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Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change
(National Authority)


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Dated the 6th December, 2019

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of 1st meeting of the Governing Body of the National Authority held on 15th November, 2019 under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister, Environment Forest & Climate Change for information and necessary action.

Encl. As above.


(Brijendra Swaroop)
Dy. Chief Executive Officer
National Authority

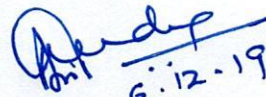
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15. The Additional Director General of Forests(FC)/Wildlife, MoEF&CC.
16. The Financial Advisor & Additional Secretary, MOEF&CC.
17. The Director General, ICFRE, Dehradun;
18. The Director General, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun;
19. The Director, FRI, Dehradun;

20. The Director, The Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun;
21. The Director General, Uttarakhand State Council for Science & Technology, Dehradun;
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Minutes of Meeting

1st Meeting of the Governing Body of the National Authority

Venue: Teesta Hall, 1st Floor, Vayu Wing, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi

Time: 1100 hrs

Date: 15th November 2019

Participants: The list is enclosed

At the outset, the Chief Executive Officer, National Authority welcomed Hon'ble Minister, Environment, Forest & Climate Change and all the members of the Governing Body and the officers present in the meeting. Hon'ble Minister in his opening remark, emphasised on the utilisation of CAMPA funds as per provisions of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Act, 2016 and the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Rules, 2018. He also stressed that importance needs to be attached to the activities related to catchment area treatment, soil & moisture conservation, fodder development, removal of weeds etc. and that these funds need to be treated as an additionality to the state budget. DGF&SS mentioned that these activities are being included in the APOs of the State Governments, which are being examined by the Executive Committee of the National Authority. The Governing Body would consider the schemes of various institutions for financing from the National Fund under sub-section 5 (b) (3) of the CAF Act, 2016.

CEO, National Authority explained that seven new schemes of ICFRE, FSI, BNHS, and IUCN would be taken up in this meeting. He also mentioned that four ongoing schemes of ICFRE, WII & UCOST, which were approved by the National CAMPA Advisory Council (NCAC) will also be discussed. CEO also mentioned that administrative matters of the National Authority will be taken up, as only three officers viz. CEO, Joint CEO and Dy. CEO have been appointed so far as per provisions of the CAF Act, 2016. The National Authority is in need of more posts of supporting staff/officers, which are to be created.

Hon'ble Minister solicited comments/views from the members of the Governing Body regarding strengthening of the National Authority. At this stage, Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor mentioned that the National Authority needs appropriate number of support staff and office space, in view of the volume of work and management of huge amount of CAMPA funds.

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DGF& SS also stated that various post as proposed in the agenda item no. 9 are required to be created and proper space for the office of the National Authority is urgently needed. Hon'ble Minister agreed with these views.

Thereafter, the Governing Body took up the agenda items for discussion. Head/representative of various institutions involved in the execution of the schemes made brief presentations.

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

The scheme has been proposed by the Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE) at a cost of Rs. 313.67 crores to be implemented over a period of 6 years (2019-20 to 2024-25). The scheme will be implemented through the Research & Training Division of MoEF&CC. Director General, ICFRE explained that this scheme has been prepared with the following objectives:

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

The proposal has been recommended by the Executive Committee of the National Authority in its 1st meeting held on 8th March 2019 for the approval of the Governing Body of the National Authority as per provisions contained in sub-section 14(1) (iv) of the CAF Act, 2016, with following suggestions:

- a) The mid-term review should be done by independent experts
- b) The annual plan for 2018-19 shall be reconsidered due to the fact that the proposal was placed in March, 2019.
- c) The whole financial outlay shall be reworked and submitted to the Governing Body of the National Authority for final approval.

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ICFRE has submitted the reworked proposal vide letter no. 72(XVIII)/2018/ICFRE(R)/RP/Project Proposal/191 dated 01.11.2019. ICFRE has agreed to the recommendation of mid-term review by independent experts and requested the Ministry to nominate the independent experts for mid-term review of the scheme. The annual requirement of funds, as proposed by ICFRE is provided below:

2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total (in crore Rs)
38.59	102.45	55.50	46.86	46.44	23.83	313.67

Decision: The Governing Body observed that ICFRE has reworked the scheme as per observations of the Executive Committee and approved the modified scheme.

