

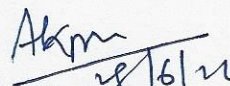
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Dated 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority held on **07<sup>th</sup> June 2021**, at 1100 hrs 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.

  
(A K Prabhakar)  
**Deputy Chief Executive Officer,**  
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1. PPS to Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, MoEF&CC, GoI;
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4. PPS to ADGF (Wildlife), MoEF&CC, GoI;
5. PS to CEO, NA, MoEF&CC, GoI;
6. PPS to Mission Director, National Mission for a Green India, MoEF&CC, GoI;
7. Head of Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Chandigarh/Dehradun/Lucknow/Ranchi/Bhubaneswar/Shillong/Chennai/Bengaluru/Nagpur/Bhopal/Jaipur/Kolkata/GandhiNagar/Raipur/Guwahati/Vijayawada/Hyderabad/Jammu/Shimla.
8. IG (FC), MoEF&CC, GoI.

**Copy for information to:**

1. The PCCFs & HoFFs (All States/UTs)
2. The CEOs, State CAMPA (All States/UTs)

3. IGF (Survey & Utilization/Forest Protection/Forest Policy/Wildlife/National Afforestation & Eco-development Board), MoEF&CC, GoI;
4. DIG (RT/ROHQ), MoEF&CC, GoI;
5. Sr. Technical Director, NIC, MoEF&CC with a request to arrange for video conferencing at the stipulated date and time;
6. Consultant IT/US-IT.

**Minutes of the Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee of National Authority held on 07.06.2022 at 11.00 AM under the chairpersonship of Director General of Forests and Special Secretary , MoEFCC, New Delhi**

The 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority (EC) was held on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 at 11.00 AM under the Chairmanship of Director General of Forests and Special Secretary (DGF&SS), MoEFCC through video conferencing. The list of EC members and other participants who attended the meeting is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

DGF&SS welcomed the EC members and other participants present in the meeting. Thereafter, with his permission, the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

**Agenda Item No. 1**

**Confirmation of Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EC:**

The minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of EC held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 were confirmed.

**Agenda Item No. 2**

**Confirmation of Action Taken Report on 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EC:**

The Action Taken Report on the decisions of 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority were perused and noted. The Committee expressed its satisfaction over issue of sanction orders to 14 States/UTs and directed to issue remaining sanction orders at the earliest.

**Agenda Item No. 3 to 10 and 15**

**Approval of Annual Plans of Operation 2021-2022**

The EC was informed that APOs for the FY 2021-22 from 8 states, namely Gujarat, Jharkhand, Kerala, Maharashtra, Manipur, Punjab, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh, besides an Additional APO and a Supplementary APO of UT of Jammu & Kashmir were received after 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2021. It was clarified that due to paucity of time, only partial examination of APOs was possible. With regard to APOs of three States, following was the observations:

**Gujarat:** The soil and moisture conservation works, namely river rejuvenation, catchment treatment of Narmada and Sabarmati river etc. under rule 5(2)(g) should not be taken up outside the forest land. Details be provided regarding the same.



**Jharkhand:** Wherever lump sum amount has been sought against an activity, details to be provided and approval shall be accorded as per actual and admissible.

**Punjab:** An amount of Rs. 13.37 crore proposed for patrolling, protection and monitoring related equipment under the site specific activities appeared on the higher side and needs to be carefully reviewed by the State Executive Committee and reduced accordingly.

Finally, the EC agreed to grant approval of the APOs for carrying out plantation and other time bound activities in the manner agreed to in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> meetings held on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 and 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 respectively subject to condition that the sanction orders would be issued after their thorough scrutiny of the APOs. The activities approved are mentioned below:

**a. Site-specific activities (Condition Compliance)**

Compensatory Afforestation (CA), Additional CA, penal CA, Catchment Area Treatment Plan and any other site-specific scheme submitted by the state along with approved proposals for diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 referred to in section 6 (a) of the CAF Act.

