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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority.
(National Authority)

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Dated: 10th November, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Please find enclosed the minutes of 25th Meeting of the **Executive Committee of the National Authority** held on 02.11.2023 under the Chairmanship of Director General of Forests & Special Secretary for information and necessary action.

Encl:

1. Minutes of the 25th Meeting



(V.L. Roui Kullai)
Deputy Chief Executive Officer
National Authority.

Distribution:

1. The Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, MoEF&CC- Chairman, Executive Committee of National Authority
2. Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, MoEF&CC, Member;
3. Additional Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEF&CC, Member;
4. Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife), MoEF&CC, Member;
5. Additional Director General of Forests, NTCA, MoEF&CC, Special Invitee
6. Mission Director, National Mission of Green India, MoEF&CC, Member;
7. Inspector General of Forests, FC Division, MoEF&CC, Member;
8. Shri Anil Kumar Ganeriwala, Expert Member of the Executive Committee
9. Shri Ashwani Kumar, Expert Member of Executive Committee
10. Shri Girish Kuber, Expert Member of Executive Committee.
11. Shri Kailash Chandra Sharma, Expert Member of Executive Committee
12. Concerned Head of Integrated Regional Officers (IROs), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, Member;
13. The PCCF & HoFFs States of Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Mizoram, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Telangana, West Bengal, Uttarakhand.
14. The CEOs of State CAMPA of Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Mizoram, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Telangana, West Bengal, Uttarakhand.

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1. The DIG (RT/ROHQ), MoEF&CC, GoI.

THE MINUTES OF THE 25TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY

The 25th meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of the National Authority was held in Krishna Conference Room, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi on 2nd November, 2023 under the chairmanship of the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary (DGF&SS), MoEF&CC, and Chairman, Executive Committee of the National Authority. The list of members and other participants is attached at **Annexure I**.

2. The proceedings of the meeting are given hereunder:

General Discussion and Directions of Executive Committee:

- 1) The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), National Authority and Member Secretary, EC welcomed DGF&SS, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, the members and officers present in the meeting. He extended warm welcome to the IROs and other officers who attended the meeting.
- 2) The DGF&SS welcomed all members and officers present in the meeting.
- 3) The CEO, National Authority apprised all the members present in the meeting that National Authority is in the process of development of digital Annual Plan of Operation (APO) which is under trial for the proposals of approval for smooth and quick approvals from National Authority
- 4) On the two proposed schemes for support from the National Fund for which approval of HMEF&CC has been obtained, the Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, MoEF&CC mentioned that:
 - i. Rehabilitation and retrofitting of FRI Heritage building has a similar proposal for funding support from Government of India. He suggested that FRI should either get financial support from the national CAMPA or from GoI.
 - ii. There appears to be two PMUs working on Green Credit Scheme. A PMU is supported from CAMPA funds and implemented by ICFRE on the proposal of HSM Division. Another PMU is functioning from GoI funds in which E & Y is associated. Whether both PMUs are same or different needs to be clarified by the concerned Program (HSM) Division(s).
- 5) AS&FA further informed the executive committee that under the CSS Project Tiger, the Government of India has allotted Rs. 490 crore initially, out of which only Rs. 63 crore had been released till date and Rs. 90 crore in the SNA accounts of the State Authorities is lying unutilized. The major reason of non-utilisation of Central Sponsored Schemes of Project Tiger and Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat is that the State APOs are not proposed timely for approval of the Ministry. Considering the severity of the situation, the Finance Ministry has deducted Rs. 150 crore from the sanctioned amount



of the CSS of Project Tiger. AS&FA advised State/ UT Forest Departments to utilize CSS to the maximum possible extent and accordingly reduce their dependence on CAMPA funds for forestry and wildlife activities.

- 6) The DGF&SS raised the concern on the huge backlog of area of compensatory afforestation in Arunachal Pradesh and also in other States. He urged States to notify compensatory afforestation as protected/ reserved forests at the earliest.
- 7) DGF & SS directed the PCCF & HoFF of Arunachal Pradesh to reconcile the project-wise Compensatory Afforestation against each proposal of forest Land diversion since 1980 within 15 days. The State should work out project wise compensatory levies collected at the time of diversion and whether the same amount is considered while proposing for taking afforestation in the present APO and must clarify how much is the gap amount for carrying out CA and other mandatory activities. Any additional funds if required must be provided from the interest accrued.
- 8) The DGF&SS directed all Heads of Integrated Regional Offices to complete the reconciliation of compensatory afforestation data against each proposal of forest land diversion since 1980 and inform the National Authority at the earliest. It is to be noted that only Karnataka and Rajasthan have submitted the CA data reconciled against each forest land diversion since 1980 which are yet to be vetted by IRO Bengaluru and Jaipur.
- 9) Further, DGF&SS clarified that vehicles for operational requirements of field forest officials can be purchased if there is a provision under the cost of CA or other mandatory activities.
- 10) DGF &SS further mentioned that the cost of CA and other CAMPA activities were realised from the user agencies as per the then prevailing scheduled rates. Since cost of wages and materials increases over the period of implementation of CAMPA activities, the increased cost due to enhancement of rates is to be adjusted from the interest component of the State CAMPA funds. Hence, the interest component is very important as per the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018 and should not be used for carrying out CAMPA activities and paying wages. He asked the State Forest Departments to take up with the concerned State Governments for deposit of annual interest accrued on State CAMPA funds which is provided in the CAF Act, 2016.



PART A: General

3.1 AGENDA ITEM NO 1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 24TH MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL AUTHORITY

The Executive Committee confirmed the minutes of 24th meeting of EC held on 31.08.2023.

3.2 AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON 24TH MEETING OF THE EC:

The CEO, NA, CAMPA presented the action taken report on the decision of the 23rd Executive Committee before the EC. The Action Taken Report on the decision of the 23rd meeting of the EC of the National Authority was perused and noted by the Executive Committee.

PART B- APPROVAL OF STATES ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATIONS 2023-24

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION (APO) OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE CAMPA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24:

1. Date of Receipt in National Authority : 31.08.2023
2. Date of approval of EC of State / UT : 27.07.2023
3. Date of approval of the Steering Committee : 24.08.2023
4. Total Amount / Outlay proposed : Rs. 192.2031 crore
5. Amount approved by the National Authority: Rs. 189.14 crore
6. Fund status with the State/UT along with outlay proposed

(Rs. in Crore)

S. No.	CAMPA Activity	Fund Available with the State / UT	
		Fund Available with State/UT	Outlay Proposed
1	Mandatory Activity		
	CA/PCA/Additional CA	292.7836633	70.0684
	Catchment Area Treatment Plan	119.77316	20.144
	Integrated Wildlife Management Plan	19.39767	6.0638
	Others		
2	Net Present Value	927.309671	92.04679
3	Interest	49.836933	3.88
4	Other Components		—
	Total	1409.101	192.2031

6. Status of Compensatory Afforestation

(Area in Ha)

Afforestation required as per site specific scheme submitted along with approved proposal for diversion of forest land under FC Act, 1980 till 02.02.2022S	Afforestation carried out in the State as per site specific scheme till 2022-23	Afforestation to be carried out 2023-24	Afforestation carried out percentage	Total Balance upto 2024-25
(CA+PCA)	(CA+PCA)	(CA+PCA)	(CA+PCA)	(CA+PCA)
41366.07	36606.67	1737.14	88.50%	4759.40

