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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Please find enclosed the minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority held on 08.12.2023 under the chairmanship of the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, for information and necessary action.

Encl:

1. Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting

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12.12.2023

(Subhash Chandra)  
Chief Executive Officer  
National Authority.

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5. The Additional Director General of Forests, NTCA, MoEF&CC, Member;
6. The Mission Director, National Mission of Green India, MoEF&CC, Member;
7. The Inspector General of Forests (FC Division), Member
8. The Deputy Inspector General of Forests, NAEB
9. Shri. Anil Kumar Ganeriwala, expert member of the Executive Committee
10. Shri Ashwani Kumar, expert member of the Executive Committee
11. Shri Girish Kuber, expert member of the Executive Committee
12. Shri Kailash Chandra Sharma, expert member of the Executive Committee
13. The DG, ICFRE
14. The Director General, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun
15. The Director, IIFM
16. The DIG (RT/ROHQ), MoEF&CC, GoI
17. The Head of all Integrated Regional Officers (IROs), MoEF&CC, Member

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1. The Chief Secretaries of the concerned States/UTs
2. The Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary, Secretary, Department of Forests of the States/UTs of Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana, Tamil Nadu
3. The PCCFs & HoFFs, States of Kashmir, Haryana, Tamil Nadu
4. The CEOs of States of Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana, Tamil Nadu



## THE MINUTES OF THE 26<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY

The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of the National Authority was held in Krishna Conference Room, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 under the chairmanship of the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary (DGF&SS), and the Chairman, Executive Committee. The list of 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 and other member of the Executive Committee and the officers present in the 26<sup>th</sup> EC meeting and requested permission of the chair for starting the proceedings of the meeting.
- 2) The DGF&SS welcomed the members and participants of the meeting.
- 3) The CEO informed the EC that total ten States have submitted reconciliation of project wise information on forest land diverted and the status of CA against them. However, only in respect of Rajasthan, project -wise reconciled data has been vetted by the Regional Office. In the States of Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Madhya Pradesh, Chandigarh and Andaman and Nicobar, the vetting by the Regional Offices is yet to be done. Others States and Union Territories are yet to submit reconciled data to Regional Office for vetting. EC desired that the exercise of reconciliation of project-wise CA should be completed in one month on priority. **It was decided that the APOs of 2024-25 of States & Union Territories will be considered by the National Authority only after the receipt of vetted report from concerned Regional Offices on reconciliation of project wise-forest diversion proposals and status of compensatory afforestation on the land earmarked for CA as indicated in the forest clearance accorded by Central Government in accordance with the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.**
- 4) The DGF&SS emphasised that States/UTs and various program/scheme implementing agencies should send the schemes/ APO proposals to the National Authority at least 15 days prior to the meeting for proper examination. He also directed that all Programme Divisions/ institutions proposing for funding from the National Fund must physically attend the meetings of the committee for explaining the activities in detail. While placing the Agenda for consideration of the EC, the proposed schemes should be properly checked for their admissibility/ suitability under various provisions of the Act and the Rules. As already observed in an earlier EC meeting the States/UTs were required to sign every page of the APO and give a certificate. It was reiterated that the following certificate should be given by CEO CAMPA of concerned State/UT.

*"I confirm that the budgetary figures in this agenda are as per APO of the .....State/UT. It is further confirmed that all budgetary demands of the State under various Heads are in compliance with the CAMPA Act 2016 and the extant policies of Govt. of India and CAMPA"*



**PART A: General**

**3.1 AGENDA ITEM NO 1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 25<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL AUTHORITY**

The Executive Committee confirmed the minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of EC held on 02.11.2023.

**3.2 AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: ACTION TAKEN NOTE ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE EC:**

The CEO, NA, CAMPA presented the action taken note on the decisions of the 25<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee before the EC. The Action Taken Note on the decision of the 25<sup>th</sup> meeting was perused by the Executive Committee.

1. The EC suggested that the actions taken by the State/UTs on the previous minutes of the EC meeting need to be presented in the EC meeting. CEO, informed that in the action points mentioned here, there is no action required from National CAMPA. The directions/decisions of the EC are, therefore, conveyed to Forest Departments of States/UTs and Programme Divisions of the Ministry for appropriate action at their end.
2. Shri Ashwani Kumar, Expert Member mentioned that as decided in an earlier meeting, each page of the APO is to be signed and the certificate already approved should be given by the CEOs of State/UT CAMPA or concerned officer. CEO, National CAMPA informed that the APOs including additional APOs are presented before the EC by J&K, UT are signed by concerned CEO and in case of Haryana, the proposal is for approval of differed items of main APO, 2023-24 which was already signed by CEO, CAMPA, Haryana. In addition, the minutes of Steering Committee are also obtained from concerned States for verifying the details.

The Executive Committee noted the action taken with respect to various action points referred in the Minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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**PART B- APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATIONS 2023-24**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: ADDITIONAL ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION (APO) OF JAMMU & KASHMIR UT CAMPA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24:**

1. Date of Receipt in National Authority :02.11.2023
2. Date of approval of the Steering Committee :31.10.2023
3. Total Amount / Outlay :Rs. 83.02 crore
4. Amount approved by National Authority :Rs. 83.02 crore (Rs. 53.44 crore from interest + Rs. 27.34 crores from savings under NPV)
5. 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
<b>1</b>	<b>Mandatory Activity</b>		
	CA/PCA/Additional CA	140.97	-
	Catchment Area Treatment Plan	-	-
	Integrated Wildlife Management Plan	276.70	-
	Others	-	-
<b>2</b>	<b>Net Present Value</b>	559.05	29.08
<b>3</b>	<b>Interest</b>	97.00	53.94
<b>4</b>	<b>Other Components</b>	0.70	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1074.42</b>	<b>83.02</b>

6. Details of activities proposed under additional APO for FY 2023-24

(Rs in crore)

Activities under Forest management under rule 5 (2) and rule 6 (a) (vi) of the CAF Rules, 2018		Proposed outlay for additional APO 2023-24	Proposed Physical Target under additional APO 2023-24	Remarks
<b>Rule 5(2) (a)&amp; (b)</b>	Assisted natural/Artificial regeneration and Management of biodiversity proposed under rule 5 (2) against savings accrued due to e-tendering of works under APO 2023-24	4.69	Plantation of 8.50 Lakh plants	
<b>Rule 5(2)(d)</b>	Protection of Plantation and Forests A. Proposal under Rule 5(2) - <b>Rs. 22.65 Crore</b> (Against savings accrued due to e-tendering of works under APO 2023-24) B. Proposal under Rule 6 (a) (vii)- <b>Rs. 47.17 Crore</b> Interest accrued on CAMPA levies in State Fund (Activities referred to in sub-rules (2) and (3))	69.82	Digitization of forest boundaries and fixing of 89237 BPs	
<b>Total under rule 5(2) and 6 a(vi) of the CAF Rules, 2018</b>		<b>74.51</b>		
<b>Rule 6(a)(vi) interest accrued on CAMPA levies in State Fund (Activities referred to under rule 5(3) of the CAF Rules, 2018)</b>				
Rule 5(3)(c)	Equipment and devices for communication and information technology	6.24	Purchase of 137 Hi-tech DGPS & GPS etc.	
Rule 5(3)(g)	Survey & mapping	0.03	Survey works	
<b>Total under Rule 6(a) (vi) of the CAF Rules, 2018</b>		<b>6.27</b>		
<b>Grand Total of proposed activities under rule 5(2) and 6 (a)(vi) of the CAF Rules, 2018</b>		<b>80.78</b>		

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<b>Other activities for management of forests and wildlife not referred to in sub rule (2) and (3) of rule 5 of CAF Rules, 2018</b>			
Rule 6(b)(vi)	<b>Activities under rule 6(b) (vi) of CAF rules (Hiring of vehicle for forest protection)</b>	<b>0.50</b>	
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>81.28</b>	
<b>B) Wildlife Department</b>			
<b>Additional activities proposed under NPV Wildlife Management for FY 2023-24 under CAMPA against savings accrued due to e-tendering of works under APO for 2023-24</b>			
<b>Proposed Wildlife Management Activities under rule 5 (2) of the CAF Rules, 2018</b>		<b>Proposed outlay for additional 2023-24</b>	
Rule 5 (2) (d)	Activities under rule 5 (2) (d) (savings) Installation of boundary Pillars for protection of protected Areas (PAs)	<b>0.46</b>	
Rule 5 (2) (g)	Activities under rule 5 (2) (g) (savings) Soil & Moisture Conservation Works to strengthen the vulnerable areas of Co.4/R Jammu 383 Crates, 1819 Cum DRSM	<b>1.00</b>	
<b>Rule 5 (2) (i)</b>	Activities under rule 5 (2) (d) (savings) Improvement of Wildlife Habitat in Shalibagh Wetland Conservation Reserve by way of:		
	(i) Raising of new Embankment in order to ensure adequate water level during lean season-1667 Cum. ii) Maintaining of Adequate water level in wetland by mechanical means and installation of water regulatory Gates	<b>0.10</b> <b>0.18</b>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1.74</b>	
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>Rs. 83.02 crore</b>	

**Discussion:** CEO National Authority informed that the EC has sanctioned APO of J&K CAMPA for Rs. 272.65 crore in its 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and an Additional amount of Rs. 14.88 crore in the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Thus, total amount approved under NPV component is Rs. 266.48 crore, which is 47.66 percent of total NPV Funds available with the J&K, CAMPA. The PCCF & CEO, J & K, CAMPA has submitted additional APO of **Rs.83.02 crore** vide letter no. PCCF/CAMPA/2023-24/422-23 dated 2.11.2023 for approval of National Authority. Out of this, Rs. 81.28 crore is required for digitization and demarcation of boundaries of vulnerable forests. It is proposed that the expenditure of Rs. 53.44 crore will be met from Interest component under Rule 6 (a)(vi) of CAF Rules, 2018 and remaining Rs. 27.34 crore proposed to be utilised from savings attributed to reduced fund requirements from estimated amount after completion of e-tendering process under NPV component of State CAMPA fund during 2023-24. CEO, National CAMPA informed that the minutes of Steering Committee meeting held on 02.11.2023 have been received. J&K CAMPA has Rs. 97.00 crore in their interest head from which an amount of Rs. 3.60 crore was already approved. The information about accrual of interest on the UT CAMPA is not provided and the CEO, J&K, CAMPA has informed that interest amount is being reconciled by their finance department and will be intimated shortly. A presentation was made by PCCF & HoFF, J&K on the proposal explaining urgency and importance for demarcation of reserved forests based on the notified boundaries and providing boundary pillars to delineate forest land from habitation for preventing encroachment.