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

1. All activities related to Assisted Natural Regeneration as per rule 5(2)(a)/Artificial Regeneration as per rule 5(2)(b)/ Silvicultural Operations as per rule 5(2)(c)/ Soil and Moisture Conservation Works in Forests as per rule 5(2)(g)/ Improvement of Availability of Food, Water and Shelter for Wildlife Habitat as per management plan as per rule 5(2)(i).
2. Nursery works for the above activities.
3. Forest Fire Prevention and Control Operations as per rule 5(2)(f).
4. Maintenance of Modern Nurseries and other Planting Stock Facilities for production of quality planting materials as per rule 5(3)(a).
5. Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist local staff of the State Forest Department for protection of forest and wildlife undertaken from the State Fund as per Rule 5(3)(f) subject to the limit of 25% of total cost under the activity. These will be standalone and monitor-able items of work, and there shall be no mixing of fund for the same work.



6. Independent Concurrent Monitoring and Evaluation and Third-Party Monitoring of various works undertaken from State fund as per rule 5(3)(h). For this purpose, the State/UT shall engage agency/agencies which are working independently; not the local NGOs/Organisations attached/working with the Forest department.
7. Production and distribution of quality planting material through certified nurseries at subsidized price for promoting of trees outside forest on Government lands as per rule 5(3)(j)

#### **Activities as per Rule 6 of CAF Rules, 2018**

1. For disbursement of salary and allowances of members and staffs, both regular and contractual [Rule 6(a)(iv) and 6(a)(v)],
2. Management of office establishment, and hiring of vehicles for State Authority [Rule 6(b)(i) and 6(b)(iii)].

The Supplementary APO of UT of Jammu & Kashmir was also approved.

#### **Agenda Item No.11**

##### **Establishment of Centre of Excellence on Forest Fire (CoEFF)**

The EC considered the proposal submitted by ICFRE, Dehradun at an estimated cost of Rs. 22.31 crore under section 15(1)(ii) of CAF Act, 2016. The proposal has been recommended by the Forest Protection Division, MoEF&CC for funding from National Fund. The centre will provide leadership for deriving global solutions to issues related to forest fires across the world and aims to excel in prevention, detection & suppression and post fire management including assessment of losses & restoration by providing leadership, best practices, research and support and to serve as "think tank" for MOEF&CC, Government of India. The Centre will be established at ICFRE as a collaborative project in partnership with Forest Survey of India, Forest Research Institute and Directorate of Forest Education in a project mode.

The matter was carefully considered. It was pointed out that Establishing a Centre of Excellence would require approval of Department of Expenditure (DOE) as the future liabilities of establishment/employees may pass on to the Ministry's budgetary allocation. However, as no additional infrastructure or institutional set up will be created under the scheme it was decided to



rename the Centre as "National Collaborative Scheme on Forest Fire Management". Thus, approval of DoE may not be desirable.

Finally, it was decided to recommend the proposal for the approval of the Governing Body of the National Authority as per provisions contained in sub-section 14(1)(iv) of the CAF Act, 2016 subject to following conditions:

- i. The project will be named as "National Collaborative Scheme on Forest Fire Management"
- ii. Monitoring the implementation and progress shall be the responsibility of the Forest Protection Division of MoEF&CC.

#### **Agenda Item No.12**

##### **Pilot project on "Forest for Food Security and Nutrition"**

The EC considered the proposal submitted by the Research and Training Division, MoEF&CC at an estimated cost of Rs.45.55 crore under section 15(1)(ii) of CAF Act, 2016 for funding from National Fund. The project will be implemented in the states of Jharkhand, Odisha and Madhya Pradesh. Out of Rs.45.55 crore, Rs.40.35 crore is proposed for funding from National Fund and the remaining from WFP India and other ministries like Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Tribal Affairs through TRIFED. The overall outcome of the pilot project will be improved understanding and building capacity of Forest Department on forest management/development technologies for, and, the increase in food and nutritional forest products for the forest-fringe communities, in addition to other attendant ecological services.

The EC recommended the proposal for the approval of the Governing Body of the National Authority as per provisions contained in sub-section 14(1)(iv) of the CAF Act, 2016 subject to following conditions:

- i. The Research & Training Division will get confirmation in regard to convergence and funding from the line Ministries in respect of specific components to be implemented by them under the project
- ii. Monitoring the implementation and progress shall be the responsibility of the Research & Training Division of MoEF&CC.