7. Balance afforestation Status

(Area in Ha)

Balance Afforestation required as per FC Act (in ha)	Balance Afforestation to be completed in Financial Year (in Ha)		
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
4759.40	1737.14	1813.356	1208.904

8. Details of APO are as under

(Area in ha & Rs. in crore)

Sl. No	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Remarks
			Phy.Target	Fin.Target	
1 Site-specific activities as per Section 6 (a) of the CAF Act, 2016					
	Mandatory Activity	Compensatory Afforestation			
		i. Advance work	1737.14	3.72	Approved with the remark that clarity on the proposed year and the user agency fund is requested. Balance money is to be adjusted from the interest amount due to increase of rates in subsequent years. The State CAMPA is requested to furnish details within 15 days.
		ii. Creation of plantation work	3001.348	21.06	Approved
		iii. Maintenance of existing/older plantation	28794.81	43.29	Approved subject to discrepancy in change of rates and reconciliation of CA land since 1980 is requested to be furnished within 15 days by State CAMPA to National Authority.
		iv. Monitoring & Supervision	LS	2.00	Approved
		Catchment Area Treatment Plan			
		Afforestation: Creation of Plantation (1000 Ha)	1000 ha.	12.60	Approved
		Maintenance of Plantation. (6000 Ha)	6000 ha.		
		Enrichment of Plantation: Creation of Plantation including nursery (200 Ha)	200 Ha	0.81	
		Maintenance of Plantation – 2nd year & 3rd year operation. (1200 Ha)	1200 ha.		
		Distribution of seedling (100 ha. each year)	100 ha. each year	0.10	Approved Number of seedlings required to be mentioned in progress report
		<i>Alternative Land Use Programme to Control Shifting Cultivation</i>			
		(Strip Plantation – 1895.11 Ha, Staggered Trenches -113.90 Ha, Cover Crop Strips – 1981.60 Ha, Vegetative Hedge – 27.40 Ha, Mixed Strip Crop – 2009 Ha, vegetative Hedge -12.19 ha., Silvicultural Strips – 4018 Ha, Bench Terracing – 70 Ha)		4.36	Approved
		Soil & Water Conservation Engineering/Mechanical Measures (DRPBD -358 Nos., LBCF- 235 Nos., Staggered trenches - 159112 Nos., Planting Development of pasture & fodder - 631 ha.)		1.52	Approved
		Treatment of Pilot Areas (Intensive Afforestation/Reforestation – 83.60 Ha.		0.05	Approved

Sl. No	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Remarks
		Enrichment Plantation – 31 Ha., permanent cultivation - 6.46 ha.)			
		Erosion Control through Vegetative Barriers (vetiver grass -1385212 Nos.)		0.70	Approved
		Integrated Wildlife Management Plan			
		Maintenance Of check Gate with hut.	8 Nos.	0.04	Approved
		Const. of check gate with hut	6 Nos.	0.30	Approved
		Patrolling squad/wages	53 Nos.	0.57	Approved
		Erection of night vision vinyl signage with Ms angle iron post @ 1 no/km.	60 Nos./30 km	0.15	Approved
		POL & Maintenance of M/cycle & vehicle	23 Nos.	0.15	Approved
		Awareness camp in school/Printing of brochure/Maintenance of signage	12 Nos.	0.34	Approved
		Monitoring & Evaluation	LS	0.09	Not Approved
		Tending operation, Maintenance. of fence	7700 rmt /14 ha.	0.04	Approved
		Creation of plantation	12 ha.	0.02	Approved
		Erection of watch tower	9 Nos.	0.33	Approved
		Waste management plan	3 Nos.	0.03	Approved
		Identification of rich wildlife habitat and corridors	3015 Nos.	0.22	Approved
		Canopy connectivity for animal crossing by plantation of tall saplings	2400 Nos.	0.06	Approved
		Hexagonal awareness shed	1 No.	0.06	Approved
		Rescue & Treatment	Ls	0.06	Approved Subject to compliance of CZA guidelines
		C/o Rescue Treatment Centre including medicine & equipment	1 No.	1.00	Not Approved
		Speed Breaker	12 Nos.	0.02	Approved
		Construction of interpretation centre	1 No.	1.00	Approved
		Vehicle	8 Nos.	0.77	Included in CA & mandatory activity
		Motor cycle	2 Nos.	0.01	Approved
		Employment generation	45 beneficiaries	0.14	Approved
		Avenue plantation	3 km	0.06	Approved
		Contingency driver	4 Nos.	0.08	Approved
		Contingency charge	LS	0.04	Approved
		Renovation of animal enclosure	LS	0.41	Not Approved
		Maintenance of animal shed	6 Nos.	0.03	Not Approved
		Ex situ conservation	LS	0.03	Not Approved
		Hiring of veterinarian	LS	0.04	Approved

Sl. No	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Remarks
		Sub- Total Site specific activities under CAMPA (CA, CAT & IMWP components)		96.28	
		Note- Details as per FC proposal as Annexure			
2. Activity as per Rule 5 (2) of CAF Rules, 2018 under NPV component					
	5(2)a	ANR			
		(i) Advance work including creation	2149.87 Ha.	3.82	Approved
		ii. Maintenance	12882.305 Ha.	7.13	Approved
		iii. Nursery raising	7500 Nos	0.01	Approved
	5(2)b	Artificial Regeneration			
		i. Advance soil work including creation	4565.51 Ha	28.30	Approved
		ii. Maintenance	16760.63 ha.	16.80	Approved
		iii. Nursery raising	165001 Nos	0.38	Approved
	5(2)c	Silvicultural operations			
		i. Tending operations (Weeding, cleaning, thinning, pruning & Climber cutting)	335 ha.	0.20	Approved
		ii. Creation of Hollong seed orchard	2 ha.	0.02	Approved
		iii. Collection of sub-tropical seed & transportation to centre	100 kg/12000 Nos.	0.07	Approved
		iv. Mass production of orchid through micropropagation in tissue culture	2000 Nos.	0.04	Approved
		v. Raising of seedlings	25000 Nos.	0.05	Approved
	5(2)d	Protections of plantations and forests			
		i. Cost of POL & maintenance of vehicle/motorcycle	LS	0.03	Approved
		ii. Stacking of river boulders to divert the course of river	7 ha.	0.02	Approved
		iii. Purchase of equipments relevant for patrolling	5 sets	0.47	Approved
		iv. Const. of seasonal bamboo bridge	3 Nos.	0.05	Approved
		v. Const. of green house	1 No.	0.04	Approved
		vi. Installation/maint. of water sprinkler, water reservoir, making of permanent beds and hardening unit	6 Nos.	0.12	Approved
		vii. Collection of seeds, orchids & other Germplasm	250 kg/1800 Nos.	0.06	Approved
		viii. Bio fencing at critical elephant location	3 ha.	0.02	Not Approved
	5(2)e	Pest and disease control in forests			
		Pest and disease control in forest like purchase of weedicide etc.	APR	0.01	Not Approved
	5(2)f	Forest fire prevention and control operations			
		i. Purchase of fire equipment	125 Nos.	0.27	Approved
		ii. Control Burning at river bank	80 ha.	0.05	Approved
	5(2)g	Soil and moisture conservation works			

