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Dated 28th October 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Please find enclosed herewith the minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Governing Body of the National Authority held on 20th September 2022 through hybrid mode under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for information and necessary action.

Encl. As above



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Chief Executive Officer
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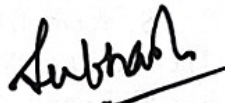
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1. PS to Hon'ble Minister Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi for kind information of Hon'ble Minister.
2. PS to Hon'ble Minister of State, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi for kind information of Hon'ble Minister of State.
3. The Chief Executive Officer, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, GoI.
4. The Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GoI, New Delhi.
5. The Secretary, Ministry of Finance (Expenditure), GoI, New Delhi.
6. The Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, GoI, New Delhi.
7. The Secretary, Department of Land Resources, GoI, New Delhi.
8. The Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, GoI, New Delhi.
9. The Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, GoI, New Delhi.
10. The Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GoI, New Delhi.
11. The Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology, GoI, New Delhi.
12. The Secretary, Department of Space, GoI, New Delhi.
13. The Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, GoI, New Delhi.
14. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, GoI, New Delhi.
15. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HoFF), Government of Telangana.

16. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HoFF), Government of Odisha.
17. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HoFF), Government of Uttar Pradesh.
18. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HoFF), Government of Jammu & Kashmir.
19. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HoFF), Government of Gujarat.
20. The Additional Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GoI, New Delhi.
21. The Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GoI, New Delhi.
22. Mission Director, National Mission for a Green India, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, GoI, New Delhi.
23. Financial Adviser, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, GoI, New Delhi.
24. Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, GoI, New Delhi.
25. Expert Members of Governing Body-
 - (i) Prof. C.R. Babu, (Environmentalist), CEMDE, University of Delhi.
 - (ii) Shri K.S. Sugara, (Conservationist), IFS Retd., Bengaluru.
 - (iii) Prof. Tejbir Singh Rana, (Scientist), Department of Geography, Shivaji College, University of Delhi.
 - (iv) Prof. Satish Y. Deodhar, (Economist), IIM Ahmedabad.
 - (v) Shri Deepak Khandekar, IAS Retd (Social Scientist), Bhopal.
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Copy for information and necessary action to :

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Department of Forests, Government of all State/UTs.
2. All CEO, States/UTs CAMPA.
3. IGF(FP), IGF(WL), IGF(FC), IGF(NAEB), IGF(FPD/SU/EAP), JCEO(NA), IGF(NTCA)
4. All IROs


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National Compensatory Afforestation Management & Planning Authority

The Minutes of 2nd Meeting of the Governing Body of the National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Authority held on 20.09.2022

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

Date: 20th September, 2022

The list of member and other participants who attended the meeting is attached at **Annexure-A**

The record of discussion on various Agenda items and decisions taken is given hereunder:

1. The Second Meeting of the Governing Body (GB) of the National Authority was held on the 20th September 2022 under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (HMEFCC) and Chairperson of National Authority. The Hon'ble Minister of State EF&CC attended the meeting as a Special Invitee.
2. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Authority welcomed the HMEF&CC; HMoS,EFCC; Secretary, EF&CC; DGF&SS and all other members of Governing Body present in the meeting including non-official expert members.
3. The DGF&SS welcomed all the dignitaries and members and assured that the Executive Committee takes due care while considering the APOs from State Authorities as per the provisions of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016, and Rules, 2018. He informed that around 80% of CAMPA funds are earmarked for afforestation, natural regeneration, improvement of wildlife habitat and forest protection activities. DGF&SS, further stressed that the CAMPA Funds are an additionality and not meant for routine programmes of State Forest Departments. He said that State Governments should consider forest protection as one of their priorities and should not rely on CAMPA funds for meeting infrastructure, establishment and general expenses of the Forest Department.
4. The Secretary, EF&CC in her remarks mentioned that there is a need for use of modern technologies in implementation as well as monitoring of CAMPA activities viz application of Drones in forest fire detection, mapping, monitoring of afforestation and movement of wild animals etc. Similarly, use of IT and mobile app in recording of plantation data and

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integration with online platform is necessary for regular monitoring of afforestation activities. She also suggested for exploring innovative methods and technologies for the restoration of an ecological system.

