

Minutes of the second meeting of Monitoring Group of National Authority held on 5th August 2020 on through VC.

The following members of the Monitoring Group have attended the meeting.

1. Shri A.K. Bansal, Retd ADG, MoEF & CC
2. Shri A.K. Srivasatva, Retd ADG, MoEF & CC
3. Dr. Subhash Ashutosh, DG FSI
4. Dr. A. S. Rajawat, Scientist SAC

In addition to above, following special invitees have also attended the meeting

1. Shri Sanjay Kumar Ojha, Joint CEO, National Authority
2. Shri Prakash Lakhchaura, Deputy Director General, FSI
3. Smt. Meenakshi Joshi, Joint Director FGD
4. Shri Kamal Pandey, Deputy Director, FI

At the outset, DG FSI, welcomed all the members and special invitees. Thereafter, he asked Shri Prakash Lakhchaura to give a small presentation on the role of MG as per the CAF Act and action taken on the decisions during the first meeting of the MG. Thereafter agenda items were taken up for deliberations.

- 1. Agenda item No. 1 - Discussion on independent system of concurrent monitoring and evaluation of the works implemented in the States and UTs utilizing funds under CAF.**

DG FSI made a presentation on the new proposed web GIS platform for monitoring of plantations and assets created under CAF. In the presentation, the limitations of e-Green were also mentioned. The features of the web GIS platform was explained during the presentation. The agenda item was followed by discussion. The following decision has been made.

1. A presentation on e-green watch will be given in the next meeting of MG, preferably by the Technical Director, NIC responsible for e-green watch.
- 2. Agenda item No. 2 – Discussion and decision on the format prepared by Shri A. K. Bansal, Member MG for obtaining information from State/UTs for all activities undertaken under CAF funds.**

A discussion was held on the format prepared by Shri A. K. Bansal for collection of necessary information required by MG for monitoring and evaluation of the works implemented by the SFDs under CAMPA in the previous years.

It was decided that FSI will circulate the format to State Forest Departments giving brief introduction of constitution of monitoring group. The data for the last 10 years will be asked from the SFDs. An excel format prepared by Shri A. K. Bansal will be sent to SFDs for sending the information along with the letter.

3. Agenda item No. 3– Discussion about the scope, framework/institutional mechanism for inspection of financial audit of works executed by utilizing the funds released by the National Authorities and State Authorities in State/UTs.

Discussion was held on the agenda item that how the MG will carry out financial inspections and audit. Shri Sanjay Ojha, Joint CEO will give detailed information for the setup of a PMU for assisting MG for physical and financial evaluation of the works.

4. Agenda item No. 4 – Clarity about the chairperson of Monitoring group.

It was pointed out that there is no mention of Chairman of the MG so the question was raised who should act as chairman? Going through the section 19.(3) the monitoring group of the National Authority shall meet at on such date and place and agenda as may be decided by the Director General, Forest Survey of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. The members were of the view that DG FSI should act as the Chairman of the Monitoring Group.

5. Agenda item No.5 - Any other matter

Following decisions were taken.

- due attention will be given to ANR/RDF works in the sampling design.
- Logistics and working arrangement of the MG is to be decided by National Authority.
- The next meeting of the monitoring group will be held during fourth week of September, 2020.

The meeting ended with thanks to all the members and special invitees.