Sl. No	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Remarks
		i. Check Dam	792 Nos.	6.99	Approved
		ii. Dredging of ponds	5 Nos.	0.31	Approved
		iii. Jungle bellies	739 Nos.	2.94	Approved Considering it as slope protection measure along streams
	5(2)i	Improvement of wildlife habitat			
		i. Habitat improvement by ANR plantation	302 Ha.	0.52	Approved
		ii. Water holes	40 Nos.	0.17	Approved
		iii. Improvement of salt licks	13 Nos.	0.06	Approved
		iv. Making of signage	5 Nos.	0.01	Approved
		v. Training and workshops	3 Nos.	0.06	Approved
		vi. Open hall kitchen	1 No.	0.03	Not Approved
		vii. Anti-poaching protection camp including purchase of machinery	3 Nos.	0.45	Approved
		viii. Bamboo bridge	3 Nos.	0.05	Approved
		ix. Creation of fruit bearing species nursery	1 No.	0.05	Approved
		x. Maintenance of habitat improvement	2867.08 ha. / 39 Nos.	1.79	Approved
	5(2)j	Planting and rejuvenation of forest cover on non-forest land falling in wildlife corridors	0	0.00	
	5(2)k	Establishment, maintenance of animal rescue centre and veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals			
		Improvement of rescue centre	2 Nos.	0.15	Approved Subject to compliance of CZA guidelines
		i) Hog Deer-Inos (ii)SlowLoris-Inos	2 Nos.	0.02	
		Animal rescue treatment	2 Nos.	0.02	
		Veterinary medicine and treatment	2 Nos.	0.02	
	5(2)m	Management of biological diversity and biological resource			
		i. Digitization of herbal garden	1 no.	0.05	Approved
		ii. Maintenance of botanical garden	3 Nos.	0.36	Approved
3.Activities as per Rule 5(3) of the CAF Rule, 2018					
	5(3)a	Establishment, maintenance of modern nurseries			
		i. Modern nursery	12 Nos.	5.77	Approved
		maintenance of modern nursery	13 Nos.	0.76	Approved
		ii. Nursery for medicinal plant	1 No.	0.03	Approved
	5(3)c	Purchase and maintenance of equipment of devices for communication, information and technology			
		i. Wireless/GPS/Binoculars	39 Nos.	0.18	Approved
		Maintenance of wireless set	1 No.	0.01	Approved

Sl. No	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Remarks
		ii. Purchase/Maint. of office equipment/Accessories/Stationery	19 Nos.	0.30	Approved
		iii. Computers & Printer	41 Nos.	0.35	Approved
		iv. Purchase of speed/Engine boat	2 Nos.	0.27	Approved
	5(3)d	Construction, upgradation and maintenance of inspection paths, forest roads in forest area, fire line, watch towers, check posts and timber post			
		i. Patrolling path	459.3 km	0.14	Approved
		Maint. of patrolling path	133 km	0.04	Approved
		ii. Watch towers	11 Nos.	0.42	Approved
		Maint. of watch towers	2 Nos.	0.02	Approved
		iii. Check gate	7 Nos.	0.38	Approved
		Maint. of check gate	16 Nos.	0.09	Approved
		iv. Fireline cutting	455 km	0.38	Approved
	5(3)e	Construction of residential and official buildings	25 Nos.	5.40	Approved
		Maint. of buildings of frontline staff	224 Nos.	1.46	Not Approved
	5(3)f	Casual engagement of local people of labours to assists regular staff of state forest department	269 Nos.	3.56	Approved
	5(3)h	Independent concurrent monitoring and evaluation and third-party monitoring			
		i. Independent concurrent monitoring	LS	0.49	Approved
		Sub-Total of NPV Component		92.05	
4.Activities as per Rule 6(a) of CAF Rules, 2018					
	6(a)iv	For disbursement of salary and allowance to nominated members and staff	60 Nos.	0.98	Approved
	6(a)v	For disbursement of sitting fees and allowances to nominated members	LS	0.12	Approved
	6(a)vi	Activities referred to in sub-(2) and (3) of Rule 5			
		(i) Professional service for compilation and preparation of annual accounts including capacity building of staff engaged in preparation of accounts.	LS	0.57	Approved
		(ii) Third Party Monitoring & Evaluation of CAMPA Activities from 2014-15 to 2018-19	LS	0.64	Approved
5.Activities as per Rule 6(b) of CAF Rules, 2018					
	6(b)i	Management of office establishment State CAMPA CEO with detail	LS	0.32	Approved
	6(b)ii	office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance	LS	0.33	Approved
	6(b)iii	Hiring staff cars for the use of officers and officials	on need based	0.20	Approved
		POL & Maintenance of vehicle under State Authority	7 Nos.	0.09	Approved
	6(b)vi	Maintenance and renovation of buildings of frontline staffs	60 Nos.	0.45	Approved

Sl. No	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Remarks
		Development of website of State Authority and e-Plantation Journal.	LS	0.18	Approved
		Sub-Total of Interest Component		3.88	
		Total approved		189.14 crore*	

Decision of the EC: EC approved the APO of Arunachal Pradesh State CAMPA for Rs 189.14 crore subject to the condition that the State will reconcile CA area project-wise with compensatory levies realized from User Agencies against the forest diversion proposals. The State will work out the amount required for afforestation in the present APO based on current SoR and difference of amount from CA levies realized from concerned User agencies. It should be clarified how the gap funding would be made available. This information should be submitted within next 15 days to National Authority. Any change in the sites/ location of CA and other mandatory activities should be got approved from the competent authority before starting the work.

Further, EC directed that all maintenance activities of CA, other plantations and other activities should only be undertaken after the satisfactory survival status of plantation and the extent of afforestation area is certified by concerned Chief Conservator of Forests/ Conservator of Forests.

**PART C- APPROVAL OF STATES ADDITIONAL ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATIONS
2023-24**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.1: ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION (APO) OF KARNATAKA
STATE CAMPA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24:**

1. Date of Receipt by NA : 30.10.2023
2. Date of approval of EC of State/UT : 23.08.2023
3. Date of approval of the Steering Committee : 24.08.2023
4. Total Amount/Outlay : Rs. 80.49 crore
5. Amount approved by the National Authority : Rs. 52.95 crore
6. The details of Additional APO are as under: -

(Area in Ha. & Rs. in Crore)