**Decision of the EC:** The EC approved the Additional APO amounting Rs. 83.02 crore considering high priority accorded to consolidation and demarcation of forest land. Out of Rs. 81.28 crore required for digitization and demarcation of boundaries of vulnerable forests, Rs. 53.44 crore will be met from Interest Component and Rs. 27.34 crores from savings under NPV component.

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

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: DEFERRED ITEMS OF ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2023-24 OF HARYANA STATE CAMPA:**

1. Date of Receipt by NA: 09.06.2023
2. Date of approval of EC of State/UT: 16.01.2023
3. Date of approval of the Steering Committee: 24.05.2023
4. Total Amount/Outlay: Rs. 35.79
5. 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
<b>1</b>	<b>Mandatory Activity</b>		
	CA/PCA/Additional CA	375.86	20.60
	Catchment Area Treatment Plan	27.47	-
	Integrated Wildlife Management Plan	0.00	-
	Others	107.09	-
<b>2</b>	<b>Net Present Value</b>	264.91	15.19
<b>3</b>	<b>Interest</b>	23.88	-
<b>4</b>	<b>Other Components</b>	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>799.21</b>	<b>35.79</b>

6. The details of Additional APO are as under: -

(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 21.09.2023.		Amount proposed	Remark
		Physical Target	Financial Target	Physical Target	Financial Target		
<b>Site-specific activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016</b>							
<b>Compensatory Afforestation</b>							
<b>Mandatory Activities</b>	iv. Maintenance of existing/older plantation	6115.66	29.89	Approved as per actual and limited to proposed outlay. Further excluding the area which were approved by Central Government in accordance with FCA, 1980.		20.60	Approved
<b>Activities as per Rule 5(2) of the CAF Rules, 2018</b>							
<b>Artificial Regeneration</b>							
• 5(2)b	iii. Maintenance	4696.80	15.19	Not approved for new plantations. Maintenance for existing plantations may be done as per actual requirements after assessment by concerned CCF for an outlay of Rs. 2.00 crore. Details to be provided for reconsideration alongwith		15.19	Approved for Rs. 10 crore

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CAF Act/Rule	Deferred Activities	Original Proposed in APO 2023-24 by State		Decision as per Sanction order circulated dated 21.09.2023.		Amount proposed	Remark
		Physical Target	Financial Target	Physical Target	Financial Target		
				survival plantation.	percentage of		
	<b>Total approved</b>	<b>Rs. 30.60 Crore</b>					

**Decision of the EC:** The EC approved the deferred items of APO 2023-24 for Rs.30.60 crore as modified.

2. The EC further directed PCCF & HoFF and IRO, Chandigarh to complete reconciliation of the data proposal-wise on forest area diverted and compensatory afforestation sites and take appropriate action in respect of change of CA sites from those approved under FCA approvals. The exercise should be completed within 10 days.

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**PART D- NEW SCHEMES PROPOSED UNDER NATIONAL FUND**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.1: ESTABLISHMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE STUDY CELL AT FSI, DEHRADUN – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM NA-CAMPA**

<b>Name of Scheme</b>	<b>Establishment of Climate Change Study Cell at FSI, Dehradun Financial Assistance from NA-CAMPA</b>
<b>Implementing Agency</b>	<b>FSI</b>
<b>Project Duration/Period</b>	<b>05 Years</b>
<b>Project Outlay</b>	<b>71.95 crore</b>
<b>Objectives of the Project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To Perform Detailed Survey of “Tree Outside Forests Inventory for Assessing Carbon Stock of all five carbon pools”.</li><li>• To Establish “Permanent Sample Plots for Periodic Assessment of the Effect of Climate Change in Biodiversity”.</li><li>• 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”.</li><li>• To study “Indicator Species of Climate change”</li><li>• To Study the “Assessment &amp; monitoring Lichens as climate change indicators in sample plots of FSI”.</li><li>• To study the “Effect of climate change on habitats of Orchids (Himalayan, NE Region, Western &amp; Eastern Ghats)”.</li><li>• To Study the “Effect of Climate Change in the Carbon Sequestration of Mangrove Ecosystem”.</li></ul>	
<b>Recommendation of Program Division</b>	Program Division has already recommended before the 24 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of National Authority.

**Decision of EC:** The AS&FA mentioned that the comments of the Program Divisions are not included and it is imperative to include the consultations/ comments of the Climate Change Division of the Ministry. The DGF &SS directed that such schemes should be approved by the Research Advisory Committee.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.2: PROJECT PROPOSAL BY ICFRE: “MEASUREMENT OF CARBON FLUXES IN TROPICAL DRY DECIDUOUS FORESTS OF MADHYA PRADESH AND CHHATTISGARH THROUGH EDDY COVARIANCE-BASED CARBON FLUX TOWERS”.**

<b>Name of Scheme</b>	Measurement of Carbon Fluxes in Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh through Eddy Covariance-based Carbon Flux Towers
<b>Implementing Agency</b>	Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun
<b>Project Duration/Period</b>	5 Years
<b>Project Outlay</b>	Rs. 4.30 crore
<b>Programme Division</b>	Green India Mission Directorate Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Government of India
<b>Objectives of the Project</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To study the gross primary productivity and net ecosystem exchange of the Northern mixed deciduous forest of Madhya Pradesh and Southern mixed deciduous forest of Chhattisgarh through carbon flux towers established by ICFRE under the Ecosystem Services Improvement Project.</li> <li>ii. To build capacity of the State Forest Departments and other forestry training institutions on measurement and monitoring of the forest carbon stocks’ through using eddy covariance-based techniques and modelling approaches.</li> <li>iii. To devise suitable strategies for enhancing the carbon sequestration potential of Northern Dry Mixed Deciduous Forest and Southern Dry Mixed Deciduous Forest in the states of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.</li> </ol>	
<b>Project Outcomes</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Quantification of the carbon sequestration potential/ carbon exchange between the atmosphere and vegetation of the northern and southern mixed deciduous forests</li> <li>ii. Climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies for sustainable management of above-mentioned forest types</li> <li>iii. Development of knowledge products on measurement of forest carbon exchange, and knowledge sharing and dissemination</li> <li>iv. Trained forestry professionals from State Forest Departments and other forestry training institutions on forest carbon stock measurement through application of the latest methods and techniques</li> </ol>	
<b>Recommendation of Program Division</b>	The Green India Mission Directorate of the MoEFCC implemented the World Bank funded Ecosystem Services Improvement Project (ESIP) in the states of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, and established two eddy covariance based carbon flux towers for measurement and monitoring of carbon exchange in the forests. ESIP is completed on 30 July 2023 and prepared the Scheme/Pilot Project of Measurement of Carbon Fluxes in Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh through Eddy Covariance-based Carbon Flux Towers. Comprehensive long-term data collection, analysis, and action are needed for understanding global climate change and its mitigation. Long-term accurate measurements of carbon sink and storage helps in predicting the CO <sub>2</sub> absorption potential of the forests. Therefore, for continuation of the study, a project proposal for seeking financial support from National fund as per the section 5(b)(iii) of the CAF Act, 2016 is being submitted. The Green India Mission Directorate will function as Program Division for the Scheme/Pilot Project which will be implemented through Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun as Implementing Agency

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	and monitor the physical and financial progress of the Scheme/Pilot Project as required under CAF Act,2016and 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.
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**Decision of EC:** The EC was of the view that the same project should not be funded by multiple funding agency. Further, the concerned Program Division should examine the outcomes of the first project before recommending for extension of the project. Further, EC directed that the all the research projects have to be placed before the Research Advisory Committee for scrutiny and recommendation.

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**PART E- ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: REVISED ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION (APO) OF TAMIL NADU STATE CAMPA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24:**

1. Date of Receipt: 03.11.2023
2. Date of approval of EC of State/UT: 25.10.2023
3. Date of approval of the Steering Committee: 02.11.2023
4. Total Amount/Outlay: 42.171 crore
5. Funds status with the State/UT along with outlay proposed

(Rs. in crores)

S.No	CAMPA Activity	Fund Available with State on 01.04.2023	Outlay proposed during current FY
<b>1.</b>	<b>Mandatory Activity</b>		
	CA/PCA/Additional CA 3. 4.	25.9690	15.40
	Catchment Area Treatment Plan	0.3070	0.59*
	Integrated Wildlife Management Plan	0.1580	0.02
	Others		
<b>2.</b>	<b>Net Present Value</b>	41.0803	23.69
<b>3.</b>	<b>Interest</b>	6.4855	1.36
<b>4.</b>	<b>Other Components</b>	13.4710	1.111
	<b>Total</b>	87.4718	42.171*

Note: \* Funds may be transferred from 'Others' head, since the User Agency has deposited the fund for CATP Activity.