5. Hon'ble HMoS, EF&SS in his remarks mentioned that though there is good progress in implementation of CAMPA activities after enactment of CAF Act, 2016, still there is a need for greater transparency and involvement of local people for effective implementation of CAMPA fund. He expressed satisfaction that the National CAMPA despite COVID pandemic has successfully steered implementation of compensatory afforestation, wildlife management activities by the States. He mentioned that CAF Act, 2016 is a unique initiative of the Government to compensate the loss of forest cover, biodiversity and improve ecosystem services. CAMPA National Fund has supported many important programmes viz. Nagar Van Yojana, River Rejuvenation Works, Capacity Building Programmes, use of innovative technologies like drone effectively handling man-animal conflict and digitization of forest boundaries as well as eco-tourism which is the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister. He mentioned that the Government of India has transferred Rs. 51,786.76 crores till date to respective States/ UTs for carrying out CAMPA activities in forestry and wildlife sector. CAMPA is a revolutionary step towards Atma Nirbhar Bharat envisioned by Hon'ble Prime Minister and has been significantly contributing towards Green Employment.
6. Hon'ble Minister & Chairperson of the Governing Body of National Authority in his opening remarks welcomed all members especially Expert Members and urged for their active involvement and cooperation in ensuring effective implementation of CAMPA activities for compensating the loss of forests and ecosystem services due to diversion of forest land. He emphasised that the Governing Body being the apex committee of National Authority has an important role and responsibilities under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016. He highlighted the need of close supervision and monitoring of CAMPA activities so that funds are utilised efficiently for afforestation, restoration of degraded forests and improvement of quality of forests and wildlife habitat. HMEF&CC further, emphasised the objective of the Governing Body Meeting to give a constructive direction to the implementation of CAMPA activities in the State/UTs.
7. While reviewing the progress of the research work and conservation related activities under the schemes/ projects being executed by various institutions supported from the National Fund, the HMEF&CC expressed concern that there is low utilisation of funds and the inordinate delay in timely achievement of programme objectives. He directed DGF&SS to review the progress of these schemes with AS&FA and CEO and suggest suitable measures. Hon'ble Minister also expressed concern on the delay in release of funds by the concerned States, which is adversely affecting



the timely completion of CAMPA activities. He stressed the need for timely release of CAMPA funds by the States to respective Forest Department for carrying out afforestation and other works based on seasonal requirement against the approved APO by the National Authority. He desired that Secretary, EF&CC should take the matter with the Chief Secretary of the States.

8. The CEO, National Authority & Member Secretary, with the permission of the Chairperson of Governing Body informed about the progress of various activities being carried out under CAMPA.
 - i. Long pending issue of reconciliation of CAMPA Funds has been settled with the states/UTs CAMPA and the accounts have been reconciled since 2018-19 till 31.03.2022.
 - ii. National Authority has received approx. Rs. 72,112 crore from User Agencies and interest and disbursed approx. Rs. 51,769 crore to State/UT Fund of respective States/UTs.
 - iii. States and UTs have created 9.25 lakh hectare compensatory afforestation against the target of 10.84 lakh hectare till 31.03.2021.
 - iv. The plantation under NPV component is 10.52 lakh hectares against the target of 12.67 lakh hectare.
 - v. Afforestation against the interest component is around 75,000 hectare.
 - vi. During Covid-19 Pandemic, CAMPA activities of afforestation have generated 8.26 crore person days during 2020-21 and 2021-22 of employment and supported rural livelihoods.
 - vii. Action Taken Note (ATN) on pending C&AG Audit Para of 21/2013 uploaded on the APMS Portal.
 - viii. All pending Audit paras have been replied and Audit upto 2021-22 have been conducted by C&AG.
 - ix. Pending Annual Accounts of last four years (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22) have been completed and provisional Accounts are placed before GB for approval and conducting C&AG Audit.
 - x. Draft Annual Reports of last four years (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22) have been prepared and placed before GB for consideration and approval.
 - xi. The office records of National Authority have been completely digitised. All the States/UTs APOs are received through digital mode. Efforts are being made to get the APOs in real time through integration with PARIVESH web-portal.
9. The CEO, NA mentioned that there are some issues which need to be addressed by the States/UTs concerned:

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(i) Delays in sending APOs by Authorities of States/UTs which affects the implementation schedule of CAMPA activities, since forestry activities are seasonal and cannot be taken up effectively when the right season is over.

(ii) Long delay in release of CAMPA funds by States adversely affecting implementation.