Sl No	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Proposed Outlay		Remarks
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
1.		Site Specific activity as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016			
	Mandatory Activity	Compensatory Afforestation	8872.21	6.24	Approved
		Other works			
		i. Survey & Demarcation and preparation of RF/PF notification for NFL CA areas		5.00	Approved
		ii. Pending Payment of 2022-23		1.13	Approved
		Total of CA		12.37	
1.		Activity as per Rule 5 (2) of CAF Rules, 2018			
	5(2)	ANR & AR		0.22	Not approved due to inadequate funds under NPV component.
	5 (3)(i)	Training and capacity building for staff and others		1.00	Not approved due to inadequate funds under NPV component.
		Pending payment 2022-23 under NPV		2.58	Not approved due to inadequate funds under NPV component. However, being committed liabilities of previous year, the unpaid bills related with activities carried out during the FY 2022-23 can be settled under Rule 6(a) (vi) utilizing the interest accrued on State CAMPA fund.
3.		Activity as per Rule 6 (a) of CAF Rules, 2018			
	6(a) (vi)	Improvement of wildlife habitat (Maintenance of road network/grassland/ MAC mitigation/ Anti-poaching	1. Maint. of road network- 500km	33.00*	Approved as a one-time measure from the interest component (in respect of the interest accrued on NPV

		camp (APC)/ Marine rescue center/Elephant barricades	2. MAC-368.70km 3. Grass land-1485.14ha 4.APC-500Nos		component of State CAMPA fund only). Further, the approval is also subject to keeping sufficient balance of funds under the head 'interest' amount for meeting committed expenditure on account of enhanced cost of wages and other escalations CAMPA activities. Rail barricade provision, if any, is not approved.
	6(a) vi	Establishment and maintenance of Animal rescue centers by State	1 No.	5.00*	Approved in respect of the interest earned on NPV component of State CAMPA fund. Approval of CZA should be obtained before the establishment of animal rescue center.
	6(a) vi	Project Tiger 2022-23 Pending payment		26.32*	Not approved as there is no provision in the CAF Rules. The State may explore funding from the CSS of the Project Tiger.
		Total of Interest		40.58	
		Total approved		52.95 crore	

Decision of the EC: The EC approved the additional APO for Rs. 52.95 crore with modifications.

In this regard, the explanation given below the Rule 6 of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rule, 2018 should be followed.

* Explanation -Under no circumstance mixing of the interest accrued on the monies in the State Fund shall be allowed with any other State budget either for capital or spill over works and the works undertaken under this rule shall be on standalone basis and there shall not be any duplication of permitted works under different components.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.2: ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION (APO) OF MIZORAM STATE CAMPA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24:

1. Date of Receipt by NA : 21.09.2023 & 09.10.2023
2. Date of approval by EC of State/UT : 20.04.2023
3. Date of approval of the Steering Committee : 31.05.2023
4. Total Amount/Outlay : Rs. 0.4284 crore
5. The amount approved by National Authority : Rs. 0.4284 crore
6. Details of Additional APO are as under: -

(Area in Ha. & Rs. in Crore)

S. No.	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Physical Target	Amount already approved (Rs. in cr.)	Amount required due to increase in wage rate (Rs. in cr.)	Additional fund requirement	Remarks
1	Mandatory Activity		Compensatory Afforestation				
		Maintenance of plantation	866.3004 ha	0.6077	0.6717	0.064	Approved
2	Net Present Value						
	5(2)a	Advance Work of Aide Natural Regeneration	1800 ha	2.052	2.268	0.216	Approved
	5(2)f	Engagement of fire watchers for 3 months	93 nos.	0.3181	0.3516	0.0335	Approved
	5(3)f	Engagement of local casual staff/labours to assist regular staff of State Forest Department in various works for protection of forest and wildlife including anti-poaching squad (including liabilities of APO 2022-23)	44 nos.	1.204	1.267	0.0632	Approved
	Interest						
3	6 (a)i	Amount of offset the incremental cost of CA	-	0.0163	0.018	0.0017	Approved
	6(a)iv	Disbursement of wages/allowances to contractual staff engaged to assist State CAMPA	24	0.48	0.53	0.05	Approved
		Total approved				0.4284 crore	Approved

Decision of the EC: The EC approved the additional APO of State CAMPA Mizoram for Rs. 0.4284 crore.

PART D- APPROVAL OF STATES DEFFERED ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATIONS 2023-24

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.1: ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION (APO) OF JHARKHAND STATE CAMPA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24:

1. Date of Receipt by NA : 06.10.2023 & 30.10.2023
2. Date of approval by EC of State/UT : 23.03.2023
3. Date of approval of the Steering Committee : 03.05.2023
4. Total Amount/Outlay : Rs. 498.68 crore
5. The amount approved by the National Authority : Rs. 129.35 crore
6. The details of deferred activities are given below;

(Area in Ha. & Rs. in Crore)

CAF Act/Rule	Deferred Activities	Original Proposed in APO 2023-24 by State		Decision as per Sanction order circulated dated 21 st September 2023		Amount proposed by State	Remark
		Physical Target	Financial Target	Physical Target	Financial Target		
Site-specific activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act,2016							
Mandatory Activities	Compensatory Afforestation						
	i. Advance work						
	Eco-development of Village (Dalma wildlife Sanctuary)	1 No.	10.00	Not Approved. Details required.		10.00	Approved for Rs. 5.00 crore
	Catchment Area Treatment Plan	7 Div.	29.979	Not Approved. Details required		5.00	Approved
	Integrated Wildlife Management Plan						
	i.Habitat management for flora and fauna (Food/cover/water management)	24 Div.	85.171	Not Approved. Details required.		85.171	Approved for Rs. 35.17 crore
	Other (Site Specific activities in accordance with FC proposal)	625.832	16.161	Not Approved. Details required.		16.161	Approved
Activities as per Rule 5(2) of the CAF Rules,2018							
5(2)a	ANR						
	i. Advance soil work	5525.00Ha.	39.638	Not Approved		39.638	Not approved
5(2)b	AR						
	i. Advance work						
	b.Advance work (1stYearwork) for RDF/MFP block plantations(Forest Land)	4100Ha.	37.922	Not Approved		37.922	Not approved
	c. Advance work for Bamboo Plantation(Forest Land)	4200Ha.	40.544	Not Approved		40.544	Not approved
	d.Advance work for Sisal Plantation (Forest Land)	100Ha.	1.584	Not Approved		1.584	Not approved
5(2)c	Silvicultural Operation						
	i. Advance work						
	a. Advance Work (1stYear works) Silviculture operation	5525Ha.	39.638	Not Approved		39.638	Not approved
5(2)d	Protection of Plantations and forests						

CAF Act/Rule	Deferred Activities	Original Proposed in APO 2023-24 by State		Decision as per Sanction order circulated dated 21 st September 2023		Amount proposed by State	Remark
		Physical Target	Financial Target	Physical Target	Financial Target		
	a. Consolidation of Forest Boundary Pillar with digitization/DGPS of Forest boundary	8570no.	4.714	Not Approved. Details required.		4.714	Not approved
	b. Integrated work for forest and wildlife protection	36Div.	7.200	Not Approved. Details required.		7.200	Approved
5(2)e	Pest and disease control in Forests	2Div.	0.100	Not Approved		0.100	Not approved
5(2)f	Forest fire prevention and control operations	36no.	4.816	Not Approved		4.816	Approved
5(2)g	Soil and Moisture conservation works						
	f. Construction of Checkdam	565no.	47.560	Deferred. Details required		47.560	Approved for Rs. 23.78 crore
	g. Renovation of Traditional Water Sources	615no.	4.920	Deferred. Details required		4.920	Approved for Rs. 2.46 crore
	h. Treatment of some important Nala on the concept of Watershed and CAT	31no.	7.750	Deferred. Details required		7.750	Approved for Rs. 3.87 crore
	a. Advance work(1st Year work) for Miscellaneous interventions using LiDAR Technology as per DPR of NAEB	I Div. Plantation and SMC works, Anicut, Gully Plugging, Mini Percolation Tank, Percolation Tank etc.	5.000	Deferred. Details required		5.000	Approved for Rs. 2.50 crore
5(2)i	Improvement of wildlife habitat						
	iv. Any other relevant activities						
	Bamboo culm cleaning	1000Ha.	4.490	Not Approved. Relevant working plan prescriptions required		4.490	Approved
	Weed eradication	1625Ha.	2.194	Not Approved		2.194	Not approved
	Soil & Moisture conservation work	750Ha.	3.243	Not Approved		3.243	Approved
	Other Activities	2889no.	37.616	Not Approved		37.616	Approved for Rs. 15 crore
5(2)j	Planting and re juvenation of forest cover on non-forestland Falling in wildlife corridors						
	Advance work(1st year work) for RDF block plantations on non-forest land falling in wildlife corridors	2300Ha.	18.485	Not Approved		18.485	Not approved

