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Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
Public Finance Central-I

Kartavya Bhawan-1, 6th Floor, New Delhi
Dated, the 24th December, 2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Clarification regarding appraisal/approval schemes' implemented with funding support from National Compensatory Afforestation Fund managed by National Authority (CAMP A) and applicability of the exhaustive guidelines laid down by the Department of Expenditure - reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to letter No. MoEF&CC/O/oCCA/CAMP A/2025-26/4341-45 dated 17.10.2025 and MoEFCC U.O. Note No. PrAO/MoEF&CC/A/Cs/2025-26/5210 dated 12.12.2025 on the subject mentioned above.

2. The matter has been examined, and the comments of this Department are as follows:

DOE's Guidelines dated 5.8.2016 on Appraisal and Approval of Public Funded Schemes and Projects **may not be applicable** for the Schemes/Projects approved and implemented under the National Compensatory Afforestation Fund (NCAF), for the following reasons:

(i) The DoE Guidelines are applicable for public funded Schemes and Projects financed by CFI. The National Compensatory Afforestation Fund (NCAF) is maintained under the Public Account of India and not under CFI.

(ii) There is a difference in the definition of a Scheme under the DoE Guidelines and CAF Act, 2016.

(iii) The receipt and utilisation of NCAF is governed by its own Act, Rules and Accounting Procedure. The Governing Body under the National Authority is empowered under the Act and Rules to approve the proposals under NCAF.

(iv) As stated by MoEF&CC, the proposals under CAMP A are subjected to four levels of examination in the Ministry viz., Preliminary vetting by the Ministry, examination by the officials of National Authority, CAMP A, Appraisal by the Executive Committee of the National Authority and examination and approval by the Governing Body of the National Authority.

Nevertheless, the utilisation of the funds are subject to the GFR 2017 as provided under the CAF Act, 2016 and CAF Rules, 2018.

3. This issues with the approval of Secretary (Expenditure).


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