\*\* Amount proposed including Revalidation

6. Funds released by State Government during the FY

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Total Outlay of the APO	APO approved by National Authority during CFY	Fund Released by State Government	Fund Utilised by State Authority
2018-19	8.6560	7.0000	7.0000	4.3550
2019-20	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.5648*
2020-21	75.980	66.622	0.0000	0.0000
2021-22	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
2022-23	67.9209	38.2200	38.2200	25.9476

Note: \*\* The fund was utilized for Compensatory Afforestation activities from the unspent balance amount available in the PD Account as per Government of India guidelines.

7. Status of Compensatory Afforestation

(Area in Ha.)

Afforestation required as per site specific scheme submitted alongwith approved proposal for diversion of forest land under FC Act,1980 till 31.3.2022			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 up to 2024-25
(CA)	(PCA)	(CA+PCA)	(CA)	(PCA)	(CA+PCA)	(CA+PCA)	(CA+PCA)	(CA+PCA)
4006.635		4006.635	3616.419		3616.419	132.580	90.26%	390.216

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## 8. 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
390.216	132.580	116.108	116.108

## 9. Details of APO are as under

(Amount in Rs. Crore and Area in Ha.)

SI. No	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Green Employment (in Man days)	Page No. of the APO	Remarks
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target			
<b>1.</b>	<b>Site-specific activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016</b>						
	Mandatory Activity	<b>Compensatory Afforestation</b>					
		i. Advance soil work					
		ii. Nursery raising	156.271	1.562	10,802	24-25, 51-52	
		iii. New plantation	253.130	5.6886	43,826	25-27, 52	
		iv. Maintenance of existing / older plantation	924.526	2.7293	11,053	28-30, 53-56	
		<b>Catchment Area Treatment Plan</b>					
		i. Watershed management					
		ii. Plantation to check erosion	5.000	0.598	577	31	
		<b>Integrated wildlife Management Plan</b>					
		i. Habitat management for flora and fauna (Food/cover/water management)	20.000	0.02	193	32	
		ii. Weed removal					
		iii. Human wildlife Conflict management					
		<b>Other</b> (Site Specific activities in accordance with FC proposal) including chain link fencing		6.4797	32,174	28,33, 52-53	
		<b>Total site specific activities under CA</b>					
	* Note - Details as per FC proposals as Annexure						
<b>2.</b>	<b>Activity as per Rule 5(2) of CAF Rules, 2018</b>						



Sl. No	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Green Employment (in Man days)	Page No. of the APO	Remarks
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target			
	5(2)a	ANR					Working Plan provisions
		i. Advance soil work	Nil	Nil	Nil		
		ii. New plantation	90.95	1.100	10,628	34-36	As per Working plan provision
		iii. Maintenance	574.00	0.979	9,459		
		iv. Nursery raising	663.00	2.626	25,372		
	5(2)b	AR					
		i. Advance soil work	Nil	Nil			As per working plan provisions
		ii. New plantation	355.75	1.762		57	
		iii. Maintenance	22.00	0.065		57	
		iv. Nursery raising	50.00	0.146		57	
	5(2)c	Silvicultural Operations					
		i. Tending operations (Weeding, cleaning, thinning, pruning & climber cutting)	Nil	Nil			
		ii. Any other relevant activities	Nil	Nil			
	5(2)d	Protection of Plantations and forests					
		i. Demarcation of forest boundary	1073.68	0.0218		57	
		ii. Patrolling (hiring of vehicle)	Nil	Nil			
		iii. Purchase of equipment's relevant for patrolling	Nil	Nil			
		iv. Any other relevant activities	Nil	Nil			
	5(2)e	Pest and disease control in forests					
		Site specific measures for controlling pest and disease as per report of Technical Agency	Nil	Nil			
	5(2)f	Forest fire prevention and control operations					
		i. Fire line (creation & maintenance)	Nil	Nil			
		ii. Fire watchers	Nil	Nil			
		iii. Purchase of fire equipment	Nil	Nil			
		iv. Any other relevant activities	Nil	Nil			
	5(2)g	Soil and moisture conservation works					

SI. No	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Green Employment (in Man days)	Page No. of the APO	Remarks
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target			
		i. Water bodies (Name & size) a. Ponds b. Trenches c. Check dams d. Spur e. Retaining wall/Breast wall	32	3.90	37,681	42-44	As per Working plan provision
		ii. Any other relevant activities		0.05	483		
	5(2)h	Voluntary relocation of villages from protected areas					
		i. Name of village ii. Population iii. No. of eligible families willing iv. Availability of land for relocation (mention in annexure)	Nil	Nil			
	5(2)i	i. Habitat management for flora and Fauna pertaining to a. Food b. Cover c. Water management d. Weed removal	620	2.37	22,734	37-40, 58	As per Working plan provision
		ii. Human wildlife conflict management	Nil	Nil			
		iii. Protection activities a. Patrolling b. Prevention of Illicit felling c. Eco-development work in surrounding village to reduce conflict	Nil	Nil			
		iv. Any other relevant activities (Working plan activity)	LS	1.90	11,082	44-45, 58	As per Working plan provision
	5(2)j	Planting and rejuvenation of forest cover on non-forest land falling in wildlife corridors	Nil	Nil			
	5(2)k	Establishment, maintenance of animal rescue centre and veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals	2 Nos	4.32	26,570	37, 58	Project Elephant – Elephant Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre at Trichy.

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SI. No	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Green Employment (in Man days)	Page No. of the APO	Remarks
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target			
	5(2)l	Supply of wood saving, cooking appliances and other forest produce saving devices.	Nil	Nil			
	5(2)m	Management of biological diversity and biological resource					
		i. Creation of seed stock / Orchards	Nil	Nil			
		ii. Research Plots	Nil	Nil			
		iii. Any other relevant activities	Nil	Nil			
3.	Activities as per Rule 5(3) of the CAF Rule, 2018						
	5(3)a	Establishment, Maintenance of modern nurseries					
		i. Detailed estimate of nursery	Nil	Nil			
		ii. Any other relevant activities	Nil	Nil			
	5(3)b	Promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of biological diversity					
		i. Publicity	Nil	Nil			
		ii. Documentation	Nil	Nil			
		iii. Conference/Workshop	Nil	Nil			
	5(3)c	Purchase and maintenance of equipment of devices for communication, information and technology (Details of equipment & devices)					
		i. Wireless	Nil	Nil			
		ii. Phones	Nil	Nil			
		iii. Computers	Nil	Nil			
		iv. Maintenance	LS	0.25		58	
	5(3)d	Construction, up gradation and maintenance of inspection paths, forest roads in forest areas, watch towers, check posts and timber posts					
		i. Details of roads					
		ii. Watch towers	5 Nos	1.00	9,662	40-41,	
		iii. Check post	4 Nos	0.21	1,932	58	
		iv. Timber depot	5 Nos	0.16		41	
		v. Any other relevant activities (Forest outpost at coastal area and islands)	3 Nos	0.45	4,348	41	



SI. No	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Green Employment (in Man days)	Page No. of the APO	Remarks
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target			
	5(3)e	Construction of residential and official buildings (Retiring room for antipoaching squad)	4	1.00	9,662	40-41	Details of existing buildings in last five years furnished below: as Table 1
	5(3)f	Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff of State Forest Department	Nil	Nil			
	5(3)g	Survey and mapping for APO monitoring	LS	0.3147	Nil	48	
	5(3)h	Independent 11 concurrent monitoring and Third party monitoring and evaluation					
		i. Independent concurrent monitoring	LS	0.075	Nil	49,59	
		ii. Third party monitoring and evaluation	LS	0.48	Nil	49,59	
		iii. Auditing of Accounts by CA & CAG	LS	0.057	Nil	59	
	5(3)i	Publicity cum awareness programme					
		i. Publicity for common people	45 Nos	0.225	Nil	46	
		ii. Training for staff	45 Nos	0.225	Nil		
	5(3)j	Production and distribution of quality planting material (A detailed plan)	Nil	Nil	Nil		
	5(3)k	Forest certification and development of certification standards by agency	Nil	Nil	Nil		
<b>4.</b>	<b>Activities as per Rule 6(a) of CAF Rules, 2018</b>						
	6(a)i	To offset incremental cost of CA/PCA at increased wage rate		0.274	2647	24-30	
	6(a)ii	To offset increment cost of CAT at increased wage rate	0.00		Nil		
	6(a)iii	To offset incremental cost of IWMP at increased wage rate	0.00		Nil		



SI. No	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Green Employment (in Man days)	Page No. of the APO	Remarks
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target			
	6(a)iv	For disbursement of salary and allowances State CAMPA Authority & staff	0.00		Nil		
	6(a)v	For disbursement of sitting fees and allowances to nominated list of members	0.00		Nil		
	6(a)vi	Activities referred to in sub rule-(2) and (3) of Rule 5	0.00		Nil		
<b>5.</b>	<b>Activities as per Rule 6 (b) of CAF Rules, 2018</b>						
	6(b)i	Management of office establishment State CAMPA CEO with detail					
	6(b)ii	Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance	LS	0.21		50, 60	
	6(b)iii	Hiring of staff cars for the use only for CEO office	Nil	0.15		50, 60	
	6(b)iv	Hiring of buildings on lease for office establishment and residences only for CEO	Nil	0.30		60	
	6(b)v	Other contingencies for management of State Authority	LS	0.23		50	
	6(b)vi	Any other activity for management of forests and wildlife with the approval of Steering Committee and included in the APO	LS	0.192		49-50	
		<b>Total</b>		<b>42.171</b>			

**Decision of the EC:** The revised APO of the Tamil Nadu State CAMPA has been deferred as the CEO, State CAMPA or concerned officers were not present in the meeting.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: PROPOSAL FOR PROVIDING SUPPORT TO SCHEME OPERATING AGENCY (SOA) TO ESTABLISH DEDICATED CELL TO OPERATE AND MANAGE THE INDIAN FOREST AND WOOD CERTIFICATION SCHEME (IFWCS)**