CAF Act/Rule	Deferred Activities	Original Proposed in APO 2023-24 by State		Decision as per Sanction order circulated dated 21 st September 2023		Amount proposed by State	Remark
		Physical Target	Financial Target	Physical Target	Financial Target		
5(2)k	Establishment, maintenance of animal rescue centre and Veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals;	1no.	5.000	Not Approved. Details required		5.000	Not approved
5(2)l	Supply of wood-saving cooking appliances and other forest produce saving devices	3500no.	1.400	Not Approved		1.400	Not approved
Activities as per Rule 5(3) of the CAF Rules,2018							
5(3)a	Establishment, Maintenance of modern nurseries						
	d. Establishment of Tissue culture Lab.for planting Stock	1no.	0.490	Not Approved		0.490	Not approved
5(3)b	Promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of Biological diversity through Study on ethnobotany/ethnoforestry						
	i.Publicity	1no.	0.010	Not Approved		0.010	Approved
	ii.Documentation	1no.	0.150	Not Approved		0.150	Approved
	iii. Conference/ workshop	1no.	0.040	Not Approved		0.040	Approved
5(3)c	Purchase & maintenance of equipment or devices for communication and information technology						
	iv. Purchase of Dragon Torch	1205no.	1.024	Not Approved		1.024	Not approved
	v. Maint. of Dragon Torch	161no.	0.016	Not Approved		0.016	Not approved
	vi. Maint. of Old Solar Street Light	20no.	0.020	Not Approved		0.020	Approved
	vii Purchase of Firefighting equipment and related to man animal conflict	46no.	2.300	Not Approved		2.300	Not approved
	viii.Const. Of VHF Tower	5no.	1.250	Not Approved		1.250	Not approved
5(3)d	Construction, up-gradation and maintenance of inspection paths, forest roads in forest area, firelines, watch towers, check posts and Timber posts						
	a. Forest Road Repair	2595.914K.m.	8.659	Not Approved		8.659	Not approved
	c. Maint. of old Watch Tower	54no.	0.135	Not Approved		0.135	Not approved
	c.Const. of Watch Tower	26no.	1.950	Not Approved		1.950	Not approved
	d.Const. of Check post	3no.	0.300	Not Approved		0.300	Not approved
5(3)e	Construction of residential and official buildings						
	a. Const. of R.O.F Quarter Cum Office/Office/Residence	18no.	8.100	Not Approved		8.100	Not approved
	b. Const. of Forest Guard Quarter	20no.	9.900	Not Approved		9.900	Not approved
	c. Const. of Camp Office R.F.O/Inspection hut	10no.	1.560	Not Approved		1.560	Not approved
5(3)g	Survey and mapping for APO monitoring						

CAF Act/Rule	Deferred Activities	Original Proposed in APO 2023-24 by State		Decision as per Sanction order circulated dated 21 st September 2023		Amount proposed by State	Remark
		Physical Target	Financial Target	Physical Target	Financial Target		
	a. Survey and mapping of forest areas through LiDAR technology	12Div.	29.382	Not Approved		29.382	Not approved
5(3)h	iv. e-Green watch Portal-Training updating and uploading of information and strengthening of respective offices	54Div.	0.440	Not Approved		0.440	Approved
5(3)i	Publicity-cum-awareness programme	50Div.	2.750	Not Approved		2.750	Not approved
5(3)k	Forest certification and development of certification standards:	3Div.	0.044	Not Approved		0.044	Not approved
	Total approved					129.35 crore	

Decision of the EC: The EC approved the deferred items of the State of Jharkhand for Rs. 129.35 crore as modified.



AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.2: ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION (APO) OF MAHARASHTRA STATE CAMPA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24:

1. Date of Receipt by NA : 18.10.2023
2. Date of approval by EC of State/UT : 13.01.2023
3. Date of approval of the Steering Committee : 13.02.2023
4. Total Amount/Outlay : Rs. 4.51 crore
5. The amount approved by National Authority : Rs. 4.51 crore
6. The details of deferred activities are given below;

(Area in Ha & Rs in Crore)

S.No.	CAF Rule	Deferred Activities	Original Proposed in APO 2023-24 by State		Decision as per Sanction order circulated dated 3 rd July 2023		Amount proposed by State	Remark
			Physical Target	Financial Target	Physical Target	Financial Target		
1	5(2)d vi	Establishment and maintenance of wireless network	207 Nos.	2.65	Deferred for details		2.65	Approved
2	5(2)d vii	Improving mobility of frontline staff for forest protection & patrolling	-	1.86	Deferred for details		1.86	Approved
		Total approved					4.51 crore	

Decision of the EC: The EC approved the deferred items of the State of Maharashtra for Rs. 4.51 crore.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.3: ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION (APO) OF TELANGANA STATE CAMPA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24:

1. Date of Receipt by NA : 27.10.2023
2. Date of approval by EC of State/UT : 13.04.2023
3. Date of approval of the Steering Committee : 26.06.2023
4. Total Amount Proposed : Rs. 16.427 crore
5. Amount approved by the National Authority : Rs. 8.99 crore
6. The details of the activities are given below:

(Area in Ha &Rs. in Crore)

CAF Act/Rule	Deferred Activities	Original Proposed in APO 2023-24 by State		Decision as per Sanction order circulated dated 21 st September 2023		Amount proposed by State	Remark
		Physical Target	Financial Target	Physical Target	Financial Target		
Site-specific activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016							
Mandatory Activities	Catchment Area Treatment Plan						
	Peripheral trench in Km	35 km	0.678	Approved for Rs. 0.3 crore		0.377	Approved
	Rough Stone packing at canal passing through the hillocks.	6 km	0.668	Approved for Rs. 0.3 crore		0.368	Approved
	Creation of fire lines in permanent block		0.046	Not approved		0.046	Approved
	Firelines	45 km	0.003	Not approved		0.003	Approved
	Fire fighting equipment	4 Nos.	0.139	Approved for Rs. 0.10 crore		0.039	Approved
	Others	LS	0.553	Not approved		0.553	Approved
Activities as per Rule 5(2) of the CAF Rules, 2018							
5(2)a	Assisted Natural Regeneration						
	CPT	25 km	0.375	Not approved		0.375	Approved
	Firelines creation	485.49 Km in RF Blocks	0.484	Not approved		0.484	Approved
5(2)i	Improvement of Wildlife Habitat						Approved
	Maintenance of View Lines	425.50 Km maintenance of view lines	0.417	Not approved		0.417	Approved
Activities as per Rule 5(3) of the CAF Rules, 2018							
5(3)c	Purchase and maintenance of equipment of devices for communication, information and technology						
	Maintenance of Internet Connectivity, e-Greenwatch, updation & Broad band connectivity		1.30	Approved for 0.50 Cr.		0.80	Approved
5(3)d	Construction, up gradation and maintenance of inspection paths, forest						

