI shall be provided as prescribed in the CAF Rules, 2018.  2. In future, the APO shall be

				provided as per format XII prescribed in the CAF Rules, 2018.
	<b>Total (1)</b>	<b>2.26</b>	<b>2.26</b>	

### Agenda No. 5: Annual Plan of Operation (APO) for the year 2020-21 of Kerala State Authority

The APO (2020-21) of Kerala State Authority with a proposed outlay of Rs 16.06 crore was received vide its letter no. FC5-5867/2019 dated 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 after the approval of the Steering Committee of the State Authority in its meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2020. Mandatory and time bound activities amounting to Rs 7.74 crore have already been approved through agenda item no. 14 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting of the National Authority held on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

The APO was placed before the Executive Committee for consideration. The Executive Committee approved the APO with an outlay of Rs 15.79 crore. Component-wise details of APO along with details of earlier approval are as under:

**Amount in Rs crore**

Sr. No.	Major Activity	Proposed Amount	Approved Amount in 6 <sup>th</sup> EC	Approved Amount in 7 <sup>th</sup> EC	Total Approved Amount	Remarks
1.	Mandatory works as per Section 6(a), CAF Act, 2016	0.87	0.87	0.00	0.87	
	<b>Sub Total (1)</b>	<b>0.87</b>	<b>0.87</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.87</b>	
2.	<b>Activities as per Rule 5 of the CAF Rules, 2018</b>					
	I. Minimum 80% NPV	11.03	6.46	4.57	11.03	Infrastructure to tribal settlements at the cost of Rs 27.50 lakhs not approved as no details given.
	ii. Maximum 20% NPV	3.27	0.00	3.00	3.00	
	<b>Sub Total (2)</b>	<b>14.30</b>	<b>6.46</b>	<b>7.57</b>	<b>14.03</b>	
3.	<b>Activities as</b>					

per Rule 6 of the CAF Rules, 2018					
i. Minimum 60% interest	0.41	0.41	0.00	0.41	
ii. Maximum 40% interest	0.48	0.00	0.48	0.48	
<b>Sub Total (3)</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>0.41</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>0.89</b>	
<b>Total (1+2+3)</b>	<b>16.06</b>	<b>7.74</b>	<b>8.06</b>	<b>15.79</b>	

### Agenda No. 6: Additional Annual Plan of Operation (APO) for the year 2020-21 of Uttar Pradesh State Authority

The Uttar Pradesh State Authority vide its letter no. 1710/2-37-2 dated 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 has submitted an additional APO for the year 2020-21 for Rs.342.00 crore in order to carry out additional NPV activities. CEO, Uttar Pradesh State Authority has certified that the additional APO has been approved by the Steering Committee of the State Authority by circulation. The additional APO is in addition to the APO for the year 2020-21 of the Authority with a proposed outlay of Rs 275 crore, which was approved by the Executive Committee of the National Authority in its 6<sup>th</sup> meeting for Rs 242.59 crore.

Uttar Pradesh is one of the six States, wherein Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyan (GKRA) is under implementation from 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 to Oct, 2020. It was decided to consider additional APOs from those six States so as to provide additional employment during this period primarily from activities such as afforestation/ reforestation and regeneration, etc. Upon examination of the additional APO of Uttar Pradesh, it was noted that various activities proposed in the additional APO were not grouped properly as per provisions under different sub-rules. Invariably the component of the proposed APO under a particular sub-rule included such activities that need to be proposed under other sub-rules. It was further observed that the focus of the submitted additional APO of Uttar Pradesh is apparently more on development of infrastructure. In addition, many activities are not permissible under CAF Rules, 2018. The APO was placed before the Executive Committee for consideration. Issues related to APO were discussed with the Chief Executive Officer of the State Authority present in the meeting. It was finally decided that the CEO of State Authority, if needed, will consult with Jt. CEO of National Authority and thereafter resubmit the APO with necessary approval of the State Steering Committee after recasting it.

The deferred items of the APO taken up in the last meeting of the Executive



Committee were discussed as additional agenda items.

### Agenda No. 7: Annual Plan of Operation (APO) for the year 2020-21 of Gujarat State

#### Authority

The APO (2020-21) of Gujarat State Authority with a proposed outlay of Rs 250.00 crore was received vide its letter no. FCA/31/A/79/2020-21 dated 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020. CEO, State Authority has informed that the Steering Committee of the State Authority approved the APO on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020 by circulation, however no proof of the same was found enclosed. The revised APO for 2019-20 was also not received as per the decision taken on the APO in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the EC of the National Authority. The APO was placed before the Executive Committee for consideration. Issues related to APO were discussed with the Chief Executive Officer of the State Authority present in the meeting. The State Authority submitted its comments on the issues on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 through e-mail. After going through the clarifications, the Executive Committee approved the APO with an outlay of Rs 240.69 crores. The decision in respect of activities amounting to Rs 9.31 crore was differed due to lack of details/information. Component-wise details of approved APO are as under:

**Amount in Rs crore**

Sr. No.	Major Activity	Proposed Amount	Approved Amount	Remarks
1.	Mandatory works as per Section 6(a), CAF Act, 2016	50.20	50.20	
	<b>Sub Total (1)</b>	<b>50.20</b>	<b>50.20</b>	
2.	<b>Activities as per Rule 5 of the CAF Rules, 2018</b>			
	i. Minimum 80% NPV	160.96	152.65	Decision deferred in respect of following activities due to want of information
	ii. Maximum 20% NPV	37.84	36.84	
				1. Purchase of equipment of Rs 0.49 crore. 2. Location and ownership details of planting in non-forest land to rejuvenate wildlife corridors of Rs 7.82 crores 3. Purchase/maintenance of communication and information technology related equipment of Rs 1.00 crore.

