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NO.15-2(33)/2017-CAMPA

August, 2018.

The Manager Incharge, Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, Block No.11, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi 110003.

CAMPA – Uttar Pradesh – APOs - release of funds, against. Sub.:

Sir,

It is requested that:

- (1) an amount of Rs150,60,00,000.00 (Rs One hundred fifty crore and sixty lakhs only) may kindly be transferred immediately from flexi A/c. No.520141001596663 maintained in your Bank in the name of Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) (Main Account), to SB A/c No.520101263743736 in the name of Uttar Pradesh State CAF, in your Bank;
- (2) an amount of Rs150,60,00,000.00 (Rs One hundred fifty crore and sixty lakhs only) may kindly be transferred immediately from SB A/c No. 520101263743736 in the name of Uttar Pradesh State CAF in your Bank, to A/c. No. 535102010704219 in the name of Uttar Pradesh State CAMPA in State Bank of India, Lucknow (IFSC Code UBIN0553514].

Yours faithfully,

Inspector General of Forests and Chief Executive Officer, Ad-hoc CAMPA

Copy to The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/ HoFF, Forest Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow w.r.t. letter No.182/2-37-2 dated the 6th August, 2018 respectively.

- The present release is being made of Rs. 150.6 crores against the entitlement for year 2018-19. It is to be spent as per CAMPA guidelines and keeping in view the provisions of CAF act, 2016 and CAF rules, 2018 made therein which have been notified recently.
- Various non-permissible activities of Rs. 1.4 crores are observed in APO, such as, Rs. 40.00 lakhs for maintenance of interpretation center, Rs. 25.00 lakhs for development of forest parks, Rs. 50.00 lakhs for training of officers/ officials in WII, Rs. 25.00 lakhs for Van Chetna Kendra, etc.
- 4. In relation to the report on shortcomings as furnished by the State, the following is stated:
 - a. Non-timely submission of QPRS impacts the releases to the State CAMPA;
 - b. An all-out effort is required for reconciliation of past remittances, particularly considering that Uttar Pradesh is the biggest contributor to the corpus. Action in the past has not been timely and therefore efforts in future require to be stepped up;

- Reply to the CAG observation on the reply furnished by the MoEF&CC is still awaited, following the deliberations under the Chairmanship of Addl. PCCF, Central, MoEF &CC, at Lucknow in November, 2017;
- d. The report on high inaccuracy levels in the e. Green Watch portal is not satisfactory, and also, is silent on the twin aspects of correction of the past polygons and Central screening of polygons before being loaded on the portal;
- e. Action on 3rd party monitoring is awaited.
- f. Even though the State has reported that the AG Uttar Pradesh has seen and approved the State CAMPA accounts, the action taken report on shortcomings/recommendations made in the report of the AG has not been furnished;
- 5. The present release of funds is further subject to the Tripura State CAMPA not functioning in the Society mode and is further subject to the following conditions, viz.
 - (i) it is ensured that only those activities as are permitted as per the State CAMPA Guidelines read with Hon'ble Supreme Court's interim order dt 10 07 2009 and guidelines issued by the National CAMPA Advices: Council from time to time shall be executed;
 - (ii) while carrying out the work of utilizing these funds the broad guidelines adopted by NREGA may be followed and as far as possible work may be allotted mostly to rural unemployed people, maintaining the minimum wage level;
 - (iii) amounts towards CA as being sanctioned herein shall be utilized for taking up site specific works already approved by MoEF while granting prior approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, which are eligible as per the CAMPA guidelines and decisions communicated from time to time;
 - (iv) State CAMPA shall create database containing GPS location of works executed from CAMPA funds, including shape file of plantation locations;
 - (v) Only those items of work which are taken up and duly and specifically an oved by the State CAMPA Steering Committee, subject further to (i) above shall be permitted;
 - (vi) Maintenance, as per approved cost norms, of afforestation works undertaken in the previous years from CAMPA funds, unless such afforestation works, if any, have been formally declared as failed efforts, shall form first charge on funds released. Details of failed efforts, if any, shall be shared with the ad-hoc CAMPA;
 - (vii) Periodical reports/ returns as stipulated in this Ministry's circulated dated 17th May 2012 are furnished in time; and
- (viii) Annual audit of funds shall be undertaken as per the provisions indicated in the State CAMPA Guidelines.

(D K Sinha)

Inspector General of Forests and Chief Executive Officer, Ad-hoc CAMPA

Copy forwarded to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change, Lucknow.

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