Name of Scheme/ Project:	Establish a dedicated Cell of Scheme Operating Agency (SoA) to operate and manage the Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme (IFWCS)
Program Division of the Ministry	Research & Training Division, MoEF&CC
Nodal Officer of Programme Division (name and designation) and contact details-email id Mobile no	DIG, RT, MoEF&CC
Nodal Officer of Implementing Agency/ Institute (name and designation) and contact details-email id	Director, Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal 0755-2775998 <a href="mailto:director@iifm.ac.in">director@iifm.ac.in</a>
Objectives:	<p>i) Establishment of dedicated cell in the Scheme Operating Agency (IIFM, Bhopal) to operate</p> <p>ii) Management of the Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme under the guidance of the Indian Forest and Wood Certification Council.</p> <p>iii) Support and facilitate the process of standard development by the standard adoption committee, certification process and procedures through expert group/committee, and accreditation of CBs by the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB).</p> <p>iv) Oversee the assessment and issuance of certifications through NABCB-accredited certification bodies.</p> <p>v) Coordinate with NABCB-accredited Certification Body for issue of permission for certification mark/logo use.</p>
Project Duration	12 months
Project Outlay	Rs. 1.38 crores
Year wise estimated expenditure	Rs. 1.38 Crores
New or extension/ modification of existing scheme.	New
Revised outlay in case of existing scheme/project	NA
In case of modification of existing scheme: The details of expenditure incurred as on date along with copy of UC indicating unutilized fund.	NA
Brief note & Justification for seeking financial support from National Fund.	The Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme (IFWCS) is the national forest certification scheme of India and is designed to promote sustainable forest management and

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	<p>sustainable management of Trees outside Forests in the country.</p> <p>Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change issued the guidelines for Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme vide F. No. 3-19/2022-SU dated 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The guidelines set out the key requirements, governance structure, institutional arrangement and various processes and procedures related to forest certification under IFWCS.</p> <p>As a Scheme Operating Agency, the IFWCS has to be implemented and the certification process has to be made operational.</p> <p>The Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal, the Scheme Operating Agency (SoA), of IFWCS is proposed to establish a cell/management unit to operate and manage the Scheme as per the guidelines approved by the competent authority at the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi.</p> <p>The Cell will comprise of CEO and supported by professional/technical experts at the level of managers who reports to the Director, IIFM on matters related to the administration and functioning of the cell and all matters related to the entire business of IFWCS. Besides, need to develop the digital/electronic application formats and the web portal for online process of certification. Further, outreach activities have to be conducted as the scheme needs to be popularized and taken to the beneficiaries namely State Forest Department, Forest Development Corporations, Wood based industries, other institutions, farming communities and others who are in the business of tree cultivation.</p> <p>The present proposal is for providing support to Scheme Operating Agency (SoA) to establish a dedicated Cell to operate and manage the Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme (IFWCS) and to meet out the initial expenditure required for carrying out the above activities and roll out the scheme successfully on ground.</p>
<b>Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of dedicated cell of the Scheme Implementing Agency (SoA)</li> <li>• Design &amp; development of Web Portal along with electronic data sets and management of the data base.</li> <li>• Outreach activities about the scheme and facilitate the State Forest Departments, Forest Development Corporations, Wood Based Industries, Institutions Tree Growers to go for certification.</li> </ul>
<b>Deliverables (including year wise)</b>	Sustainable Forest Management Certification under IFWCS Tree Outside Forest Certification under IFWCS Chain of Custody Certification IFWCS

**Discussion:**

The DIGF (RT) from Programme Division apprised the members of the Executive Committee about Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme (IFWCS). The scheme is conceptualised as a national forest certification scheme, designed to promote sustainable forest management and sustainable management of Trees outside Forests in the country. It is important to get the timber certification mechanism at the national level taking into account the national circumstances since the two major forest product certification agencies are international agencies namely Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) & Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). The cost of certification from the international agencies is very high for local tree growers for becoming eligible for exporting the forest produce.

The instant proposal submitted by IIFM is for seeking funding support for establishment of a dedicated Cell of SoA to operationalise forest certification mechanism for forest produce of the country initially for one year and later the expenses would be met by the IFWCS on its own generated funds.

**Decision of EC:** The EC approved the scheme and recommended for obtaining approval of Governing Body.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: CONSERVATION BREEDING OF CHEETAH  
(ACINOYXJUBATUS) IN BANNI GRASSLAND, GUJARAT**

Name of Scheme/Project	Conservation breeding of Cheetah ( <i>Acinoyxjubatus</i> ) in Banni Grassland, Gujarat	
Implementing Agency	State Forest Department, Govt. of Gujarat	
Programme Division	NTCA	
Nodal Officer of Programme Division (name & Designation & contact details. email id)	Mr. S.P.Yadav, IFS The Member Secretary, NTCA, MoEF&CC	
Name of Nodal officer of implementing Agency/Institute (Name & Designation & Contact details/email Id)	Mr. N. Srivastava, IFS Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and CWLW B/1 Arnaya Bhawan, near Ch-3 circle, Gandhinagar- 382010 <a href="mailto:cwlguj@gmail.com">cwlguj@gmail.com</a> +918980755055	
Objectives	Establishing the Cheetah population to India: Captive breeding as a method for restoring the Cheetah population is poised to serve as blueprint or biodiversity	
Project Duration & Year wise activities	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction cost of enclosure with chain link fencing</li> <li>Separate of enclosure for female and males</li> <li>Utilization chamber for both male and females cheetah</li> <li>Isolation chamber</li> <li>Habitat improvement</li> <li>Approach road to the breeding centre</li> <li>Veterinary setup in enclosure</li> <li>Creating water facilities</li> <li>Overhead water tank</li> <li>Water concentration within enclosure area</li> <li>Electricity connection</li> </ul> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gate, Parking</li> <li>Cub rearing enclosure for cheetah</li> <li>Patrolling rout alongside of enclosure</li> <li>Roads and paths inside the enclosure area</li> <li>Office buildings and staff quarters</li> <li>Storage room, Animal monitoring system</li> <li>CCTV, R.O. facilities</li> <li>Solar lights</li> <li>Feeding cost for cheetah</li> <li>Man power for managing the enclosure</li> <li>Veterinary man power for the enclosure</li> <li>Training and workshop, Computers, printers and other devices</li> </ul>	
Project outlay	Survey and habitat sustainability study Global Cheetah population be conserved	
Year wise estimated expenditure	Year	Cost (in lakhs per annum approx.)
	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	1470.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	561.00
	Total	2031.00

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New or extension/modification of existing scheme	New
Revised outlay in case of existing scheme/project	NA
Brief note and justification for seeking financial support from National Fund	India, a land rich in biodiversity & cultural heritage, once shared its landscape with the majestic Cheetah ( <i>Acinonyx jubatus venaticus</i> ). However, absent from the Indian wilderness for several decades. The story of Cheetah in India is one of the historical significance, conservation efforts & subcontinent was historically home to a thriving population of Cheetahs. Giving all the consideration of GOI towards establishing the cheetah population to India. Both in terms of suitable habitat "Banni grassland, closed do possess an appropriate candidacy and the "Captive Breeding" through establish method.
Outcomes	Cheetah population got re-establish
Deliverables (including year wise)	NA
<b>Recommendation of the Program Division</b>	The NTCA of the MoEFCC has prepared the Scheme/Pilot Project of <i>Conservation breeding of Cheetah (Acinonyx jubatus) in Banni Grassland, Gujarat</i> for seeking financial support from National fund as per the section 5(b)(iii) of the CAF Act 2016. The NTCA will function as Program Division for the Scheme/Pilot Project which will be implemented through State Govt. through NTCA 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.

**Discussion:** The IG (NTCA), explained the proposal to the members of the Executive Committee. This proposal conceptualise on Conservation breeding of Cheetah in Banni Grassland, Gujarat. India, some land rich in biodiversity & cultural heritage, once shared its landscape with the majestic Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus venaticus*). However, absent from the Indian wilderness for several decades. The story of Cheetah in India is one of the historical significance, conservation efforts & subcontinent was historically home to a thriving population of Cheetahs.

Giving all the consideration of GOI towards establishing the cheetah population to India. Both in terms of suitable habitat "Banni grassland, closed do possess an appropriate candidacy and the "Captive Breeding" through establish method.