	<b>Sub Total (2)</b>	<b>198.80</b>	<b>189.49</b>	
3.	<b>Activities as per Rule 6 of the CAF Rules, 2018</b>			
	i. Minimum 60% interest	1.00	1.00	
	ii. Maximum 40% interest	0.00	0.00	
	<b>Sub Total (3)</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	
	<b>Total (1+2+3)</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>240.69</b>	

**Agenda No. 8: Annual Plan of Operation (APO) for the year 2020-21 of Telangana**

The APO (2020-21) of Telangana State Authority with a proposed outlay of Rs 603.00 crore was received vide its letter no. 18595/2019/CAMPA, dated 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 through email after the approval of the Steering Committee of the State Authority in its meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2020. Due to paucity of time the APO was examined partially and placed before the Executive Committee for consideration. Issues related to APO were discussed with the PCCF (HOFF) and activities with an outlay of Rs 432.60 crore were approved. Component-wise details of approved APO are as under:

Sr. No.	Major Activity	Proposed Amount	Approved Amount	Remarks
1.	Mandatory works as per Section 6(a), CAF Act, 2016	183.25	183.25	
	<b>Sub Total (1)</b>	<b>183.25</b>	<b>183.25</b>	
2.	<b>Activities as per Rule 5(2) of the CAF Rules, 2018</b>			
	Assisted Natural Regeneration (a)	59.22	58.96	In the APO sheet the amount given is Rs 58.96 crore
	Artificial Regeneration (b)	48.51	48.51	
	Silvicultural Operations in Forests (c)	34.03	34.03	
	Soil and Moisture Conservation Works in the Forests (g)	42.19	42.19	This includes water harvesting structures worth Rs 32.90 crore, which are allowed only if they are a part of an Integrated soil and moisture conservation plan of the watershed in a ridge to valley approach.
	Improvement of Wildlife as prescribed in the Approved Wildlife Management Plan/Working Plan (i)	22.65	18.99	Boundary & demarcation, water & SMC, saucer pits etc, weed management, Improvement of tree cover, Grass Land Management approved. Activities related to human-wildlife conflict and payment of Ex Gratia etc not allowed.
	<b>Sub Total (2)</b>	<b>206.60</b>	<b>202.68</b>	
3.	<b>Activities as per Rule 5(3) of the CAF Rules, 2018</b>			
	Construction, gradation and maintenance of (d)	39.46	8.48	Gap planting is not permissible under the sub rule.

	inspection paths, forest roads in forest area, fire lines, watchtowers, check posts, timber depots etc.			
	Construction of residential and official buildings in forests for concerned staffs up to the rank of Range Officers deployed for protection of forest and wildlife	33.57	31.88	Construction of FRO hostel building differed
	Independent Concurrent monitoring and evaluation and third-party monitoring of various works	5(3)5.25	2.13	The proposed outlay includes payment to Auditors (permissible under Rule 6) and internal monitoring by different offices of SFDs (Not permissible)
	Forest certification and development of certification standards	0.15	0.15	
	<b>Sub Total (3)</b>	<b>48.43</b>	<b>42.64</b>	
3.	<b>Activities as per Rule 6(a) of the CAF Rules, 2018</b>			
	Disbursement of Salary and allowances of members and staff, both regular and contractual, of the State Authority (Remuneration to the out sourcing staff of State CAMPA Authority)	2.13	2.13	It includes salary of 65 outsourced employees. Chairman, the Executive Committee of the State Authority to ensure that the number of the employees of the State Authority is justified and they are employed following the due rules and procedures of the State Government
	Disbursement of Sitting fees and allowances to nominated members of State Authority	0.10	0.10	
	<b>Sub Total (4)</b>	<b>2.23</b>	<b>2.23</b>	

Activities as per Rule 6(a) of the CAF Rules, 2018				
Management of Office expenses, maintenance of office building		0.63	0.63	
Management of Office expenses, Miscellaneous Office Expenses		0.81	0.81	
Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance for the State Authority		0.25	0.25	
Hiring of staff cars for use of officers and officials of State Authority		0.11	0.11	
<b>Sub Total (5)</b>		<b>1.80</b>	<b>1.80</b>	
<b>Total (1+2+3+4+5)</b>		<b>442.31</b>	<b>432.60</b>	

**PART III: Schemes under Section 5(b) (iii) of CAF Act, 2016**

**Agenda No.9: Research proposals of Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal**

Seven proposals received from Director, IIFM after the recommendation of RT Division, MoEF&CC under Section 5(b)(iii) of CAF Act, 2026 were discussed in the meeting.