(iii) Some States are not depositing interest on CAMPA funds lying in Public Account.

10. With the permission of the Chairperson, the CEO, National Authority briefly explained the action taken on the decision of the 1st meeting of Governing Body and the agenda items of the 2nd meeting. Thereafter, agenda items of the Governing Body were taken up for detailed discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO.1: ACTION TAKEN REPORT (ATR) OF 1ST GOVERNING BODY OF THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION AND ADOPTION.

The action taken report on the schemes approved in last Governing Body was presented. The detailed discussion was done on these schemes.

Directions and Decisions:

The Chairperson, in view of low utilisation of funds for schemes/ projects approved under National Fund, directed CEO, NA to create Project Monitoring Committee (PMC) under the chairmanship of DGF&SS for examining the schemes to different institutions/organizations for slow progress and not utilizing the released funds for approved activities. Further, he directed to have monitoring and utilisation of National Fund under these schemes by AS & FA of the Ministry. He further directed to conduct regular meetings for reviewing the progress and updation of schemes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2- APPROVAL OF STATE APOS OF STATES/UNION TERRITORIES BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE- FOR INFORMATION:

2.1. Laying of Minutes of Executive Committee Meetings of 19 Meetings and State/UT-wise summary of APOs outlay and approved by Executive Committee of the National Authority, CAMPA for information.

The CEO, NA informed the Governing Body that total 19 Executive Committee meetings of the National Authority were conducted from the year 2018-19 to 2022-23. The total outlay of State/UTs APOs approved by National Authority during the years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-

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22 are Rs.3777.08 crore, Rs.5,303.69 crore, Rs.7905.09 crore, and Rs.10,100.00 crore respectively. Five meetings of Monitoring Groups were conducted till date.

Decision: The agenda item was noted.

2.2- Update on major activities/ works undertaken under State CAMPA

The CEO, NA informed the GB, that an amount of Rs. 72,112.84 crore was collected towards Compensatory levies from the state-specific bank accounts to the National Authority under "Major Head 8336- Civil Deposits". Out of Rs.72,112.84 crore, an amount of Rs.51,786.76 crore has been disbursed to 33 States/UTs till 30.06.2022 after complete reconciliation of the fund head-wise and component-wise as per the provisions contained in the CAF Act, 2016. The detailed head wise transfer of amount is given below:

i. Compensatory Afforestation	-Rs.11,686.56 crore
ii. Catchment Treatment Plan	-Rs. 1,580.61crore
iii. Integrated Wildlife Management Plan	-Rs. 2,206.03 crore
iv. Net present Value	-Rs. 29,812.14 crore
v. Interest	-Rs. 3,182.45 crore
vi. Others	-Rs. 3,300.97 Crore

Decision: GB directed that CAMPA funds should be utilized strictly as per the provisions of the CAF Act, 2016 and Rules, 2018.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 3- SCHEMES/ PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN FROM NATIONAL FUND

3.1 National fund supported On-going Schemes/ project considered during 1st Meeting Governing Body for information

Status of sixteen on-going Schemes/ Projects of ICFRE, FSI, WII, UCOST, FRI, NAEB (Nagar Van/Vatika & School Nursery Yojana being implemented through State Forest Departments), BHNS, ICFRE, IUCN was discussed in GB meeting.

S. No.	Scheme/Project Name	Project Period (Year)	Project Cost (Rs. in Cr.)	Funds Utilized (Rs. in Cr.)	Implementing Agency	Starting Year
1	Strengthening Forestry Research for Ecological	6	313.67	78.03	ICFRE	2019-20