**Agenda Item No.13**

**Pilot Project on Enhancement of Water Yield and Water Quality through  
Vegetative and Soil-Moisture Conservation Measures**

The EC considered the proposal submitted by ICFRE, Dehradun at an estimated cost of Rs. 90.00 crore under section 15(1)(ii) of CAF Act, 2016. The proposal has been recommended by the NAEB, MoEF&CC for funding from National Fund. The project will be implemented in collaboration with TERI, New Delhi and covers degraded watersheds of 6 states, namely Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Telangana and Uttarakhand. The objective of the project will be to quantify the morphometric characteristics and prioritization of watershed, to restore the degraded watershed and to enhance both water yield and water quality (surface and ground water) through vegetative and soil/ water conservation measures that also minimise such substances/organisms that reduce the potability of water in the water bodies in the watershed as per the BIS Drinking Water Standards. The overall outcome of the pilot project will be improved understanding and building capacity of Forest Department on forest management/ development technologies for, and, the increase in the availability of drinking water for the forest-fringe communities, in addition to other attendant ecological services.

The EC recommended the proposal for the approval of the Governing Body of the National Authority as per provisions contained in sub-section 14(1)(iv) of the CAF Act, 2016 subject to condition that monitoring the implementation and progress shall be the responsibility of the NAEB.

**Agenda Item No.14**

**Preparation of DPR with LiDAR Survey for One Pilot Watershed in Forest Area of  
Each State/UT**

The EC of the NA considered the Pilot project on "Preparation of DPR with LiDAR Survey for One Pilot Watershed in Forest Area of Each State/UT" under section 15(1)(ii) of CAF Act, 2016. The project is under implementation and an agreement has been signed with WAPCOS, a PSU under the aegis of Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India on 16.07.2020 at a cost of Rs.18,38,00,000/-(excluding GST and other applicable taxes) for an area of 2400 Sq. Km. The agreement has been signed after the concurrence of IFD and approval of Hon'ble Minister



EFCC, and Chairman of Governing body of National CAMPA. The NAEB, MoEF&CC, with the participation of State Forest Departments has identified one major ridge inside a forest block in 26 States/UTs with average area of 10,000 ha for preparation of Detailed Project Report for planning and identifying locations and structures for construction of appropriate and feasible micro soil and water conservation structures consistent with site specific geography, topography and soil characteristics and in accordance with the 'Ridge to Valley' approach of watershed management. This is being done using LiDAR technology with which the 3-D (three dimensional) DEM (Digital Elevation Model), imagery and layers of the project areas will be prepared. The LiDAR produced data will be processed by using cutting edge tools and technologies and the DPRs will be prepared.

The EC recommended the proposal for the ex-post-facto approval of the Governing Body of the National Authority as per provisions contained in sub-section 14(1)(iv) of the CAF Act, 2016 subject to condition that monitoring the implementation and progress shall be the responsibility of the NAEB.

#### **Agenda Item No.15**

#### **Demarcation, Survey and Geo-referencing of Forest Boundary using DGPS in Pilot Areas**

The EC considered the proposal submitted by FSI, Dehradun at an estimated cost of Rs. 94 lakh under section 15(1)(ii) of CAF Act, 2016. The proposal has been recommended by the Forest Protection Division, MoEF&CC for funding from National Fund. The aim is to develop Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and a Web portal (GIS-based) for monitoring progress of Geo-referencing of forest lands in different States/UTs and will be implemented on pilot basis in the state of Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Meghalaya, Madhya Pradesh and Tripura.

The EC recommended the proposal for the approval of the Governing Body of the National Authority as per provisions contained in sub-section 14(1)(iv) of the CAF Act, 2016 subject to condition that monitoring the implementation and progress shall be the responsibility of the Survey & Utilisation Division of MoEF&CC.