CAF Act/Rule	Deferred Activities	Original Proposed in APO 2023-24 by State		Decision as per Sanction order circulated dated 21 st September 2023		Amount proposed by State	Remark
		Physical Target	Financial Target	Physical Target	Financial Target		
	roads in forest areas, fire lines, watch towers, check posts						
	Firelines	760.58 Km creation & 3318 Km maintenance	3.207	Not approved		3.207	Approved
5(3)f	Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff of forest Department	151 Nos- Base camps & 4 nos boat parties & 142 nos Animal Trackers	17.434	Approved for 10.00 Cr.		7.434	Not approved. Rs. 10 cores already sanctioned.
5(3)g	Survey and mapping of forest areas for forest fire control, compensatory afforestation works, soil-moisture conservation, catchment area treatment and wildlife management for preparing annual plans to be executed from the State Fund	Survey of notified & CA blocks	0.460	Not approved		0.460	Approved
5(3)h	Internal/Concurrent and Third-Party Monitoring						
	Third party monitoring and evaluation of CAMPA works and maintenance of IRO		2.000	Approved for 1.00 Cr.		1.00	Approved
	Total approved					8.129 crore	

7. The CEO, State CAMPA informed that there were four spill over works of 2022-23 for Rs.0.864 crore (already approved from the Steering Committee), which could not be included in the State APO earlier due to oversight and are submitted to the National Authority for approval. The details are as follows.

(Area in Ha & Rs. in Crore)

Activity	Unit	Estimate sanction details		Expenditure incurred upto March,2023	Proposed under spill over works APO		Remarks
		Phy. Target	Fin. Target		Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
Rule 5(2): 80% Core activities							
5(2)(g): Soil Moisture Conservation Works in forests;							
Restoration of Thirumalai Kunta at Peddagudem of Wanaparthy District of Jogulamba Circle	Nos	1	0.190	0.000	1.000	0.190	Approved
Restoration of Diddi Kunta at Peddagudem of	Nos	1	0.416	0.050	1.000	0.283	Approved

Wanaparthy District of Jogulamba Circle							
Rule 5(3): 20% Allied activities							
5(3)e: Constructions of residential and officials in forests for front line staff deployed for forest protection and wild life.							
Construction of Forest Range Officer quarter Beedi leaves Mancherial at Mancherial Division and District during the year 2022-23	Nos	1	0.35026	0.159		0.19141	Approved
Construction of Forest Beat Officer quarter Mancherial beat & Section in Mancherial Range of Mancherial Division and District during the year 2022-23	Nos	1	0.317	0.118		0.19933	Approved
Total amount of additional APO			1.274	0.327	1.000	0.864	
Total approved						8.993 crore	

Decision of the EC: The EC approved the deferred and additional items for Rs. 8.99 crore for Telangana State CAMPA.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.4: ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION (APO) OF WEST BENGAL STATE CAMPA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24:

1. Date of Receipt by NA : 11.05.2023 & 04.09.2023
2. Date of approval of EC of State/UT : 18.01.2023
3. Date of approval of Steering Committee : 24.02.2023
4. Total Amount/Outlay : Rs. 15.13 crore Amount
5. Approved by the National Authority : Rs. 15.13 crore
6. The details of deferred activities are given below;

(Area in Ha. & Rs. in Crore)

CAF Act/Rule	Deferred Activities	Original Proposed in APO 2023-24 by State		Decision as per Sanction order circulated dated 4th May 2023		Amount proposed by State	Remark
		Physical Target	Financial Target	Physical Target	Financial Target		
Mandatory Activities (Section 6a of CAF Act, 2016)							
	Integrated Wildlife Management Plan						
Section 6	Wildlife Management Plan Sevoke-Rangpo Railway Project	LS	15.13	Deferred		15.13	Approved subject to reconciliation of the fund deposited with CAMPA against the Sevoke-Rangpo Railway Project restricted to the amount realised from the user agencies as per approved IWMP.
	Total approved					15.13 crore	

Decision of the EC: The EC approved the deferred item for Rs. 15.13 crore for the State CAMPA West Bengal.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.5: ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION (APO) OF UTTARAKHAND STATE CAMPA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24:

1. Date of Receipt by NA : 25.10.2023
2. Date of approval by EC of State/UT : 24.05.2023
3. Date of approval by Steering Committee : 08.05.2023
4. Total Amount/Outlay : Rs. 2.72crore
5. Amount approved by the National Authority : Rs. 2.72 crore
6. The details of the APO are as under :

(Area in Ha & Rs in Crore)

S.No.	CAF Rule	Item of work	Approved amount in APO 2023-24	Amount proposed by State	Remarks
1	5(2)i	Maintenance of Lantana eradicated areas	5.15	2.72	Approved
		Total approved		2.72 crore	

Decision of the EC: The EC approved Rs. 2.72 crore decided to consider the additional APO of State after the approval of the State Steering Committee is obtained. This will be taken up in next EC meeting.

PART E- SCHEMES PROPOSED UNDER NATIONAL FUND

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE STUDY CELL AT FSI-DEHRADUN-FINANCE ASSISTANCE FROM NA-CAMPA

Name of Scheme	Establishment of Climate Change Study Cell at FSI, Dehradun – Financial Assistance from NA-CAMPA
Implementing Agency	FSI
Project Duration/Period	05 Years
Project Outlay	69.71 crore
Objectives of the Project	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To Perform Detailed Survey of “Tree Outside Forests Inventory for Assessing Carbon Stock of all five carbon pools”.• To Establish “Permanent Sample Plots for Periodic Assessment of the Effect of Climate Change in Biodiversity”.• To Study the “Shifting of Tree Line or Timber Line with Existing Data and Periodic Mapping of Timber Line Over a time period for Assessing Its Effect on Climate”.• To study “Indicator Species of Climate change”• To Study the “Assessment & monitoring Lichens as climate change indicators in sample plots of FSI”.• To study the “Effect of climate change on habitats of Orchids (Himalayan, NE Region, Western & Eastern Ghats)”.• To Study the “Effect of Climate Change in the Carbon Sequestration of Mangrove Ecosystem”.	
Recommendation of Program Division	Program Division has already recommended before the 24 th meeting of the Executive Committee of National Authority.

Decision of EC: The scheme will be taken up for discussion in the next meeting.



PART F- FINANCIAL MATTERS OF NATIONAL AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF SCHEMES AND RELEASE OF FUNDS FROM NATIONAL FUND

1. The section 5 of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 (CAF Act) provides for creation of National Fund to be administered by National CAMPA for meeting the non-recurring and recurring expenditure for the management of the National Authority, expenditure incurred on monitoring and evaluation of works and expenditure incurred on specific schemes approved by Governing Body of the National Authority.

2. The National Authority approves schemes and pilot projects under section 5 (iii) (b) of the CAF Act, 2016, in the matters of national importance as set out by the Ministry pertaining to conservation of forest, wildlife, biodiversity, enhancement of ecosystem services and priority research programmes in the field of forest and wildlife conservation.