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S. No.	Scheme/Project Name	Project Period (Year)	Project Cost (Rs. in Cr.)	Funds Utilized (Rs. in Cr.)	Implementing Agency	Starting Year
	Sustainability and Productivity Enhancement					
2	Monitoring Protocol for Plantations and Assets created by State Forest Departments (SFDs)	6	13.14	0.40	FSI	2019-20
3	UNESCO Category 2 Centre (C2C) on Natural World Heritage Management and Training for the Asia-Pacific Region	3	18.66	15.0	WII	2018-19
4	Endangered Species Recovery Programme (ESRP)-Development of Conservation plan for Gangetic River Dolphin	5	23	13.80	WII	2015-16
5	Habitat improvement and conservation breeding of Great Indian Bustard - ESRP	5	33.85	23.04	WII	2015-16
6	Conservation of Manipur's Brow Antlered Deer (Sangai)-ESRP	5	19.95	5.57	WII	2015-16
7	Recovery of Dugongs and their Habitats in India-ESRP	5	23.58	10.87	WII	2015-16
8	Centre of Excellence on Forest Based Livelihoods in Uttarakhand-A Pilot Study" UCOST.	5	2.784	1.88	UCOST	2015-16
9	National Programme for Conservation and Development of Forest Genetic Resources (FGRs): Pilot project on 'Creation of Centre of Excellence on Forest Genetic Resources (CoFGR)'	6	8.61	8.60	FRI	2015-16
10	Nagar Van Yojana.	5	415.00	151.39	SFDA	2020-21

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11	School Nursery Yojana.	5	49.5	5.77	SFDA	2020-21
12	Establishing an FSI Cell in Each State for Strengthening Monitoring and Forest Resource Assessment.	1	4.33	-	FSI	2019-20
13	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	3	3.754	0.97	BNHS	2019-20
14	Estimation of Economic Losses in Real Term Per Hectare Basis Due to Forest Fire in Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh.	2	3.79	1.72	ICFRE	2020-21
15	Execution of Readiness Activities for Implementation of REDD+ in India	1.8	1.20	0.28	ICFRE	2020-21
16	Enhanced Capacity Building of Stakeholders and State Government on Forest Landscape Restoration and Reporting Mechanism on Bonn Challenge	3.5	5.90	2.24	IUCN	2020-21

Hon'ble Minister expressed concern on the low utilisation of funds and inordinate delay in timely achievement of objectives of Schemes/projects supported under National Fund, CAMPA.

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Decision: It was decided to constitute a Project Monitoring Committee headed by DGF&SS along with Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor as well as concerned Programme Divisions of the Ministry for monitoring of these schemes/ pilot projects and its report should be placed in the next meeting of GB.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3.2- THE LIST OF THE SCHEME UNDERTAKEN WITH THE APPROVAL OF HMEF&CC AFTER 1ST MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY FOR RATIFICATION:

Following schemes were proposed by various Institutions/Organisations for research and innovative technologies in the field of forestry and wildlife sector. They were examined in the meetings of Executive Committee and recommended for the approval of Governing Body. These schemes were approved by HMEF&CC as Chairperson of Governing Body. Hence, these schemes are proposed for ratification by the Governing Body of the National Authority.

Sl. No.	Scheme Name	Total Outlay (Rs. in Crore)	Period (Years)	Total Fund Released (Rs. in Crore)	Implementing Agency	Starting year
1	Proposal for preparation of detailed project report for Rejuvenation of Damodar and Suvernalekha rivers through forestry Inventions	1.17	2	0.47	ICFRE	2021-22
2	Range-wide enumeration of River Dolphin populations in India	10.15	1	6.09	Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun	2021-22
3	PAN India assessment and monitoring of endangered species covered under the Integrated	19.05	2	11.43	Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun	2021-22

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	Development of Wildlife Habitats'(IDWH) scheme of MoEFCC Government of India					
4	Setting up a national referral center for wildlife disease monitoring and prevention-CZA	3.00	5	0.25	Central Zoo Authority	2022-25
5	PARIVESH 2.0	95.59	5	10.53	Impact Assessment Division, MoEFCC	2021-22
6	Preparation of DPR with LiDAR Survey for one pilot watershed in forest area of each State/UT	18.38	0.9	11.22	Water & Power Consultancy Services (India) Ltd.	2020-21
7	Project proposal for the yearly maintenance, Up-gradation and FC module and Hand holding support of PARIVESH- NICS		Ongoing scheme	5.96	National Informatics Centre Services Inc.	Ongoing scheme
8	Establishment an FSI cell in Each State for Strengthening, Monitoring, and Forest Resource Assessment	4.33	1	2.56	Forest Survey of India	2021-22
9	Satellite Survey of Encroachment	48.00	6	5.66	Forest Survey of India	2021-22