**Decision of the EC:** The EC approved the scheme and recommended for obtaining approval of the Governing Body.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: PROPOSAL FOR RELOCATION OF 5 VILLAGES FROM CORE AREA OF PALAMAU TIGER RESERVE (PTR), JHARKHAND**

Name of Scheme/Project	Proposal for relocation of 5 villages from core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve (PTR), Jharkhand
Programme Division	National Tiger Conservation Authority
Objectives	Relocation of 5 Core Area villages viz. Polpol, Chapiya, Nawarnago, Tanwai & Totki from PTR, North Division
Project Duration	1 year (2024-25). Rs. 15.0 Lakh will be deposited in the account of beneficiaries and houses will be constructed along with basic facilities and farm field will be developed at relocation site.
Project outlay	430 beneficiaries or families from 5 core area villages @ Rs. 15.00 Lakh/family amounting to Rs. 6450.00 Lakh.
Brief note and justification for seeking financial support from National Fund	PTR is one of the first nine Tiger Reserve of India. The number of tiger and other wild animals has decreased over the years due to unavailability of inviolate space inside core area. However, in last few months 03 Tigers have visited PTR. to ensure that they become resident and breeding Population, it is highly important to create and inviolate core by relocating the core villages and creating suitable grassland habitat in that place. Relocation of 05 Core Area villages (Polpol, Chapiya, Totki, Nawrnago, Tanwai) from PTR will provide more than 200 sq km. inviolate space, which is extremely required for the growth of tiger population. The world's first Tiger census was carried out in this forest area in 1932 as it had highest density of tiger during those days. At the time when the country is celebrating success in the area of tiger conservation, one of the oldest tiger reserves of our country has nearly lost all its tiger which is great cause of concern. Financial support from National Fund will be utilized for the relocation of villages from core area for creating inviolate space that will result in the growth of tiger population inside PTR.
Outcomes	200 sq km area of PTR will be completely free from human presence which is extremely important for the growth of tiger population. Grassland will be developed at the vacant village land and herbivores will be released. Reintroduction of tiger from other tiger reserves will be done under the guidance of National Tiger Conservation Authority.
Comments of the National Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The provision of funds for relocation of villages from the protected areas, exists under the CAF rule 5(2)h pertaining to NPV funds of the State CAMPA. There is no such provision for providing funds for relocation of villages from the protected areas from National Fund.</li> <li>Jharkhand State CAMPA had previously proposed an outlay of Rs. 800.00 lakhs for relocation of the five aforementioned villages in their Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2023-24 which was discussed and approved by the Executive Committee of the National Authority in its 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 31.08.2023.</li> <li>In case the State CAMPA of Jharkhand wish to seek for the approval of an additional amount of Rs. 6450.00 for the relocation of villages mentioned above, an additional APO needs to be submitted to the National Authority, followed by the due approval of the State CAMPA Steering Committee.</li> </ul>

**Decision of the EC:** The EC decided that the proposal should be included as part of State APO as per CAF Rule 5(2)(h) for consideration of the Executive Committee of National Authority.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: PROPOSAL FOR THE RELOCATION OF JAIGIR VILLAGE FROM THE CORE AREA OF PALAMAU TIGER RESERVE (PTR), JHARKHAND**

Name of Scheme/Project	Proposal for the relocation of Jaigir village from the core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve (PTR), Jharkhand
Programme Division	National Tiger Conservation Authority
Objectives	Relocation of Jaigir village from core area of PTR
Project Duration	1 year (2023-24). Rs. 15.0 lakh will be deposited in the account of beneficiaries and houses will be constructed along with basic facilities and farm field will be developed at relocation site.
Project outlay	60 beneficiaries or families from one core area villages @ Rs. 15.00 lakh/family amounting to Rs. 900.00 lakh
Brief note and justification for seeking financial support from National Fund	PTR is one of the first nine Tiger Reserve of India. The number of tiger and other wild animals has decreased over the years due to unavailability of inviolate space inside core area. However, in last few months 03 Tigers have visited PTR. to ensure that they become resident and breeding Population, it is highly important to create and inviolate core by relocating the core villages and creating suitable grassland habitat in that place. Relocation of Jaigir village will provide more than 100 sq km. inviolate space, which is extremely required for the growth of tiger population. The world's first Tiger census was carried out in this forest area in 1932 as it had highest density of tiger during those days. At the time when the country is celebrating success in the area of tiger conservation, one of the oldest tiger reserves of our country has nearly lost all its tiger which is great cause of concern. Financial support from National Fund will be utilized for the relocation of villages from core area for creating inviolate space that will result in the growth of tiger population inside PTR.
Outcomes	100 sq km area of PTR will be completely free from human presence which is extremely important for the growth of tiger population. Grassland will be developed at the vacant village land and herbivores will be released. Reintroduction of tiger from other tiger reserves will be done under the guidance of National Tiger Conservation Authority.
Comments of the National Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The provision of funds for relocation of villages from the protected areas, exists under the CAF rule 5(2)h pertaining to NPV funds of the State CAMPA. There is no such provision for providing funds for relocation of villages from the protected areas from National Fund.</li> <li>• Jharkhand State CAMPA had previously proposed an outlay of Rs. 800.00 lakhs for relocation of the five villages in their Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2023-24 which was discussed and approved by the Executive Committee of the National Authority in its 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 31.08.2023.</li> <li>• In case the State CAMPA of Jharkhand wish to seek for the approval of an additional amount of Rs. 900.00 lakh for the relocation of villages mentioned above, an additional APO needs to be submitted to the National Authority, followed by the due approval of the State CAMPA Steering Committee.</li> </ul>

**Decision of the EC:** The EC decided that the proposal should be included as part of State APO as per CAF Rule 5(2)(h) for consideration of the Executive Committee of National Authority.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: PROPOSAL FOR TIGER AUGMENTATION AND SOFT RELEASE OF TIGER IN BUXA TIGER RESERVE (BTR), WEST BENGAL**

Name of Scheme/Project	Proposal for tiger augmentation and soft release of tiger in Buxa Tiger Reserve (BTR), West Bengal
Programme Division	National Tiger Conservation Authority
Objectives	To increase the number of Tiger at BTR & to make congenial habitat for Tiger by way of improving corridors, prey- base augmentation & soft release of Tiger at BTR.
Project Duration	5 years (2023-24 to 2027-28)
Project outlay	Rs. 50,82,95,655/-
Brief note and justification for seeking financial support from National Fund	BTR is a low density Tiger Reserve. In the 4th cycle of All India tiger Estimation there was no tiger in the BTR. In 5th Cycle of All India Tiger Estimation, the report shows presence of only one tiger. The Location of BTR is adjacent to Rhimona NP which is connected with Manas Tiger reserve of Assam. The corridor between Phibsoo National Park of Bhutan & connected BTR is almost undisturbed. Hence sporadic movement of tiger is observed. This project will help in establishing congenial habitat for tiger. For the purpose to improve protection status, increase of grassland for the growth of prey base, sensitization in and around villages of BTR has been included in the project. The most crucial part of the project is the soft release of Tiger at BTR. The project is important as this will develop the habitat of Tiger which is an umbrella species. The presence of Tiger will help in improving the whole ecosystem of Buxa and thus will improve the conservation status of biodiversity of BTR. This project will ensure the presence of tiger at BTR which will again bring a boom in eco-tourism activity to the area. This would also reduce the dependency of fringe human population on BTR.
Outcomes	To increase the number of tiger at BTR and establishing a congenial habitat for Tiger and other focused species.
Comments of the National Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The provision of funds for wildlife management and improvement of wildlife habitat, exists in the Integrated Wildlife Management Plan (IWMP) under Mandatory Activities (<b>Site-specific activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016</b>) and CAF rule 5(2)i pertaining to Net Present Value (NPV) funds of the State CAMPA.</li> <li>• In case the State CAMPA of West Bengal wish to seek for the approval of a total amount of Rs. 50.00 crores for the augmentation and soft release of tiger in BTR as mentioned above, an additional APO needs to be submitted to the National Authority, followed by the due approval of the State CAMPA Steering Committee.</li> </ul>

**Decision of the EC:** The EC decided that the funds available under relevant Central Sponsored Schemes of the Ministry should be availed for the purpose instead of National Fund under CAMPA and the West Bengal State should work out the fund requirement during the current financial year and send the proposal to Ministry.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: PROPOSAL FOR THE RELOCATION OF BHARATHAPUR VILLAGE, DUDHWA TIGER RESERVE, UTTAR PRADESH**

Name of Scheme/Project	Proposal for the relocation of Bharathapur village, Dudhwa Tiger Reserve, Uttar Pradesh
Programme Division	National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)
Project Duration	1 year
Project outlay	Rs. 46.075 crore
Brief note and justification for seeking financial support from National Fund	Bhartapur village is located in the core area of Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, UP. Relocation of Bhartapur village will exclude the interferences in the form of human settlements, livestock grazing, agriculture practices that leads to the human-wildlife conflict. Villagers have voluntarily sought to be relocated.
Comments of the National Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detail work plan and proposal are not available in attached document by the state/programme division.</li> <li>• The proposal for village relocation of Bhartapur village, Dudhwa Tiger Reserve, Uttar Pradesh submitted for <b>Rs. 46.075</b> crore from NTCA to approval from National Authority.</li> <li>• However, voluntary relocation of villages from Protected Areas is the part of NPV activity as per Rule, 5(2)h.</li> <li>• The State CAMPA authority should include voluntary relocation of village in NPV with the approval of Steering Committee. National Authority do not provide funds for such activities.</li> <li>• The State CAMPA authority, UP is requested to kindly include this proposal with detail work plan in APO under the NPV activity.</li> </ul>

**Decision of the EC:** The EC decided that the proposal should be included as part of State APO as per CAF Rule 5(2)(h) for consideration of the Executive Committee of National Authority.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF OFFICE SPACE AT WORLD TRADE CENTER, NAUROJI NAGAR, NEW DELHI FOR SETTING UP NATIONAL CAMPA OFFICE.**

**Proposal:** The National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (National CAMPA) came into existence on 30 September 2018 as per provisions of the Compensatory Afforestation Act, 2016 (CAF Act, 2016) enacted on 3rd August 2016. The National CAMPA (National Authority), with the support of State/ UT CAMPA is working for compensating the loss of forests, tree cover and biodiversity due to diversion of forest land for various development/ non-forestry purposes. Apart from important works being done under State APO's, the NA is providing financial support to Scientific institutions viz., ICFRE, FSI, WII, and other Authorities / Divisions of the MoEFCC. As on date, National CAMPA is managing entire corpus of CAMPA funds including approving Annual Plans of Operations of State/UT CAMPA Authorities. The National Authority is supporting more than 40 schemes of National importance on varied subjects related with forestry, wildlife and ecological services. After transferring more than 55,292.35 crores of State Shares of CAMPA funds to respective States/UTs the Authority is currently managing more than Rs. 36,000/- crore of CAMPA Funds including around Rs. 8,000 crores of National Fund. The role and responsibility of the National CAMPA is expanding to fulfil the mandate given in the CAF Act, 2016.