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

The scheme has been proposed by Forest Survey of India(FSI), Dehradun at a cost of Rs. 13.14 crores. The scheme will be implemented through the Survey and Utilization Division of MoEF&CC. The scheme proposes a capital expenditure of Rs 6.14 crores in first year and annual recurring expenditure of Rs 7.00 crores. The main objectives of the schemes as explained by the DG, FSI are:

- i. To monitor plantations raised from CAMPA funds
- ii. To monitor other assets and activities implemented from CAMPA funds
- iii. To assess relevant parameters such as survival percentage and growth of plantations
- iv. To create a transparent monitoring platform accessible to different stake holders
- v. To create a National spatial database on Plantations raised under CAF

Scope of monitoring of compensatory afforestation, other assets created under CAMPA with frame work of monitoring process was explained by the DG, FSI.

The proposal has been recommended by the Executive Committee of the National Authority in its 1st meeting held on 8th March 2019 for the approval of the Governing Body of the National Authority as per provisions contained in sub-section 14(1) (iv) of the CAF Act, 2016, with following suggestions:

- a) The scope of monitoring should be increased to include all the previous plantation activities undertaken under CAMPA to have a database and also to ensure effective control.

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- b) The data of e-green watch may be incorporated to the Web-GIS based platform to be developed under this scheme
- c) The new platform should be user friendly and should provide alerts in case of observation / data goes beyond critical limit
- d) The works should be completed in a time bound manner
- e) The whole financial outlay shall be reworked, if required and submitted to the Governing Body of the National Authority for final approval.

Decision: The Governing Body approved the scheme of FSI as recommended by the Executive Committee of the National Authority.

Agenda No. 3: Examination and Approval of Existing Schemes funded by the erstwhile Ad-hoc CAMPA and approved by the National CAMPA Advisory Council (NCAC)

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

1. WII – UNESCO C2C Centre on World Natural Heritage Management and Training for the Asia Pacific Region at WII.
2. WII – Conservation of Species
3. UCOST – Assistance to Uttarakhand Council for Science and Technology.
4. FRI – Assistance to Centre of Excellence of Forest Genetic Resource
5. FSI – Support to FSI for Centre of Excellence
6. FSI – Centre of Excellence – Part Funding for Forest Fire Monitoring Project.
7. NICSI – e-Green Watch/Web Based Monitoring System.
8. IIFM, Bhopal – Support to Geo Informatics Centre.
9. Nagar Van Yojana
10. School Nursery Yojana

Out of above ten ongoing schemes, four schemes were placed before the Executive Committee of the National Authority in its 1st meeting and the same are placed for consideration of the General Body meeting.

- a) National Program for Conservation and Development of Forest Genetic Resources
- b) UNESCO Category 2 Centre (C2C) on Natural World Heritage Management and Training for the Asia-Pacific Region
- c) Endangered Species Recovery Programme
- d) Centre of Excellence for Forest Based Livelihoods in Uttarakhand,

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A. National Program for Conservation and Development of Forest Genetic Resources (FGRs): Pilot Project on 'Creation of Centre of Excellence on Forest Genetic Resources (CoFGR)' at FRI, Dehradun

This scheme is being implemented by Forest Research Institute, Dehradun through the Research & Training Division of MoEF&CC. The objectives are:

- a) Preparation of a comprehensive inventory with population and threat status of 250 FGRs of Uttarakhand
- b) Upgradation & digitization of Dehradun (DD) Herbarium
- c) Preparation of priority list of FGRs with road map for their conservation and development with eco-distribution maps of 50 priority FGRs
- d) Collection and depositing of seed of 100 FGR species in Seed Banks towards medium and long-term conservation
- e) Evaluation and molecular characterization of 5 important FGRs of commercial importance
- f) Studying of genetic diversity and population structure of 5 important FGRs and initiation of their in-situ conservation measures
- g) Establishment of Field Gene Banks of 10 FGR species of high conservation & commercial importance
- h) Producing starting planting material of at least 10 important phenotypically superior tree species for providing to SFDs for further multiplication for plantation programs
- i) Developing well studied, systematic and sustainable protocols for utilization of forest genetic resources for supporting livelihoods
- j) Development of comprehensive computerized database on FGR of Uttarakhand

The scheme has total outlay of Rs. 8.612 crores whereas Rs 6.646 crores have already been released. The scheme is for 5 years (2016-17 to 2020-21). The proposal for current year is of Rs. 1.095 crores.