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Sl. No.	Scheme Name	Total Outlay (Rs. in Crore)	Period (Years)	Total Fund Released (Rs. in Crore)	Implementing Agency	Starting year
	position of Rejected claims as per Order of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petitions (civil) No(s) 109/2008 Wildlife First & Others vs. Ministry of Forest and Environment & others					
10	Implementation of Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) of the Tiger Reserves" submitted by National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)	9.93	1	0.76	National Tiger Conservation Authority	2022-23
11	Assessment of Population Status of Tigers, Co-predators, Prey and their habitats in India	9.93	1	10.8	National Tiger Conservation Authority	2022-23
12	Nationwide Census of Elephant Population in the country	1.50	1	3.0019	Project Elephant Division MOEFCC	2022-23
13	Establishing Meta population of Cheetahs in India	29.47	1	20.00	National Tiger Conservation Authority	2022-23
14	National Collaborative	22.31	4	Not yet released	Forest Research	2022-23

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Sl. No.	Scheme Name	Total Outlay (Rs. in Crore)	Period (Years)	Total Fund Released (Rs. in Crore)	Implementing Agency	Starting year
	Scheme on Forest Fire Management				Institute	
15	Study of short- and long-term impact of Climate Change on Biodiversity of Protected area in Goa by setting up of Automatic Weather Stations	0.65	1	Not yet released	Goa State Authority	2022-23

Decision: The Governing Body discussed each scheme in detail along with objectives and proposed outcomes. The GB, further, directed that a Monitoring Mechanism should be set up by the concerned Programme Division for regular monitoring and evaluation of the schemes and a quarterly report should be sent to National Authority. Further, AS&FA should monitor the expenditure on these schemes.

The Governing Body ratified the approval of HMEF&CC and chairperson of GB for all 15 schemes.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 4 GENERAL DIRECTIONS/ INSTRUCTIONS BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CAMPA ACTIVITIES- FOR INFORMATION:-

The CEO, NA has informed the GB that the APOs of States/UTs are being approved by the Executive Committee as per CAF Act, 2016 and Rules 2018. General directions issued by the Executive Committee in its various meetings for preparation of Annual Plan of Operations and implementation CAMPA Activities such as Compensatory Afforestation, NPV activities, the mechanism for Monitoring and Evaluation. It was also informed that the States/UTs have been advised to follow approved working plan, Integrated Fire management plan and Integrated Wildlife Management Plan to dovetail the funds and avoid duplication. Further it was also appraised the GB that the States/UTs have been advised to follow the Detailed Project Reports of River Rejuvenation prepared by ICFRE for implementation of soil & moisture conservation activities under CAMPA funds.

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Decision: The integrated APOs should be invited for next financial year onwards through digital Mode. A digital platform may be considered for preparation and submission of APO proposals by the State/UTs. The GB directed the CEO, NA for preparing and circulating comprehensive guidelines for implementation of CAMPA activities.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 5 APPROVALS OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS & BALANCE SHEET FOR INFORMATION AND APPROVAL.

Balance sheet of 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 has been discussed as audited by Audit Committee.

Decision: The GB provisionally approved the financial statements and accounts of the National CAMPA for the years 2018-19, 2019-2020, 2020-2021& 2021-2022.

AGENDA ITEM NO.6: STATUS OF C & AG AUDIT FOR INFORMATION

CEO, NA informed the GB that updated replies of C&AG's Report No. 21 of 2013 (both of Central and State Portion) duly approved by AS&FA and Secretary, MoEF&CC have been uploaded on APMS Portal on 28th July 2022, which have been vetted by C&AG during the month of August 2022. The final Action Taken Note with Audit comments was received on 06-09-2022. These Audit comments along with Hindi version will be uploaded/forwarded to Monitoring Cell, Ministry of Finance for further necessary action as directed by C&AG office.

Decision: The Governing Body took note of the audited report of Action Taken note (ATN) and audit reports of 2019 and 2022.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7: MONITORING AND EVALUATION MECHANISM- Details of Internal as well as third Party Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism Adopted by State/UTs Authorities at Annexure-III were discussed including the e-Greenwatch.

The CEO, NA narrated the mechanism/ procedure followed by States/UTs for Monitoring and Evaluation of CAMPA Activities. There are four levels of monitoring viz Internal Monitoring, Third Party Monitoring, Monitoring by Integrated Regional Offices (IROs) and National Authority apart from Monitoring Group provided in the CAF Act, 2016. Further, FSI is using a digital form of monitoring through e-Greenwatch portal for checking the polygons uploaded by State/ UTs.