**Agenda Item No.16**

**Any other matter with the permission of the Chair**


(1) The EC deliberated on common issues/concerns of National Authority and flagged following points for strict compliance by States/UTs and compulsory inclusion of their details in the APOs as a separate chapter shall be a precondition for approval of the APOs in future:

- i. Uploading of correct KML files and geo-coordinates of all afforestation and other major works carried out on e-GreenWatch.
- ii. Completing monitoring and evaluation (both routine monitoring and third-party monitoring) of works undertaken and action taken on the recommendations.
- iii. Laying down Annual Report and Audit Report of State Authority up to the year 2020 before the State Legislature.

(2) With regard to the APOs of 2021-22 of all States, the EC of the State Authorities shall ensure that uploading of the correct KML files and geo-coordinates of afforestation and major works undertaken during the year 2020-21 along with their photographs (before plantation and after plantation, and thereafter annually) has been completed, before they release funds to the respective implementing agencies henceforth in 2021-22. Further, the evidence of commissioning of Third Party monitoring of works undertaken during 2019-20 at the least should be submitted to the National Authority along with Monthly Account Statement of the month of September 2021 (Form-VII, Rule 37 of CAF Rules 2019). The CEO of National Authority shall convey these two decisions regarding uploading of polygons and Third Party Monitoring to all State Authorities immediately and monitor their compliance.

(3) The EC issued following guidance to CEO, National Authority:

- i. To seek proposals from States/UTs with regard to facilitating scientific, technological and other assistance that may be required by State Authorities.
- ii. To immediately submit proposal for appointment of necessary staff for smooth functioning of the National Authority to the competent authority in view of shortage of staff, and also take necessary steps for creation of posts as per Section 15(1)(v) of the CAF Act 2016.
- iii. To issue sanction letters for the approved APOs only after their thorough examination.



- iv. To place balance activities of the APOs for approval in the next meeting.
- v. To collate State-wise information on backlog plantation and their plans to complete the backlog work in next two years.
- vi. To commission a national level sample study for evaluation of works undertaken with Ad-hoc CAMPA/ CAMPA funds so far.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

#### Annexure-I

#### List of members who attended the 13<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting

Sl. No.	Name of Officer	Designation	Name of State
1	Shri Sanjay Kumar	DG Forests & Special secretary	MoEFCC
2	Shri Praveen Garg	Special Secretary & FA	MoEFCC
3	Shri Pankaj Asthana	CEO, CAMPA, National Authority	MoEFCC
4	Shri. Sanjay Kumar Ojha	Jt. CEO, CAMPA	MoEFCC
5	Shri A S Rawat	DG ICFRE, Dehradun	MoEFCC
6	Shri Bivash Ranjan	DDG	IRO, Bhopal
7	Shri Subrat Mohapatra	DDG	IRO, Ranchi
8	Shri Vidya Bhushan Kumar	PCCF & HoFF	Punjab
9	Shri M L Srivastava	PCCF & HoFF	Sikkim
10	Shri Lokesh Jayswal	PCCF, CAMPA	Telangana
11	Dr. Jaipal Singh	CEO CAMPA	Gujarat
12	Smt. Uma Nanduri	CEO CAMPA	Odisha
13	Smt. Shikha Mehra	CEO CAMPA	Rajasthan
14	Shri Pankaj Goel	CEO CAMPA	Haryana
15	Shri Sanjay Srivastav	CEO CAMPA	Jharkhand
16	Shri Jaber Suhag	CEO CAMPA	Uttarakhand
17	Shri Lokesh Jayswal	CEO CAMPA	Telangana

18	Shri S. A. Nongsiej	CEO CAMPA	Meghalaya
19	Mrs. Soreiphy Vashum	CEO CAMPA	Manipur
20	Shri S. G. Themburnikar	CEO CAMPA	Maharashtra
21	Shri Rajesh Ravindra	CEO CAMPA	Kerala
22	Shri Jerome Minz	Director, IFD	MoEFCC
23	Shri Sarvesh Rai	CEO CAMPA	J& K(UT)
24	Shri. A K Prabhakar	Dy CEO CAMPA	MoEFCC
25	Smt. Ajeeta Longjam	AIG, CAMPA	MoEFCC
26	Dr. Manjunatha M	Consultant (F&W) CAMPA	MoEFCC
27	Dr. Kumarsukhadeo Prakash Gadekar	Consultant (F&W) CAMPA	MoEFCC