The Executive Committee of the National Authority in its 1st meeting held on 8th March 2019 has recommended the continuation of the scheme and allocation of Rs. 1,095 crores for the year 2019-20 for the approval of the Governing Body of the National Authority as per provisions contained in sub-section 14(1) (iv) of the CAF Act, 2016.

Decision: The continuation of the scheme was approved by the Governing Body as recommended by the Executive Committee.

B. UNESCO Category 2 Centre (C2C) on Natural World Heritage Management and Training for the Asia-Pacific Region

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An ongoing scheme duly approved by NCAC is being implemented by the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun with following objectives:

- a) Contribute to the strengthening of capacities in the management of Natural World Heritage in the region
- b) Contribute to achieving a more balanced representation of properties from the Asia and the Pacific on the World Heritage List
- c) Raise awareness among the general public and the youth in particular, of the importance of Natural World Heritage and the need to protect it
- d) Foster international cooperation on Natural World Heritage initiatives.

The scheme duration is for six years from 2013-14 to 2018-2019 with an estimated outlay of Rs. 18.66 crores. Till date Rs 8.9737 crores have been released for the scheme. Monitoring of implementation and progress of the scheme is the responsibility of the Wildlife Division of MoEF&CC.

The Executive Committee of the National Authority in its 1st meeting held on 8th March 2019, has recommended the continuation of the scheme for another three years (up to 2021-2022) with no cost extension and allocation of Rs. 3.4993 crores for the year 2019-20 for the approval of the Governing Body of the National Authority as per provisions contained in sub-section 14(1) (iv) of the CAF Act, 2016, with following suggestions:

- a) Independent evaluation should be done by a third party
- b) Reworking of the financial requirement component wise in view of the above.

Decision: The continuation of the scheme was approved by the Governing Body as recommended by the Executive Committee.

C. Endangered Species Recovery Programme

An ongoing scheme of Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun is in respect of four endangered species, i.e., Great Indian Bustard, Gangetic Dolphin, Dugong and Manipur Deer. The scheme is for five years from 2015-16 to 2020-21 with an approved total outlay of Rs. 100.38 crores. Till date Rs 6.646 crores have been released for the scheme. Monitoring of implementation and progress of the scheme is the responsibility of the Wildlife Division of MoEF&CC.

The Executive Committee of the National Authority, in its 1st meeting held on 8th March 2019, has recommended the following for the approval of the Governing Body of the National Authority as per the provisions contained in section 14(1)(iv) of the CAF Act, 2016:

1. Continuation of the scheme and release of Rs. 7.16 crores for habitat improvement and conservation breeding of the Great Indian Bustard
2. Continuation of the scheme and release of Rs. 4.009 crores for habitat improvement and recovery of Dugong

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Decision: The continuation of the scheme was approved by the Governing Body as recommended by the Executive Committee.

D. Centre of Excellence for Forest-Based Livelihoods in Uttarakhand

An ongoing scheme for five years, being implemented by the Uttarakhand State Council for Science & Technology, Dehradun (UCOST) with following main objectives:

- i. To collect all the available data on forest-based produce with focus on non-timber products such as medicinal plants and bamboo, and to create a clearing house for the same
- ii. To create a resource directory of various government and non-government organisations, private institutes and experts working in the area of forest livelihood
- iii. To interact with people through Focused Group Discussion (FGD) and to estimate their dependence on forests for their livelihood
- iv. To conduct socio-economic analysis and estimate cultural dependence of the forest fringe villages on forestry
- v. To conduct value and supply chain analysis for different forest products

Till date Rs 1.357 crores have been released. Scheme implementing agency i.e. UCOST has asked upward revision of scheme due to increase in DA & HRA of SRF, Scientists and Sr Scientist and recruitment of two field assistants from 3rd year of the project. A revised budget of Rs 0.731 crores and Rs. 0.696 crores have been sought by Uttarakhand State Council for Science & Technology, Dehradun (UCOST) in the 3rd and 4th year respectively.