Presently, National CAMPA is functioning from about 1500 sq. ft. at 4th Floor, 3rd Block, CGO complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi allocated by MoEFCC to National Authority which is insufficient for office of Deputy CEO, 6 Consultants and 6 office Assistants only currently functioning from the above-mentioned office. Due to shortage of space office of CEO, CAMPA is functioning from Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor bagh (IPB). There is no regular Joint CEO, Financial Adviser & Chief Account Officer, Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Under Secretary, Drawing & Disbursing officer, other office Staffs etc. IGF(FP) who is in additional charge of Joint CEO is also functioning from IPB and AIGF(FPD) who has been assigned to discharge functions in National Authority is also functioning from IPB.

There is urgent need to expand the office space for proper functioning of existing National CAMPA office. The office space is a major constraint for appointing regular staff of the Authority. Section-8 of the CAF Act mandates National Authority to manage and utilise CAMPA fund besides discharging other important duties and responsibilities like monitoring of utilization of CAMPA fund in various states and assisting Executive Committee and Governing Body in following functions:

- i. Approval of Annual plan of operations of State Authorities.
- ii. Formulation of proposals for schemes funded by National CAMPA.
- iii. Execution of schemes funded by National CAMPA.
- iv. Management and transfer of Fund.
- v. Annual report and Audit of National CAMPA.
- vi. Monitoring and Evaluation of CAMPA activities including State CAMPA
- vii. Organising conferences/ seminars and publication of literatures.
- viii. Facilitation for scientific, technological and other assistance that may be required by State/UT Authorities, etc.

This requirement of office space of 13,902 sq. ft has been calculated for different ranks of Officers and Staff as per Ministry of Urban development O.M. dated 16.03.2017. CCU Division of the Ministry has already vetted 11,658 sq. ft. based on the MoHUA' circular vide above cited O.M. in this regard.

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National CAMPA has previously approached various organisations/ PSUs and other agencies in New Delhi for renting out their office space, however all the efforts bear no fruits. The normal functioning of National CAMPA is badly affected due to paucity of office space. Further, in absence of suitable office space, the Authority is finding difficulty in engaging sanctioned manpower to discharge its normal functioning effectively. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs through NBCC (INDIA) LTD (A Govt. of India Enterprise) has announced e-auction/ Sale of Commercial Built-up Space on Freehold Basis in World Trade Center, New Delhi at Nauroji Nagar. NBCC (India) Limited is the implementing agency and is authorized to market the commercial super built-up area on behalf of MoHUA (Date of E-Auction is 14.12.2023). List of available commercial built-up space along with Reserve Price and EMD were indicated in Annexure A of the Application Form. Total 25 units ranging from 857 Sq Ft to 21,878 Sq. Ft (Carpet area) were available for e-auction. The reserve price of super built-up area is @Rs 37161/- per sq. ft. Few important points of the scheme are as under-

(i) The bidder shall be required to register itself with RAILTEL (The agency engaged by NBCC (INDIA) LTD for holding e-auction).

(ii) The bidder shall be liable to pay Auction Processing Fee (payable to RAILTEL) for each unit. The Auction Processing Fee is non-refundable.

(iii) The reserve price of super built-up area is @Rs 37161/-per sq. ft. The Bidders who are participating in the e-auction shall submit their bids at reserve price or with a minimum incremental of Rs.100/-

(iv) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), as per Notice Inviting Tender, is required to be deposited for participation in bid, through RTGS/NEFT/e-Payment.

Further, the Section 5(b)(i) provides for non-recurring and recurring expenditure for the management of the National Authority including the salary and allowances payable to its officers and other employees. Sufficient funds are available with the National Authority in public fund account which can meet the requirement of purchasing the office space.

**Discussion:** The CEO, National CAMPA explained to the Executive Committee of the urgency of office space required for proper functioning of the National CAMPA office. National CAMPA came into existence in 30.09.2018, still it is functioning from a small space of around 1500 sq. ft. in CGO Complex which is less than a three bed-room flat area. He further informed that the role of National CAMPA is to implement the mandate given under the CAF Act for management, planning, administration of compensatory levies and planning and administration of compensatory afforestation for compensating the loss of forest land and ecosystem services due to diversion as per provision of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(ii) National CAMPA approves Annual Plan of Operations of States and Union Territories. It also receives, manages and transfers compensatory levies amounting to thousands of crores rupees to respective Public Accounts of States/UTs and Public Account of India. The role of National CAMPA has increased manifold with a number of new initiatives being brought by the Government for conservation and development of forests and wildlife including Green Credit Scheme, Mission MISHTI recent initiatives for maintenance of ecological security and in supporting research and development works for in the fields of environment, forest, wildlife and climate change. Hence, there is an urgent need to secure adequate and suitable office space for proper functioning of National CAMPA keeping its present requirements.

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(iii) The EC was informed that the National CAMPA has previously approached various PSUs and other agencies in New Delhi for renting out their office space, however the efforts could not materialize due to various reasons. The normal functioning of National CAMPA is badly affected due to paucity of office space. Further, in absence of suitable office space, the Authority is finding difficulty in engaging sanctioned manpower to discharge its normal functioning effectively. It was emphasised that to ensure optimum performance and efficacy of the National CAMPA, Officials and employees for the Authority need to be deployed in full strength and should be accommodated in a single office space having adequate rooms and facilities, which is not the case at present.

(iv) CEO informed that the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs through NBCC (INDIA) LTD (A Govt. of India Enterprise) has announced e-auction/ Sale of Commercial Built-up Space on Freehold Basis in World Trade Center, New Delhi at Nauroji Nagar. NBCC (India) Limited is the implementing agency and is authorized to market the commercial super built-up area on behalf of MoHUA (Date of E-Auction is 14.12.2023). Total 25 units ranging from 857 Sq Ft to 21,878 Sq. Ft (Carpet area) were available for e-auction. The reserve price of super built-up area is @Rs 37161/-per sq.ft. The space available with the built up area of 15,701 sq. ft. and the carpet area of 11,829 sq. ft. costing approx. Rs 62.39 crore, was proposed for purchase for meeting the office space requirement for which technical vetting is obtained from the CCU.

(v) CEO, National CAMPA informed that Section-8 of the CAF Act, 2016 mandates National Authority to manage, administer, plan and utilize CAMPA fund received from user agencies as compensatory levies for raising of CA and other activities for compensating ecosystem services besides discharging other important duties and responsibilities like monitoring of utilization of CAMPA fund in various states and UTs. He further, brought the attention of EC towards the section 5(b)(i), which provides for non-recurring and recurring expenditure for the management of the National Authority including the salary and allowances payable to its officers and other employees. Sufficient funds are available with the National Authority in public fund account which can meet the requirement of purchasing the office space.

(vi). CEO, National CAMPA further added that this space is quite adequate to meet out the existing and future requirement of National CAMPA and it is located close to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Indira Paryavaran Bhawan) and other Central Government offices as CAMPA is required to coordinate with various ministries and Central Government offices. This not only would save the commutation time but also enhance the efficiency of National CAMPA.

(vii) The AS&FA stated that the purchase of office space for National Authority is not covered under the CAF Act, 2016. The CEO explained that the purchase of office space is one time expenditure and is very well covered under the non-recurring expenditure mentioned in the Section 5(b)(i) of the CAF Act, 2016. The Capital Expenditure is a type of non-recurring Expenditure and under the CAF Rules 2018, there is provision for creation of capital assets under non-recurring management expenditure, under rule 32 also.

(viii). The Chairman also opined that there is requirement of office space for the National Authority. Other members, including Shri Anil Ganeriwala, Expert member and Shri Girish Kuber, expert member. Shri Ganeriwala expressed his support for purchase of office space for National Authority and he stressed that proper space for employees is must for keeping the employees

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motivated for delivering desired outputs as mandated in Authority. The ADG (WL) also supported the proposal for purchase of office space for the National Authority.

(ix). The AS&FA strongly objected that there is no provision for purchase of capital assets and the National Authority can rent the office space instead of purchase. AS&FA also stated that the National Authority is neither autonomous or statutory body. AS&FA questioned how the NBCC was selected for purchase of the office space. AS&FA added that the proposal of purchase is from a single source basis though and therefore the approval from the Ministry is to be obtained.

(x). On this, CEO, national Authority clarified that it is not an outright purchase, there is an e-auction by NBCC on behalf of MoHUA (Govt. of India), even we are offered the space on the basis of bid the funds would be required to be transferred to MoHUA (Govt. of India), this would be Government to Government transfer of fund without asking any additional budget from the finance wing or the Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India, nor it will burden any of the organ of the Government setup as the fund proposed to be utilised are generated through the system provided in the CAF Act, 2016, which empowers the National Authority to incur non – recurring expenditure in accordance with the Rule 32 of CAF Rules, 2018. Further, it was clarified by CEO that there is no deviation from the provisions of GFR as well as other circulars/guidelines issued from time to time on the subject. It was further pointed out that the assets so created shall have significant appreciation in value over the period. Therefore, the fund invested shall remain protected and expected to multiply in future.

(xi). However, AS&FA did not agree for purchase of proposed office space. He suggested that fund for rental office space may be proposed to be obtained from the Ministry's budget. CEO, NACAMPA explained that since National CAMPA is a statutory body and has its own funds provided under National Fund for management of its affairs, it would not be prudent to approach Ministry for providing funds for purchase CAMPA office. CEO emphasised that this offer of office space which is from the MoHUA should be availed as such opportunities of getting good office space with modern facilities near Central Government Ministries are rarely available in New Delhi.