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The e-Greenwatch portal facilitates capturing of information regarding all lands diverted under FC Act, land received for compensatory afforestation, plantation works, their estimates and expenditure. The CA lands and Plantation works are also monitored through satellite imageries. The integration of eGreenwatch with the PARIVESH portal of Ministry is being considered.

Decision: The GB directed that integration of eGreenwatch with PARIVESH should be expedited. Internal and Third-party monitoring mechanism must be adopted by the States/UTs in letter and spirit of the CAF Act, 2016. Third Party should be independent of States/UTs and preferably the institutions such as ICFRE, IIFM, FSI and Forestry Colleges/Universities or equivalent should take lead in devising protocols for monitoring and evaluation of CAMPA activities objectively. The Third Party selected should have the essential technical and professional capacities to take up the monitoring & evaluation work. Accreditation of the Third Party Agencies for monitoring and evaluation may be considered. The Monitoring Group of National Authority should also take up rapid assessment of CAMPA activities carried out so far by States/ UTs.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTION BETWEEN 1980 TO 2022 for information.

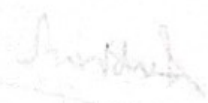
The CEO, NA informed the GB that the areas of Afforestation under CA, PCA, NPV, Interest carried out by State/UTs was 19.78 lakh hectares since 1980 till date. It was further stated that since the inception of National Authority in 2018, 12.58 crore saplings are planted and 8.98 lakhs have survived as reported by the State/UTs which is 69.84 per cent.

Decision: The GB desired that proper records of all the plantations should be maintained and regular monitoring and evaluation of CAMPA activities be carried out.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL

AGENDA: 10.1: - STRENGTHENING OF NATIONAL AUTHORITY THROUGH ENGAGEMENT OF A PROFESSIONAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY (PMC).

The CEO, NA informed that National Authority office is facing shortage of technical and professional staff for assistance in fund management and reconciliation of compensatory levies; scrutiny/ processing/ monitoring implementation, data analysis and reporting of APOs of States & UTs; and the Schemes/ Projects supported from National Fund. These professionals



are required to be engaged need based and on contractual basis. The process for creation of 37 posts of support staff has been initiated based on the decision of first meeting of the GB.

The CEO, NA presented on the agenda item about the Programme Management Consultancy (PMC), about its need, the functions, structure and its funding requirements.

Decision: The GB decided that while National Authority should engage required professional and technical staff on contractual basis for meeting its essential requirements, Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal (IIFM) should be approached for providing PMC and back up support in consultation with CEO, National Authority at New Delhi.

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 10. 2:- SETTING UP OF NATIONAL CAMPA MONITORING AND EVALUATION CELL (NMEC) FOR NATIONAL AUTHORITY AND MONITORING GROUP.

The CEO, NA informed about the need of setting up of National CAMPA Monitoring and Evaluation Cell (NMEC) for assisting National Authority and Monitoring Group in effective monitoring and evaluation of CAMPA activities.

Decision: It was decided to set up National CAMPA Monitoring and Evaluation Cell (NMEC) through IIFM at National Authority.

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 10.3: RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR PERMANENT OFFICIALS ON DEPUTATION TO NATIONAL AUTHORITY.

CEO, national Authority while presenting the Agenda explained that National Authority of India is an Autonomous body set up under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 (82 of 1984) of Parliament. The officers implement provisions of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 for creation of compensatory afforestation which is complimentary to the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 on diversion of forest land. There is a strong case to be eligible for getting residential accommodation under GPRA. He requested for considering providing residential accommodation to serving IFS and Central Services officers of National Authority on CSS mode as is the case of members of AIS and Central Civil Services working in National Disaster Management Authority, NHAI and NTCA etc. However, till the National Authority, CAMPA is considered for eligibility under GPRA, the Leased accommodation provided by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) may kindly be considered by the GB.

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1. The Authority is following the Central Govt. rules with regards to the pay and allowances. The National CAMPA Authority being Autonomous Body is not an entitled office for allotment of General pool Accommodation of Directorate of Estate.
2. The CAF Act, 2016 provides for appointment of four officers to be posted on deputation in the National Authority. Section- 8(5) provides for appointment of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at the rank of Additional Director General of Forests (ADGF) by the Central Government under CSS of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (CAF Rules-7).