The Executive Committee of the National Authority in its 1st meeting held on 8th March 2019, has recommended the continuation of the scheme and increase in the outlay for 2019-20 and 2020-21 as proposed by the project proponent for the approval of the Governing Body of the National Authority as per provisions contained in sub-section 14(1) (iv) of the CAF Act, 2016.

Decision: The continuation of the scheme was approved by the Governing Body as recommended by the Executive Committee.

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

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

A scheme for establishing a FSI Cell in each State/UT to strengthen monitoring and forest resource assessment with a capital outlay of Rs 1.6390 crores in the initial year and recurring expenditure of Rs 2.6915 crores annually was proposed with following main objectives:

- i. State Forests Departments (SFDs) are the major stakeholders of information generated by FSI
- ii. Almost every information generated by FSI is useful to SFDs, particularly activities like Forest Fire, Forest Cover, Forest Types, Forest Inventory etc. are widely used by SFDs
- iii. The implementation of CAF Act, 2016 and CAF Rule, 2018 require the third-party monitoring of plantations and activities taken by SFDs utilizing the CAMPA funds by FSI
- iv. This will require very close coordination between FSI & SFDs and facilitation to SFDs on technical matters and methodology
- v. The expert committee for formulation of strategy to support additional carbon sink from forests and tree cover has also recommended creation of a FSI cell in each SFD, for better coordination between FSI and SFDs

These Cells will act as a node for data exchange between SFDs & FSI for monitoring of plantations, coordination of field activities, imparting training on web-based application like DSS, E-Green Watch, use of GPS, Forest Firer Monitoring at the state level. Creating of FSI Cells will pave way for providing technical support to SFDs in preparation of Working Plans etc. Total 32 cells will be created including one in MoEF&CC. The Executive Committee of the National Authority in its 1st meeting held on 8th March 2019, has recommended the scheme for the approval of the Governing Body of the National Authority as per provisions contained in sub-section 14(1) (iv) of the CAF Act, 2016.

Decision: The Governing Body approved the scheme as recommended by the Executive Committee of the National Authority and observed that a monitoring cell should also be created in the MoEF&CC under the National Authority.

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Agenda No. 5: Implementing the Central Asian Flyway National Action Plan with special focus on preparation of site-specific activity plan, capacity building, developing bird sensitivity map for setting up of wind energy and species action plans

A scheme for implementation of Central Asian Flyway National Action Plan with a total outlay of Rs 3.754 crores has been proposed by the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) for three years starting from 2019-20. Monitoring of implementation and progress of the scheme is the responsibility of the Wildlife Division of MoEF&CC. The main objectives are:

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

The main deliverables of the scheme are activity plans to be included in the protected area management plans or working plans for the prioritised CAF wetlands and land bird sites, activity plans for prioritised CAF non-protected wetlands and land bird sites, training of personnel of 17 states, preparation of bird sensitivity maps, national single species action plan for 20 species and standardised site specific plan for annual water bird census for prioritised wetlands. Year wise fund requirement is provided in a tabular form below:

(In crores Rs.)

2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Total
1.6186	1.1987	0.9366	3.7540

The Executive Committee of the National Authority in its 3rd meeting held on 15th July 2019, has recommended it for the approval of the Governing Body of the National Authority as per provisions contained in sub-section 14(1) (iv) of the CAF Act, 2016.

Decision: The Governing Body approved the scheme.

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Agenda No. 6: Proposal for Estimation of Economic Losses in Real Term Per Hectare Basis Due to Forest Fire in Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh

Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE), Dehradun has proposed a collaborative research scheme involving Forest Survey of India, Wildlife Institute of India, National Institute of Hydrology and GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment & Sustainable Development for estimation of economic losses in real term per hectare basis due to forest fire in Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh. The objectives of the scheme are:

- a) To quantify the forest loss in term of total economic value, i.e. monetary value on per hectare basis for the forest types in the states of Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh
- b) Burnt area assessment and severity classification due to forest fire for the two states
- c) Economic loss assessment of terrestrial flora due to forest fire on per hectare basis for the respective states
- d) Economic loss assessment of faunal diversity due to forest fire on per hectare
- e) Economic loss assessment of hydrological changes due to forest fire on per hectare basis for the respective states
- f) Economic loss assessment of provisioning services and cultural value of forest produce loss due to forest fire on per hectare basis for specific forest types and extrapolated for the respective states

The duration of the scheme is two years with financial implication of Rs. 3.78 Crores.