**Decision of the EC:** The EC agreed to the requirement of office space as vetted by CCU of the Ministry for the office National Authority. Further, the EC opined that the National Authority may apart from purchase of office space also explore the rental spaces for running the office of National Authority. The office space may be purchased or hired with the approval of the Competent Authority as this action is within the ambit of the rules framed under the CAF Act, 2018. The proposal is recommended to be placed before the Governing Body for approval.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: RESTORATION OF FOREST-CONNECTED LANDSCAPES FOR STRENGTHENING ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND IMPROVING RURAL LIVELIHOODS IN JHANSI, MAHOPA AND LALITPUR DISTRICTS, UTTAR PRADESH**

Name of Scheme/Project	Restoration of Forest-connected landscapes for strengthening environmental services and improving rural livelihoods in Jhansi, Mahoba and Lalitpur districts, Uttar Pradesh
Project Duration	5 years
Project outlay	Rs. 12489.95 (in Lakh)
Comments of the National Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detail project proposal is available in attached document by the State CAMPA Uttar Pradesh.</li> <li>• The proposal for Soil and Moisture Conservation in Bundelkhand zone, Uttar Pradesh submitted to approval from National Authority.</li> <li>• However, Soil and Moisture Conservation is the part of NPV activity as per Rule, 5(2) g.</li> <li>• The State CAMPA authority should include Soil and Moisture Conservation in NPV with the approval of Steering Committee. National Authority do not provide funds for such activities.</li> <li>• NPV funds available with the State CAMPA, Uttar Pradesh Rs. 77.57 crore in the APO for 2023-24 and approved NPV amount Rs. 22.90 crore.</li> <li>• The available NPV amount Rs. 54.67 after the approval of APO for 2023-24.</li> <li>• The State CAMPA authority, UP is requested to kindly include this proposal with detail work plan in APO under the NPV activity.</li> </ul>

**Decision of the EC:** The EC decided that the fund already approved in the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of EC under the item soil and moisture conservation will only be considered by National Authority. If it is not the part of earlier APO for the year 2023-24, the same should be proposed for the APO 2024-25.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CONDUCTING TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING IN FOREST MANAGEMENT, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CARBON MARKET, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND CONSERVATION AND LIVELIHOOD AT IIFM**

Name of Scheme/Project	Proposal for Developing Infrastructure for Conducting Training and Capacity Building in Forest Management, Sustainable Development, Carbon market, Climate change, and Conservation and livelihood at IIFM
Programme Division	RT Division, MoEF&CC
Nodal Officer of implementing Agency/Institute (name and designation) and contact details-email id	Director, Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal 0755-2775998 director@iifm.ac.in
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organise academic and capacity building programmes in areas related to Sustainable Forest Management, Sustainable Development, Climate Change, Social, Environment and Corporate Sustainability, Carbon Market, and Conservation and Livelihood.</li> <li>• Popularize the Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) to meet its mission goals in mobilising people (across India and the World) to take individual and collective action for protecting and conserving the environment.</li> <li>• Develop and impart need based and sector driven capacity building programmes.</li> <li>• Building state of art training &amp; capacity building infrastructure for sustainable forest management, Sustainable Development, Sustainability, Conservation and livelihood.</li> </ul>
Project Duration	2 years
Project outlay	300 Rooms Students' Hostel = Rs. 81.95 Crores 60 Rooms Trainees Hostel = Rs. 26.61Crores Total = Rs. 108.56 Crores
Year wise estimated expenditure	Rs. 108.56 Crores
New or extension/ modification of existing scheme	New
Brief note and justification for seeking financial support from National Fund	<p>The institute is mandated with activities related to academics, research, training and capacity building in areas related to Sustainable Forest Management, Sustainable Development, Climate Change, Carbon market, Sustainability, Ecosystem Services Valuation, Green Accounting, Corporate Social Responsibility, ESG, Conservation and Livelihood, marketing of forest produce, Forest certification, Circular Economy and supply chain management in forest and environment sector.</p> <p>The Institute currently offering two year Post Graduate Programmes in Forestry Management and Sustainability Management to meet the demand of the sectors. The programmes</p>

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constantly gets 100% campus placement. The sanctioned strength for the said courses is 225 and we have 200 students admitted for the courses, thereby there would be 450 students in the campus in a year.

The institute conducts Fellow Programme in Management and PhD in the field of management, forestry, environment, conservation and livelihood.

The institute regularly conducts training and capacity building programmes in the form of Management Development Programmes for persons from the Indian Forest Service, other central services, paramilitary forces, State Forest Departments, other line departments, Forest Development Corporations, Development professionals, academia and industries, scientists and other stakeholders in Natural Resource Management, Sustainable Development, carbon markets, and Climate Change, etc.

IIFM through its capacity building programs inculcate knowledge, understanding and skill sets through appropriate teaching methods/pedagogy.

IIFM is also to be engaged in creating the knowledge portal with digital repository of various environment-related treaties and their COP meetings.

The institute has got the letter of intent to be declared as Deemed to be University. The institute is launching four new postgraduate programmes namely 1. Conservation and Livelihood, 2. Sustainable Development, 3. Development and Sustainable Finance, and 4. Climate Resilience and Carbon Management from the next academic year.

Each of the proposed two year Masters' programmes would enrol 60 students per year thereby 240 students for four new Postgraduate programmes and the existing two courses would enrol 225 students. Thus, 465 students are enrolled each year for the ongoing and new Post Graduate Management programmes, thereby there will be 930 students on campus at any particular time. It is also proposed to launch a new one year executive programme on Natural Resource management for the in-service professionals with 30 participants in a year.

The Ph.D. programmes would enrol about 10 students every year per stream thereby 100 students would enrol for Ph.D.

There is a need for capacity building development in areas viz. forest certification, restoration ecology, carbon market, circular economy, climate change, ecosystem services valuation and sustainable forest management. The institute therefore proposes to increase the number of training and capacity building

	<p>programmes to reach out to various stakeholders. Implementation of these programmes would be done through improvements in facilities and competencies.</p> <p>The institute is running several short courses and plans to increase the number of programmes in the near future to help all stakeholders, to acquire relevant knowledge and skill sets that will enhance sustainable management of forests, Sustainable Development and the profile of conservation, livelihood, business in environment, forest and climate change and sustainable management practices in the country.</p> <p>At present, the institute has a facility to accommodate 350 students on twin sharing basis. With the given infrastructure available at the institute, it is not sufficient to run the in house academic, training capacity building and research programmes on various themes for multiple stakeholders.</p> <p>Hence, it has been proposed to build training infrastructure especially construction of hostel accommodation of 300 rooms with added facilities at IIFM campus to accommodate student participants in various academic programmes and 60 room research and training hostel to accommodate PhD and trainees of various capacity building programmes. It is proposed to have three blocks of 100 rooms each with dining facilities. The design and drawings and estimate for hostel accommodation infrastructure and the abstract estimate are obtained from CPWD.</p> <p>Accordingly, the training and capacity building infrastructure development is proposed under CAMPA.</p>
Outcomes	<p>Launch of 4 new Postgraduate programmes Conservation and Livelihood, Sustainable Development, Sustainable Finance and Climate Resilience and Carbon management.</p> <p>Launch of new Executive Management Programme on Natural Resource Management for the serving professionals.</p> <p>IIFM will organise more capacity building programmes for various stakeholders and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the participants thereby contributing the organisational mandate of the organisation.</p> <p>Institute shall organise various short-term training and capacity building programmes in management and allied areas tailored to the needs of particular groups such as government officers, scientists, communities, teachers, resource managers, non-governmental organisations, and senior decision-makers</p>

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Deliverables (including year wise)	<p>Increased number of students to pursue the Postgraduate programmes. Talented professionals to meet the needs and demands of the sectors.</p> <p>More training and capacity building programmes for different stakeholders</p> <p>Better infrastructure facilities in the campus</p> <p>Social campaigns linked to the themes and action points of Mission LiFE to nudge individuals /groups /institutions /organisations for bringing behavioural changes aligned to LiFE.</p>
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**Comments of National CAMPA:** The proposal was approved by 24<sup>th</sup> EC dt. 31.08.2023 for the cost of Rs.70.00 crore which was subsequently approved by the Hon'ble Minister of Environment Forest and Climate Change. Now, based on the estimates submitted by CPWD, revised cost come to Rs 108.56 Crore. The proposal has been received through RT Division with the administrative approval of the Secretary, Environment Forest and Climate Change.

**Decision of the EC:** The EC deferred the proposal of the RT Division for increased funding support for Rs 108.56 crore to IIFM.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPING INFIAN INSTITUTE OF FOREST MANAGEMENT CAMPUS IN KURSEONG FOR EAST AND NORTH EAST AND DEVELOPING CAPACITY STRENGHTENING OF FOREST SECTOR BY UTILIZING THE PREMISES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES OF CAFÉ, KURSEONG BY IIFM, BHOPAL AS ITS SECDOND CAMPUS**

Name of Scheme/Project	Developing Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM) Campus in Northeast and developing capacity strengthening of Forest Sector in India
Programme Division	RT Division
Project Duration	Dr. Surabhi Rai, IFS DIGF(RT)
Nodal Officer of Implementing Agency/Institute (name and designation) and contact details- email id	Director, Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal 0755-2775998 <a href="mailto:director@iifm.ac.in">director@iifm.ac.in</a>
Project outlay	Rs. 11.88 crores. The CPWD, Gangtok is preparing the estimate for repair and renovation including perimeter fencing of campus.
New or extension/ modification of existing scheme	New
Revised outlay in case of existing scheme/ project	NA
Brief note and justification for seeking financial support from National Fund	<p>The facilities available at Kurseong can be effectively utilized for conducting different academic as well as capacity building programmes of IIFM. The CAFÉ campus at Kurseong may be transferred in favour of IIFM and handed over so as to declare as a second campus of IFM to cater to the needs of North Eastern States and West Bengal. This will minimise the infrastructure requirement and development at IIFM. Bhopal for running the various ongoing programmes of IIFM to the approved capacities.</p> <p>Establishing IIFM Campus at Kurseong will facilitate the institute to focus more on the Eastern Himalayan States and West Bengal in terms of academic, research, consulting and capacity building. development and mobilisation. Kurseong will act as a base for reaching out to North Eastern States like Sikkim, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura and provide academic and research programmes specific to the region.</p> <p>The IIFM campus at Kurseong can evolve as an International Centre of Forestry to attract more students and researchers from south east Asia, Asia and other countries.</p> <p>Establishing a second campus of IIFM at Kurseong will reduce to an extent the infrastructure requirement of hostel, class room and other utilities at UFM, Bhopal campus to run various ongoing and new academic, training and research programmes.</p>

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The hostel requirement of at least 120 students of IIFM can be immediately met from Kurseong and two courses can be easily conducted from Kurseong campus. The convocation hall old and new can be converted into two class rooms and used for running the regular classes for Post Graduate Programmes.

