

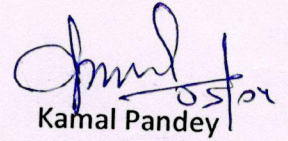
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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub: Minutes of the fourth meeting of Monitoring Group (MG) of National Authority held at 3:00 pm on 02.03.2021 through VC reg.**

Kind reference is invited to the fourth meeting of the Monitoring Group of National Authority/CAMPA held through VC on 02.03.2021 at 3:00 pm. In this context, the undersigned is directed to forward herewith copy of the approved minutes of the fourth meeting of MG for your kind information and necessary action.

  
Kamal Pandey

Deputy Director (FI)

**Distribution:**

1. PA to Director General, Forest Survey of India.
2. Shri A. K. Bansal, Retd. ADG, MOEF&CC.
3. Shri A. K. Srivastava, Retd. ADG, MOEF&CC.
4. Dr. A. S. Rajawat, Scientist SAC, ISRO, Ahmadabad.
5. Shri Sanjay Kumar OJha, Joint CEO, National Authority, CAMPA
6. Shri Sushant Sharma, Joint Director, TFI, Forest Survey of India.
7. Shri Dinesh Kumar, Deputy Director General, FI, Forest Survey of India.
8. Smt. Meenakshi Joshi, Joint Director, FGD, Forest Survey of India.
9. Shri Vishnu Chandra, Deputy Director General, NIC, Delhi.
10. Shri Sunil Jain, Sr. Technical Director, NIC, Bhopal.
11. Shri A. K. Saxena, Assistant Director, FGD, Forest Survey of India.

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**Minutes of the fourth meeting of Monitoring Group of National Authority held at 3:00 pm on 02.03.2021 through VC.**

The following members of the Monitoring Group (MG) attended the meeting:

1. Shri Pankaj Agrawal, DG, FSI
2. Shri A. K. Bansal, Retd. ADG, MoEF&CC
3. Shri A. K. Srivastava, Retd. ADG, MoEF&CC

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

1. Shri Sanjay Kumar Ojha, Joint CEO, National Authority
2. Shri Sushant Sharma, JD, TFI, FSI
3. Shri Dinesh Kumar, DDG, FI, FSI
4. Smt. Meenakshi Joshi, JD, FGD, FSI
5. Shri Vishnu Chandra, DDG, NIC, Delhi
6. Shri Sunil Jain, Sr. Technical Director, NIC, Bhopal
7. Shri A.K. Saxena, AD, FGD, FSI

At the outset DG, FSI welcomed all the members and special invitees. Thereafter, agenda items were deliberated:

**Agenda items no -1: Action taken on third meeting of MG**

DG, FSI informed about the progress and status of the decisions taken in the third meeting of MG. It has been decided in the third meeting of MG that NIC Bhopal will provide the data w.r.t. six States having maximum allocation of CAMPA but the information was still awaited. FSI was parallelly trying to get the requisite information, as required by MG, from State Forest Departments (SFDs), and as a result, FSI could get partial information w.r.t two States namely Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh out of six selected States having maximum allocation under CAMPA. In addition to above two States FSI also got partial information w.r.t. few other States namely Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Karnataka, Manipur, Mizoram, Chandigarh, Tripura and Sikkim. Regarding setting up of a Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) for assisting MG, it was found that PMU is yet to be setup by National Authority as decided in the third meeting of MG. To which, Shri Sanjay Kumar Ojha, Joint CEO, National Authority submitted that the PMU has been envisaged to assist National Authority and not to the MG.

**Agenda items no -2: Discussion on data received from States/UTs**

- a) MG opined that they are feeling severely constrained in disposing of their duties for want of data. Realising the limitations of receiving the data from NIC/ SFDs, MG recommended that as National CAMPA releases the fund to State Forest Departments (SFDs) on the basis of Annual Plan Operation (APO) and APO consist of enough information which can be utilised by the Monitoring Group (MG) for the purpose of Monitoring the plantation done

- under CAF, the same can be utilised for the purpose of monitoring. National Authority should have independent set of information on the basis of APO, which contains financial information too, which can be compiled and can be used for monitoring. MG is of the opinion that the kind of information is required for monitoring purpose should be available with National CAMPA as they are approving the APOs of the respective states regularly.
- b) It was decided that Shri Sunil Jain, Sr. Technical Director will prepare a draft format based on the information available on e-Green Watch. This format will be sent to Shri A.K Bansal, Retired ADGF and member of MG, who will finalise the format. Accordingly, Shri Sunil Jain will provide data of six states, which were decided in third meeting of MG.
- c) Also, DG FSI will circulate this data to Regional Offices (RO) of MOEF&CC for collecting detailed information of their respective states. Thereafter, these sites will be stratified in two-stage sampling:
- Area Wise : This will be stratified in four strata as follows:
    - i. 0 -15 ha
    - ii. 15-30 ha
    - iii. 30-45 ha
    - iv. 45+ ha
  - Category Wise: Following categories will be utilised:
    - i. Single Species
    - ii. Mixed species
    - iii. ANR/ RDF
    - iv. Others
- d) From these four strata, the MG will randomly select a certain percentage of plantations sites depending on the number of plantations to visit for monitoring. The MG required extant locations, area & geo- referenced boundary of these plantations sites. MG will also inspect whether subsequent silviculture plan for management for long period have been incorporated in the respective Working Plans or not. They will also see the condition of plantation, growth condition and survival percentage etc.
- e) To start with, MG will choose plantation sites of 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 years, which must have established and new plantation sites of year 2016-17, 2017-18 to visit.

**Agenda items no -3: Discussion on setting up of PMU for assisting MG for physical and financial evaluation of the works.**

It was informed that PMU is yet to be setup by National Authority as decided in the third meeting of MG. Shri Sanjay Kumar Ojha, Joint CEO; National Authority submitted that the PMU has been envisaged to assist National Authority not to MG.

It was decided that a unit should be set up at FSI to provide secretarial assistance to the MG. DG, FSI will assess the requirement of the personnel within a week and will send the proposal to National CAMPA.

**Agenda items no -4: Activities to be carried out by MG in next three months**

It was decided that the MG will prepare a format for extracting the information area wise & species wise with respect to the states, which have already provided the information for monitoring. The MG will conduct meetings with PCCF & higher officials of State CAMPA Authority for visiting plantation sites raised under CAMPA. Photographs will also be taken of the field visit for record & future corroboration. At present, we have received data from two states namely Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh and MG will start the work with these two states. The tentative plan to visit these two states has been decided as follows:

- Madhya Pradesh in mid-April
- Chhattisgarh in mid-May

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

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