3. Procedure for approval of Scheme/ Pilot Projects:

3.1 As per the procedure being followed, an institute, society, centre of excellence in the field of forest and wildlife submits a proposal for implementation of a pilot schemes related to forestry and wildlife sector to the concerned Division (Programme Division) of the Ministry. The Programme Division forwards the proposal to National CAMPA with the specific objectives and outcomes to be achieved from the Scheme/ project, timelines, required funds, along with its recommendations for providing financial support from the National Funds in the prescribed format. The format is given below for kind perusal and approval of Executive Committee.

Format for submission of Scheme/Proposals

Name of Scheme/ Project:	
Program Division of the Ministry	
Nodal Officer of Programme Division (name and designation) and contact details-email id Mobile no	
Nodal Officer of Implementing Agency/Institute (name and designation) and contact details-email id Mobile no	
Objectives	
Project Duration and Year wise activities	
Project Outlay	
Year wise estimated expenditure	
New or extension/ modification of existing scheme.	
Revised outlay in case of existing scheme/project	
In case of modification of existing scheme: The details of expenditure incurred as on date along with copy of UC indicating unutilized fund.	
Brief note & Justification for seeking financial support from National Fund.	
Outcomes	
Deliverables (including year wise)	
Recommendation of the Program Division	The (Program Division) of the MoEFCC has prepared the Scheme/Pilot Project of (name of Scheme/Pilot Project) for seeking financial support from National fund as per the section 5(b)(iii) of the



	CAF Act 2016. The (name of Program Division) will function as Program Division for the Scheme/Pilot Project which will be implemented through (name of Implementing Agency) as Implementing Agency and the program division will monitor the physical and financial progress of the Scheme/Pilot Project as required under CAF Act 2016 and CAF Rules 2018 and submit the quarterly progress report and annual progress report to National CAMPA. The Program Division will ensure forwarding of Utilization Certificate as and when required.
	Signature of Nodal Officer of the Program Division

3.2 On receipts of such proposals in National Authority from the concerned Programme Division, the proposals/ schemes are scrutinized and placed in the form of Agenda Note before the Executive Committee. After obtaining the recommendation of Executive Committee, the proposal is placed before the Governing Body for its approval. The approval of Governing Body is conveyed to the Programme Division for implementation of the scheme/pilot project through the concerned institution/organization.

4. Release of Fund

4.1 After the approval of Governing Body/ competent authority, proposals are submitted to Integrated Finance Division (IFD) for according financial concurrence for release of 1st instalment to implementing agency.

As per the procedure prescribed in the GFR [Rule 238(1)] as applicable in this case, the release of the second/ next instalment of the sanctioned outlay is submitted (by the implementing institution) to the satisfaction of the Ministry/Programme Division in support of achieving the specified objectives and expenditure incurred accompanied with the Audited accounts along with the Utilization Certificates.

4.2 For the release of next instalment(s), the implementing institution/agency furnishes the Utilization Certificate (UC), Physical Progress Report and also deposit the interest earned during that financial year for releasing the funds or revalidation of unspent fund of previous instalment released for the approved activities. The concerned programme division is required to monitor the progress of the scheme/project and to recommend release of next instalment.

5. Issues:

5.1 The IFD has raised observations on various occasions on non-utilisation of funds released in previous instalments and on the acceptance of Utilization Certificate (UC) by the Programme Division (PD). Based on IFD observations, National Authority has sent communication to all the implementing agencies/ institutions and their concerned Programme Division vide letter no NA-13/30/2022-NA dated 20.07.2023 (copy enclosed) for signing/ authenticating of UCs by the Head/Director of the concerned institutions.

5.2 After release of the funds, the programme implementation divisions are expected to ensure effective utilisation of the funds and monitor its progress in accordance with the terms and conditions of the approval accorded by the competent authority. The institutions which are entrusted to implement

the approved schemes/projects are required to regularly apprise the progress to the programme division for monitoring and evaluation.

5.3 It is observed that Program Divisions are endorsing the requirement of funds without ensuring the proper utilisation of funds released to implementing agency on earlier occasions. Also, Programme Divisions are not conducting regular monitoring of the Schemes/ Projects. The institutions implementing the Schemes/ projects are directly sending proposals for release of funds to National Authority without the recommendations of the concerned Programme Division. There is a need to have proper mechanism for monitoring and evaluation of the progress of implementation by the Programme Division.

5.4 Further, as per the IFD observations, the National Authority is required to accept the expenditure (UCs) as Programme Division (PD) before processing the case for release of the next instalment for IFD concurrence. It is pertinent to mention that National Authority's role is to provide funds for undertaking approved schemes/projects on the recommendations of various programme divisions of the Ministry. However, the IFD is considering the National Authority as the programme division and insisting for acceptance of Utilisation Certificate, for which there is no provision in the GFR and also in the CAF Act and Rules. Also the format of UC does not mention any authority/ officer for accepting the UC.

5.5 The role of National Authority is to manage CAMPA Funds and sanction and provide fund on the recommendations of Programme Division for the implementation of approved schemes. Would National Authority be required to accept the UC which will mean authenticating the correctness of expenditure as per due procedure. The Program Divisions have refused to accept the UC stating that there is no provision in the GFR. This issue needs to be settled and roles and responsibility of National Authority, Programme Division and Implementing Institution/ Agency should be defined as regard to acceptance of UC.

6. Approval sought: EC may take appropriate decision.

7. Decision of the EC: AS&FA informed that huge amounts are released by the National Authority time to time to various Institutions/ Organisations for implementation of various schemes which are approved on the recommendations of the Program Division of the Ministry. However, there is no proper mechanism in place to monitor the progress of the pilot projects/schemes by the Program Division. The CEO, National Authority informed that CAMPA is only the funding agency and releases the fund required by the implementing agencies on the basis of the review of progress report submitted by the concerned Institutes/ Organisations. At the time of release of second/ subsequent instalment of funds, there is a need to certify and accept the Utilisation Certificate submitted by the Institute/ Organisation by the Program Division. The DGF&SS stressed that the schemes being implemented by the Institutions from the National Fund need to be reviewed properly by the concerned Program Divisions of the Ministry to ensure the desired objectives.

It was decided that the concerned divisional head of the Ministry should make their DIG/AIG/Director responsible for review of the progress in implementation of the scheme and visit the concerned Institutions/ Organisations as and when required and apprise their findings to the Divisional Head. The DIG/ AIG will also certify and accept the UC submitted by the implementing agency before making the recommendation to the National Authority for next release. The EC also approved the format proposed for submission of schemes/ Pilot Projects for financial support from National Fund.



AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: RELEASE OF SHARE OF STATE CAMPA FUNDS TO STATE GOVERNMENT

RELEASE OF STATE SHARE OF FUNDS TO STATE GOVERNMENT

Before the enactment of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016, the compensatory levies were deposited with ad-hoc CAMPA which were later transferred to the State Government for implementation of afforestation related activities as per approved Annual Plan of Operation.

As per the provisions contained in the Rule 2(6) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (Accounting Procedure) Rules, 2018 notified by MoEF&CC Notification dated 20.11.2018 on the accounting procedure to regulate the manner of crediting the monies to National Fund and State Fund; quoted below:

“The monies received by the State Governments from User Agencies shall be credited in ‘State Compensatory Afforestation Deposits’ at Minor Head level below ‘Major Head 8336- Civil Deposit’ in Public Account of State. Out of which 90 per cent shall be transferred to the Major Head 8121 in Public Account of State and 10 per cent credited into National Fund on yearly basis as per sub-section (4) of Section 3 of the CAF Act, 2016; provided that, the credit of 10 per cent Central Share of funds should be ensured on monthly basis so that the same is transferred to Central Fund”.