The programmes can be organised in such a way that one or two trimesters of the Post Graduate Programmes in Forestry Management and Sustainability Management may be conducted at the Kurseong campus. For example, the first two trimesters of 1st year programme of Sustainability Management is organized in Kurseong and 5th or 6th trimester of Forestry Management may be organized at Kurseong, thereby academic and training activities will be conducted at Kurseong throughout the year.

Once the new courses are launched, the first year programme of two courses namely Development and Sustainable Finance, and Climate Resilience and Carbon Management may be conducted in one year and the second year programme of other two courses namely Conservation and Livelihood Management, and Sustainable Development may be conducted in next year in a cyclic manner so that the students get the chance to live in both the campuses i.e.. Bhopal and Kurseong as part of their two year programme. In this way the assets available at Kurseong is put to best use which will reduce the infrastructure requirement of the main Bhopal campus.

The maximum intake of students per programme is 60 thereby the hostel facilities of 120 rooms can be used effectively to accommodate 120 students. This will reduce the demand for hostel facilities on the main campus of IIFM.

In addition to the Post Graduate programmes, some of the Management Development Programmes or Executive Development Programmes, IFS compulsory courses organized at IIFM may be conducted at Kurseong. thereby the infrastructure and other facilities of Kurseong are fully utilized. The two conference halls and one class room of 40 seater capacity available at Kurseong may be effectively used for organizing MDP/EDP and compulsory training programmes.

The one week and short duration programmes will attract more participation as Kurseong is located close to Darjeeling, a major tourist site and a hill station. Gangtok, Sikkim is also close to Kurseong.

The faculty required for handling academic, training and research activities can visit the campus and stay during the course. Once their inputs are given, they can go back to Bhopal and other faculty can join. Thus, there are no additional facilities required and the faculty can stay in the existing quarters, which can be renovated and kept maintained.

	<p>The sports facilities established at Kurseong namely the football ground, basketball, volley ball and tennis court may be put to use for the students of Post Graduate Programmes and officers of compulsory courses, MDPS/EDPs.</p> <p>At present IIFM. Bhopal campus does not have the required number of rooms to accommodate students of all academic programmes at a time (two running programmes along with four proposed new courses) If two programmes are run at Kurseong campus alternately for one trimester it will help in off campus exposure as well in smooth running of all programmes</p> <p>The building and other assets of the campus can be effectively utilized by taking up repair and renovation whenever necessary, for conducting the various ongoing and proposed academic research and training programs of IIFM. It will also revive and restore the activities in the Kurseong campus by organizing year round programmes and thereby the facilities can be effectively utilized.</p> <p>Major repair and renovation of the main building and other buildings assets need to be carried out to declare the IIFM campus at Kurseong and to start the academic and training activities in the campus at the earliest. The proposal also includes construction of a 6 room guest house to accommodate the visiting faculty and other guests and perimeter boundary wall with chain-link fence. CPWD, Gangtok, Sikkim who has got the jurisdiction is preparing the estimate for repair and renovation, construction of guest house and boundary wall. The same is being submitted separately.</p>
Outcomes	<p>There are demands from North Eastern states for research and consultancies. The same can be taken up from Kurseong campus. IIFM campus at Kurseong will pave way to take up more research and training activities for the North Eastern regions on issues related to Sustainable Development. Forest Management. Carbon market. Ecosystem Services, Landscaped and Ecosystem based solutions, etc. Having a campus of IIFM at Kurseong will encourage the students of North East and Eastern India to take up studies in Forest Management, Sustainable management, Sustainable Development and other areas thus contributing towards the overall development of the region. It is expected that it will evolve as an International Center of Forestry over time.</p>
Deliverables (including year wise)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Running first year/second year for selected post graduate courses from next academic year</li> <li>• At least 5 Management Development and Training programmes in the coming year</li> <li>• Capacity strengthening and expansion in North-East for officers and students</li> <li>• Running MCI programmes for IFS officers.</li> <li>• Increased number of students from Northeast in the PGP programmes</li> </ul>

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Recommendations of the Program Division	The <b>IIFM, Bhopal (an autonomous body)</b> under RT Division of the MoEFCC has prepared the Scheme/ Pilot Project of <b>Proposal for Developing Indian Institute of Forest Management Campus in Kurseong for East and North East and developing capacity strengthening of forestry sector by utilizing the Premises, Infrastructure and Facilities of CAFÉ, Kurseong by IIFM, Bhopal as its second campus</b> for seeking financial support from National Fund as per the section 5(b)(iii) of the CAF Act, 2016. The <b>RT Division</b> will function as Program Division for the Scheme/ Pilot Project which will be implemented through, act as Implementing Agency and monitor the physical and financial progress of the Scheme/ Project as required under CAF Act, 2016 and CAG Rules, 2018 and submit the quarterly progress report and the annual progress to National CAMPA. The RT Division will ensure forwarding of Utilization Certificate as and when required.
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**Comments of National CAMPA:** The proposal was approved by 24<sup>th</sup> EC dated 31.08.2023 for the cost of Rs. 4.85 crore which was subsequently approved by the Hon'ble Minister of Environment Forest and Climate Change. Now, based on the estimates submitted by CPWD, the revised cost has come to Rs 11.88 crore. The proposal has been received through RT Division with the administrative approval of the Secretary, Environment Forest and Climate Change.

**Decision of the EC:** The EC agreed to the revised proposal received for Rs. 11.88 Crore and recommended for obtaining approval of the Governing Body.

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## **Any other items with the permission of the Chair**

### **Scheme for Development of five Van Vigyan Kendra for holistic ecological restoration of degraded forests**

Shri Girish Kuber, expert member proposed for formulating a scheme under Section 5. (b). (iii) of the CAF Act for focusing on ecological restoration of degraded forest areas. This could be long term approach which will involve the local community for conservation of the bio resources within that area. The ecological restoration of the tribal area shall be considered holistically.

He suggested for working on five pilot sites of the identified degraded areas one each in the Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand to be developed as the model area for ecological restoration with people's participation. This could be 5 years' scheme/ project and it will involve the local community. Note of Shri Girish Kuber is placed at **Annexure II**.

A Van Vigyan Kendra similar to the Krishi Vigyan Kendra can be created for capacity building of field officials/ staff and local communities in ecological restoration and training them in control of soil erosion, soil and moisture conservation, control of invasive species, fire prevention and promote natural regeneration through afforestation and ANR for holistic restoration. All VVKs will work in consultation with Forest Department. Fund shall be released to institute or organization who is developing the concept. The 5 years' budget is expected to be approximately Rs. 10 cr.

#### **Decision of the Executive Committee –**

It was decided that IIFM, Bhopal will coordinate for development of five (5) Van Vigyan Kendra and formulate a scheme accordingly for the degraded lands of the States of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Jharkhand and Maharashtra. The degraded sites can be identified by an Expert Committee constituted for the purpose by the National CAMPA. The concerned States shall submit their proposals in their respective State APOs in the next meeting of the Executive Committee of National Authority for approval.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

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**List of Participants:**

1. Shri Chandra Prakash Goyal, DGF&SS, Chairperson
2. Shri Pravir Pandey, AS&FA, MoEF&CC- Member
3. Shri Bivash Ranjan, ADGF, MoEF&CC- Member
4. Shri Ashwani Kumar, Expert Member
5. Shri Girish Kuber, Expert Member
6. Shri Anil K. Ganeriwala, Expert Member
7. Shri Ramesh Kumar Pandey, IGF, (FC)-Member
8. Shri Subhash Chandra, CEO, National Authority, MoEF&CC- Member Secretary
9. Shri Jagdish Chander, PCCF & HoFF, Haryana
10. Shri Roshan Jaggi, PCCF & HoFF, Jammu and Kashmir
11. Shri Pankaj Goel, CEO, Haryana State CAMPA
12. Dr. Surabhi Rai, DIG (RT), MoEF&CC
13. Shri Anoop Singh, DG, FSI
14. Shri Virendra R. Tiwari, Director, WII
15. Dr. Amit Mallick, IGF, NTCA, MoEF&CC
16. Shri G S Bhardwaj, DDG, Chandigarh, MoEF&CC
17. Shri Prakash Lakhchaura, DDG, FSI
18. Shri K. K. Singh, APCCF, Bundelkhand, Jhansi, UP
19. Dr. Ramesh Singh, Head of Department IDC, ICRISAT, Hyderabad
20. Shri Mohammad Sajid Sultan, AIGF, NTCA, MoEF&CC
21. Shri. B. Abhay Bhaskar, DIG/ Dy. CEO, MoEF&CC
22. Shri. Shivanand S Talawar, AIGF, National Authority, MoEF&CC
23. Shri. Nisheeth Saxena, Senior Consultant, National Authority, MoEF&CC
24. Smt. Apoorva Gupta, Consultant, National Authority, MoEF&CC