Section- 9(4), CAF Act, 2016 provides for appointment of other officers of the National Authority:

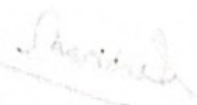
- i. Joint CEO at the rank of Inspector General of Forests (IGF) (Pay Level- 14 of 7th CPC)
- ii. Financial Advisor & Chief Accounts Officer of the Rank of Director in the Govt of India (Pay Level-13 of 7th CPC)
- iii. Deputy CEO at the rank of Inspector General of Forests (IGF) (Pay Level-13A of 7th CPC)

These officers are to be appointed by the National Authority and as per Rules these posts are to be filled as Non-CSS (CAF Rules-8).

3. At present the National Authority is not an eligible office for obtaining the General Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRA). Further, the National Authority does not own any residential accommodation for its officials. Currently CEO is the only regular officer appointed in the Authority. The officers viz CEO, Joint CEO, Financial Advisor cum Chief Accounts Officer and Dy CEO do not have GPRA facility. The eligible Group- A officers are reluctant to apply for these posts because it makes them ineligible for GPRA and puts them at a disadvantage from other central government posts. National Authority has been facing difficulties in filling up of these posts thus affecting the normal functioning of the Authority.
4. The provision of accommodation to officers in other similar Central Govt. Authorities was explored. NDMA officers at equivalent levels are eligible for accommodation under GPRA. NHAI and IWAI have provision for GPRA as well as Leased Accommodation for their officers. The provisions of IWAI were considered for making the proposal for leased accommodation.

6. Provisions for leased accommodation in Inland Waterways Authority of India, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India:





- (i) The Inland Waterways Authority of India, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (IWAI) is not an eligible office for General Pool of Residential Accommodation (GPRA) and its Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Full Time Members are provided leased accommodation and the lease rent ceiling for Leased Accommodation was earlier fixed at Rs. 1,01,500/- for Chairman and Rs. 72,500/- for Vice-chairman and full time Members of the Authority.
- (ii). Subsequently, the Ministry of Finance, Dept. of Expenditure via OM No. 2/5/2017-E-II(B) dated 7th July, 2017 revised the rate of HRA as per 7th CPC recommendation with classification of cities. For Delhi/NCR the classification of city is X and the HRA is admissible at the rate of 24% of Basic Pay. The increase in HRA in terms of percentage is ranging between 41% to 45.96% based on the basic pay in Level-14, Level-15 and Level-17 of Pay Matrix of 7th CPC with reference to 6th CPC. Based on this revision of HRA, IWAI increased the ceiling of lease rent for Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Full time Members of the Authority. The current lease rent applicable for Chairman, Vice- Chairman and Members of IWAI was increased by 45%, which is almost the same increment as in HRA from 6th CPC to 7th CPC. The details are as under: -

Sl. No.	Name of Post	Earlier Ceiling Limit before 7 th CPC	45% of Earlier Ceiling	Present Ceiling
1.	Chairman at Pay Level 15/ 17	Rs. 1,01,500/-	Rs. 45,675/-	Rs. 1,47,175/-
2.	Vice- Chairman/ Members Pay level 14	Rs. 72,500/-	Rs. 32,625/-	Rs. 1,05,125/-

- 7. Proposal:** It is proposed to adopt lease rent applicable for CEO and other officers of National Authority at par with their counterparts in IWAI. The posts which are not available in IWAI, the lease rent ceiling is worked out by adding 45% of additional HRA as admissible to the officers posted at these levels in National Authority. The details are as under: -

Sl. No.	Name of Post	Post at IWAI	Present Ceiling Limit of IWAI	Proposed Lease Rent Ceiling
1.	CEO at Pay Level 16	Chairperson at level 15	Rs. 1,47,175/- *	Rs. 1,47,175/-*
2.	Joint CEO at pay level 14	Vice-Chairman/ Members	Rs. 1,05,125/-	Rs. 1,05,125/-

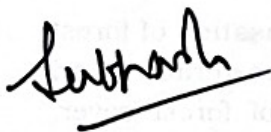
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Sl. No.	Name of Post	Post at IWAI	Present Ceiling Limit of IWAI	Proposed Lease Rent Ceiling
3.	Financial Advisor & Chief accounts Officer at pay level 13 (Rs.1,23,100/- to 2,15,900/-)	--	Present rate of HRA @24% of basic pay + 45% of the HRA	Rs.75,133/-**
4.	Dy. CEO at pay level 13A (Rs. 1,31,100/- to 2,16,600/-)	--	Present rate of HRA @ 24%of basic pay (X) +45% of X	Rs.75,377/-**

- * For CEO, National Authority (Pay level 16), the monthly ceiling of leased rent accommodation is proposed equivalent to the Chairperson, IWAI (Pay level 15 or 17).
- ** In respect of the officers at serial No. 3&4 above, 24% of HRA on basic pay is permitted as per 7th CPC. These posts are not available in IWAI. Accordingly, the ceiling of leased rent has been fixed after adding 45% on the HRA at the maximum of the Pay level.