The Executive Committee of the National Authority in its 3rd meeting held on 15th July 2019, has recommended it for the approval of the Governing Body of the National Authority as per provisions contained in sub-section 14(1) (iv) of the CAF Act, 2016. It was also decided that the monitoring of the implementation of the scheme shall be the responsibility of the Forest Protection Division of MoEF&CC.

ICFRE has submitted a detailed proposal at a cost of Rs 3.79 crore plus taxes vide letter no. 1-89/2017-ADG(EM)/FFBDWL Study/ICFRE dated 01.11.2019. It is stated that the time schedule of the project is 24 months excluding the initial stakeholders meet with SFDs to finalize the study area and level of damage assessment for collection of baseline data in association with FSI.

Decision: The Governing Body approved the scheme.

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Agenda No. 7: Execution of Readiness Activities for Implementation of REDD+ in India

Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE), Dehradun has proposed a scheme as per COP decision (Decision 1/CP.16) regarding evolving broad elements of a national REDD+ action plan with an outlay of Rs 2.646 crores for a period of 18 months. The objectives of the proposal are:

- a) Development of a Safeguard Information System for REDD+ through stakeholder construction processes with an outlay of Rs.36.40lakh.
- b) Capacity building of State Forest Departments for developing State REDD+ action plans under National REDD+ strategy with outlay of Rs.120.06lakh.
- c) Development of REDD+ learning and knowledge sharing platform, web- based SIS module and networking of relevant stakeholders with outlay of Rs.30.00lakh.
- d) Capacity building of the stakeholders on various aspects of REDD+ including safeguards at regional level with outlay of Rs.40.00 lakh.

The Executive Committee of the National Authority in its 3rd meeting held on 15th July 2019, has recommended the scheme for the approval of the Governing Body of the National Authority as per provisions contained in sub-section 14(1) (iv) of the CAF Act, 2016 with a reduced time line of 9 months. It was decided that monitoring of implementation and progress shall be the responsibility of the Forest Policy Division of MoEF&CC.

ICFRE has submitted a revised timeline and outlay of the scheme. Now the scheme has been proposed at a cost of Rs 1.204 crores for a period of 9 months.

Decision: The Governing Body approved the revised scheme.

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

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

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

In 2010, IUCN and partners developed the world of opportunity map world opportunity map which showcased that about 2 billion hectares of degraded

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land with potential of restoration is available globally. The Bonn Challenge is a global effort to bring 150 million hectares of the world's deforested and degraded land into restoration by 2020 and 350 million hectares by 2030. The Government of India joined the Bonn Challenge pledge (At UNFCCC COP 21 at Paris in 2015 by agreeing to bring into restoration 13 million hectares of degraded land by 2020, and an additional 8 million hectares by 2030. This is one of the largest pledges from Asia. The proposal will be implemented on pilot basis in five states.

The Executive Committee of the National Authority in its 3rd meeting held on 15th July 2019, has recommended the scheme for the approval of the Governing Body of the National Authority as per provisions contained in sub-section 14(1) (iv) of the CAF Act, 2016.

The issue of including Telangana state was raised by the PCCF (HoFF) of the State who is also a member of Governing Body.

Decision: The Governing Body approved the scheme and suggested that 5 pilot states may be selected on the basis of performance.

Agenda No. 9: Administrative matters of National Authority

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

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

The National Authority has been constituted under CAF Act, 2016. It consists of a Governing Body, an Executive Committee, a Monitoring Group and an Administrative Support Mechanism for management of compensatory levies placed with National and State funds.

It was stated that the office of the National Authority has started functioning after joining of the CEO, the Jt. CEO and the Dy. CEO. A FA&CAO is likely to join soon and adequate support staff at different levels is required. CEO stated that after approval of Governing Body the proposal of creation of post will be processed for approval of the central government as per rules/guidelines issued by Government of India from time to time.

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Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor mentioned that National Authority needs appropriate number of support staff and an office space, in view of the volume of work and management of huge amount of CAMPA funds. DGF& SS also stated that various posts as proposed in this agenda item are required to be created and proper space for the office of National Authority is also urgently required.

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

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

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

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Chair.

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