However, the existing procedure of crediting of all compensatory levies of State Specific Bank accounts maintained by the National Authority in the Union Bank of India has been followed for maintaining the continuity, efficiency and ease of reconciliation during the transition period of shifting from ad-hoc CAMPA to National CAMPA. The National Authority is receiving compensatory levies from user agencies through a digital platform PARIVESH Portal which is integrated with FCA approval.

National Authority has transferred the funds of Rs. 55,292.35 crore during 2018-19 to 2022-23 after component-wise reconciliation with the States/ UTs. As on 26th October 2023, the total reconciled amount of Rs. 15,753.57 crore (18 states upto 31.3.2023 and 15 states upto 31.3.2022) is available with National Authority in Public Accounts of India. Out of this, 90 % of the fund i.e. Rs. 14,178.21 crore is the share of various States, whereas 10 % Central Share comes to Rs. 1,575.36. The State share of Rs. 14,178.21 crore is to be transferred to respective States/ UTs.

The status of funds is given below after reconciliation-

Reconciliation status of all States/UTs as on 26.10.2023						
S. No.	States/UTs	Period for which funds is to be transferred to States/UTs	Funds deposited with National Authority	Reconciled amount	(Amount in Cr.)	
					State' share (90%)	NA share (10%)
1	Andaman & Nicobar	08.02.2019 to 31.03.2022	30.83	16.90	15.21	1.69
2	Andhra Pradesh	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2022	98.02	97.96	88.16	9.80
3	Arunachal Pradesh	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023	824.50	769.24	692.31	76.92

4	Assam	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023	132.76	113.12	101.81	11.31
5	Bihar	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023	319.87	319.40	287.46	31.94
6	Chandigarh	08.02.2019 to 31.03.2023	0.32	0.32	0.29	0.03
7	Chhattisgarh	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023	963.91	898.70	808.83	89.87
8	Dadar & Nagar and Daman & Diu	08.02.2019 to 31.03.2022	17.76	17.76	15.99	1.78
			0.59	-	-	-
9	Delhi	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2022	159.98	159.98	143.99	16.00
10	Goa	08.02.2019 to 31.03.2023	235.42	235.40	211.86	23.54
11	Gujarat	08.02.2019 to 31.03.2022	452.96	430.04	387.04	43.00
12	Haryana	08.02.2019 to 31.03.2022	697.94	683.76	615.38	68.38
13	Himachal Pradesh	08.02.2019 to 31.03.2022	348.87	342.55	308.30	34.26
14	Jammu & Kashmir	08.02.2019 to 31.03.2022	47.34	44.50	40.05	4.45
15	Jharkhand	08.02.2019 to 31.03.2023	2,171.48	2,022.80	1,820.52	202.28
16	Karnataka	08.02.2019 to 31.03.2022	427.60	403.83	363.44	40.38
17	Kerala	08.02.2019 to 31.03.2022	21.58	16.07	14.47	1.61
18	Lakshadweep		-	-	-	-
19	Ladakh	08.02.2019 to 31.03.2022	73.81	28.64	25.78	2.86
20	Madhya Pradesh	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2022	3,749.88	3,713.65	3,342.29	371.37
21	Maharashtra	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023	716.90	531.94	478.74	53.19
22	Manipur	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023	190.39	174.27	156.85	17.43
23	Meghalaya	08.02.2019 to 31.03.2023	57.12	43.61	39.25	4.36
24	Mizoram	08.02.2019 to 31.03.2023	38.29	36.06	32.46	3.61
25	Nagaland		-	-	-	-
26	Odisha	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023	2,168.40	2,120.74	1,908.67	212.07
27	Puducherry		-	-	-	-
28	Punjab	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023	391.01	391.01	351.91	39.10
29	Rajasthan	08.02.2019 to 31.03.2022	332.52	246.75	222.07	24.67

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30	Sikkim	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2022	98.73	98.69	88.82	9.87
31	Tamil Nadu	08.02.2019 to 31.03.2023	43.51	43.45	39.11	4.35
32	Telangana	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023	312.20	289.60	260.64	28.96
33	Tripura	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2022	111.08	93.99	84.59	9.40
34	Uttar Pradesh	08.02.2019 to 31.03.2023	718.94	711.64	640.48	71.16
35	Uttarakhand	08.02.2019 to 31.03.2023	528.09	426.78	384.10	42.68
36	West Bengal	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023	230.69	230.41	207.37	23.04
	Total		16,713.31	15,753.57	14,178.21	1,575.36

In this regard, following issues were mentioned for consideration of the Executive Committee:

1. There are issues of long delay in release of CAMPA funds by State/ UT Governments to their State/ UT Forest Departments for carrying out the activities of compensatory afforestation and compensating the loss of eco-system services. In majority of cases the release of the funds to State/UT Forest Departments was made at the fag end of financial year.
2. As per the CAF Act, the CAMPA funds are non-lapsable and interest bearing. There are delayed/ non-payment of accrued interest on the State CAMPA fund by the State Government which is mandatory as per the provisions under CAF Act and Rules. The interest amount forms an important component of State CAMPA Fund necessary for meeting the enhanced cost of afforestation and offset the increased wage rates. Further, in cases where interest has been shown as accrued, it is not clear whether State Government have actually credited the interest amount on State CAMPA fund maintained in their respective Public Accounts.
3. Credit of State Share of CAMPA Fund: The Ministry is in the process of developing upgraded PARIVESH 2.0 digital portal since 2021 for transparency and effectiveness through online processes. Before that also PARIVESH portal was functioning for approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Therefore, the mechanism provided in the CAF Act for realisation of compensatory levis by the State Government from the User Agency as provided in the Sub-Section (4) of Section 3 of the Act was not started and the existing systems has been provisionally continued. The online portal is very effective in proper component-wise and project -wise reconciliation of compensatory levis. The CAMPA Funds are now deposited in the State specific CAMPA accounts maintained in the Union Bank of India linked with PARIVESH 2.0 portal and operated by National Authority. It would be prudent to follow the existing practice of crediting 100 per cent of State/ UT funds in the same State specific CAMPA accounts with and transfer of 90 per cent of State/ UT share after due reconciliation of fund positions.

Decision sought: The Executive Committee of National Authority may like to advise on the following:

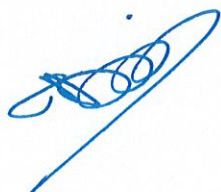
- (i) Release of State share of CAMPA Fund to States/UTs

- (ii) Continuation of the present system of crediting Compensatory levies in the State Specific Accounts maintained in the Union Bank of India by National CAMPA.

Decision of the EC: It was decided that

1. The State share of CAMPA funds reconciled with the States/UTs upto 31.03.2022 may be transferred to all States/UTs. However, the transfer of funds reconciled upto 31.03.2023 shall be made to those States/UTs, where there is timely release of funds by State Governments and the State Government/UT Administration has deposited the accrued interest earned on the State CAMPA Fund for the years 2019-20 to 2022-23.
2. Further the present system of depositing the compensatory levies by User Agencies in State specific bank accounts maintained in the Union Bank of India by National CAMPA may be continued in view of the functioning of online digital portal PARIVESH.2.0 for transparency and effectiveness in forest clearances.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.



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