8. Decision:

- (i) In the 2nd Meeting of the Governing Body of the National Authority, it was agreed to explore the possibility of getting National Authority an eligible office for GPRA of the Director of Estates, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs as in case of NDMA, NHAI, NTCA etc.
- (ii) Meanwhile, it was agreed in principle to adopt the model of Inland Waterways Authority of India, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India, for leased accommodation for the officers posted on deputation to the National Authority. It is recommended that the ceiling for the lease rent should be fixed for Rs. 1,47,175/- for CEO, Rs. 1,05,125/- for Joint CEO, Rs. Rs.75,133/- for Financial Advisor and Rs 75,377/- for Dy. CEO for Delhi NCR respectively. The formal proposal be submitted through EC and IFD for final approval.
- (iii) Further, the Leased Accommodation will be arranged by the National authority for the officers posted in the Authority as per standard procedure.



AGENDA ITEM NO.: 10. 4: DELEGATION OF POWERS TO OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY

Decision: It was decided to discuss the proposal in the next GB meetings.

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 10.5: SETTING UP PRIORITIES FOR SCHEMES/PROJECTS UNDER NATIONAL FUND

The National Fund is supporting research, extension and innovative schemes in the field of conservation of forest and wildlife as per the provisions of CAF Act. The members of GB were requested to give suggestions for specific research priorities including national and regional based imperatives. Prof. C. R. Babu raised the issue of plantation of non-local/ exotic species/ monoculture in afforestation programmes and suggested that only native species should be taken up for plantation for restoring biodiversity of the region.

Decision: Following directions were given:

- (i) The research projects under National Fund should be aligned with conservation issues of national importance being dealt by the Ministry.
- (ii) Application of modern technologies in forestry and wildlife conservation and management should be promoted and integrated.
- (iii) In afforestation, priorities of local species should be ensured based on site suitability.

AGENDA NUMBER 11: Any other matter with the permission of the chair

Decision: The monitoring and evaluation of the CAMPA activities carried out by States/UTs and Institutions should be carried out on priority. The Monitoring Group should prepare a comprehensive plan for regular monitoring. Rapid assessment/ evaluation of already completed activities should be taken up by the Monitoring Group and National Authority.

2. **Online APO submissions through web portal** should be initiated.
3. **Greening in Mission Mode and support to Nurseries:** The Secretary, EF&CC emphasised that there is a need to have massive greening programmes for increasing forest and tree cover in the country and to mitigate impact of climate change and combating desertification apart from meeting NDC targets.

It was highlighted that CAMPA Funds are utilized for compensation of forest land diverted for various developmental purposes and for restoration and enhancement of ecosystem services by improving quality of forest cover. School Nursery Yojana has been launched for involving students in

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plantation activities and bringing them close to nature. The National Authority is supporting Nagar Van/ Vatika Yojana for creating urban greens. Nagar Van Yojana and School Nursery Yojana are supported from National Fund. It was decided that outreach of these programmes should be extended throughout the country.

For success of any greening programme, large scale availability of quality planting material/ saplings is an essential prerequisite. There is a need to support State Forest Departments in creating Model Nurseries at each Division/ Range level for ensuring availability of sufficient quantity of good quality saplings. The State Forest Departments may also use State CAMPA Funds for raising such nurseries. Field staff should be trained in modern techniques of plant propagation. Field visits to best nurseries should be organised.

It was emphasised to encourage and support Kisan/ self-help groups for raising nurseries of locally suited tree species by the State Forest Departments for extending trees outside forests. The chair desired for suggestions from the members in this regard. It was decided that a web-based portal on Nurseries should be maintained by the National Authority.

4. The CEO, NA was directed to convene the next meeting in three months.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

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