**Decision: The Executive Committee of the National Authority desired that it may be first examined whether each of the above proposals fit in to the category of “specific scheme” as defined in Section 5(b)(iii) of CAF Act, 2026. The decision on the proposals were deferred till then.**

**Agenda No.10: The Scheme Nagar Van Yojana -2020**

The scheme was submitted by NAEB, MoEF&CC and envisages creating Nagar Van/ Urban Forest in Cities having Municipal Corporation/Municipality for providing

wholesome healthy living environment for the residents and thus contributing to growth of clean, green, healthy and sustainable cities.

The overall objectives of the scheme are:

- to conserve urban biodiversity with a renewed focus on people's participation and collaboration between Forest Department, Municipal bodies, NGOs, Corporates and local citizens
- to provide health benefits to residents of the city
- to create green space and aesthetic environment
- to generate awareness about plants and biodiversity among the young students and
- Most importantly to contribute to mitigation of air pollution, noise pollution, increased water harvesting and reduction of heat islands effect.

The Salient features of the Nagar Van Yojana Scheme are as under:

- Proposed implementation Period is five Years (2020-21 to 2024-25).
- The scheme aims at developing 200 Nagar Van/Urban Forests across the country in cities having Municipal Corporation or Municipalities.
- Nagar Van / Urban Forest may be developed over a minimum area of 10 ha and a maximum of 50 ha, primarily on forest land within the limits of municipalities or on its immediate fringes which are getting affected/ degraded and face the threat of encroachment.
- The scheme aims to be implemented on collaborative mode with the involvement of Forest/other departments, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Civil Societies, Industry etc. in planning, implementation and management of Nagar Van /Urban Forest.
- A one-time development and non-recurring grant to a maximum extent of Rs. 2.0 crores will be provided to the implementing agency. Balance cost is to be met by the implementing agency from its own resources.
- The above grant shall be provided to State Forest Development Agency (SFDA), and the SFDA shall further release the funds to implementing agency.
- The grant proposed to be released in two instalments, first 70% of the sanctioned amount after the approval of the project by the National Authority and remaining second instalment after 60% of utilization of the first instalment.
- The grant would cover the cost of: fencing, Water conservation, Administration and maintenance of plantation

- NGOs, Corporate bodies, Industries, Civil Societies, will also be involved and contribute for developing other components, like plantation, composting, landscaping, public convenience, signage, Jogging Track, Nature trail/ Footpath, Benches etc.
- NAEB, MoEF&CC will be the Nodal Division for implementation of the scheme at the National level. A Project Management Unit (PMU) will be set up in NAEB for coordinating, monitoring and publicity of the Scheme.
- The implementing agency may submit the detailed proposal to NAEB through State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) under State Forest Department (SFD).
- Implementation of the scheme and its monitoring at State level would be the responsibility of the SFDA. SFDA will also be provided grant for evaluation and monitoring and overhead expenses. Quarterly progress report and comprehensive annual report of all activities, accompanied with photos, every year will be submitted by implementing agency.

The tentative cost of NVY (2020-21 to 2024-25) is Rs.415.00 crore (annual requirement of funds to be about Rs.83.00 crores).

**Decision: The Executive Committee of the National Authority recommended the scheme of Nagar Van Yojana-2020 submitted by NAEB under Section 5(b) (iii) of CAF Act, 2016 for the approval of the Governing Body of the National Authority as per Section 14(1) (iv) of the CAF Act, 2016.**

#### **PART IV: Additional Item with the permission of Chair**

##### **Agenda No.10: Discussion on deferred activity “Man-animal conflict reduction” included in the APO for the year 2020-21 of Uttar Pradesh**

Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttar Pradesh sought the approval of proposed activity “Man-animal conflict reduction” included in the previous APO of Uttar Pradesh for the year 2020-21. He informed that very large part of the State is facing serious challenge on day to day basis on account of this conflict, but shortage of cages, ropes etc are making things difficult as the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EC deferred the approval. CWLW, UP emphasised that it is urgent that all the activities proposed in the APO should be sanctioned immediately. CEO, State Authority put forth his view that every effort has been made to put possible detail in respect of deferred activities amounting to Rs 32.41 crore of the APO, and he requested these to be approved in the current meeting itself. Joint CEO, National Authority clarified, however,

that the activities regarding which approval was deferred either lacked details or were not permissible in the sub-rule they were proposed. In respect of "Man-animal conflict reduction", it was informed that an outlay of Rs 13.90 crore was included without any detail and the details submitted by subsequent letters only informed a lumpsum distribution of fund to different divisions including Kanpur Zoological Garden. He informed that the matter could not be included in the current meeting because of time-constraint. It was finally decided that the matter would be considered in the next meeting of the Executive Committee, and in meantime the necessary recasting along with details will be provided by CEO, State Authority, UP on the highest priority basis, keeping in view that the proposal has to conform to the relevant Rules.

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