

Ad-hoc

Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority

Constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, by Order dated 5th May 2006 in

IA No.1337 with IA Nos.827, 1122, 1216, 1473 in

Writ Petition No.202 of 1995 : T N Godavarman Thirumalpad Vs Union of India & Ors.

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NO 15-2(34)/2018-CAMPA

Dated the 14th September 2018

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

Sub.: CAMPA – Uttarakhand – release of funds against APO 2018-19.

Sir,

It is requested that:

- (1) an amount of Rs.104,50,00,000.00 (Rs. One hundred four crore and fifty 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. 520101263743728 in the name of Uttarakhand State CAF, in your Bank;
- (2) an amount of Rs.104,50,00,000.00 (Rs One hundred four crore and fifty lakhs only) may kindly be transferred immediately from SB A/c No.520101263743728 in the name of Uttarakhand State CAF in your Bank, to A/c. No.30680201031,708 in the name of Uttarakhand State CAMPA in Union Bank of India, Dehradun [IFSC Code UBIN0530689].

Yours faithfully,



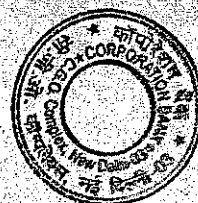
(D K Sinha)

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

Copy to The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/ HoFF, Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun with reference to letter No.103/4-1(2)/CAMPA/2018-19 dated the 22nd May 2018.

2. The present release of Rs. 104.50 crores as 2nd installment admissible amount of Rs. 209.00 crore for APO 2018-19. It is to be spent as per CAMPA guideline and keeping in view the provisions of CAF act, 2016 and CAF rules, 2018 made therein which have been notified recently.

3. The Polygons/ shape files of the works being undertaken thus should be forwarded to the Ad-hoc CAMPA, and also simultaneously loaded on the e.Green Watch portal after prior screening for their accuracy. The present release is being made further subject to the conditions (s) that:



- (a) except compensatory afforestation, Penal CA and other plantation activities undertaken from NPV funds, Catchment Area Treatment plan, Wild Life Management Plan activities etc., no new works will be undertaken from the funds now being released. Only the requisite maintenance works etc., of ongoing works will be undertaken;
- (b) details of CA and CAT plans shall be provided and uploaded within one month on the e. Governance portal. The adherence to the time limit will be taken into account while considering release of future instalments;
- (c) expenditure like purchase of new vehicles for officers, repairs and maintenances of rest houses shall not be allowed from these funds;
- (d) eco-tourism activities shall also not be permitted from these funds.

4. In respect of the APO/2018-19, the following shortcomings have been observed and therefore the further release of funds will be subject to a satisfactory report on these, viz.:

- (1) breakup of the provisions under the head 'NPV', specifying the various components has to be furnished;
- (2) shortfalls have been observed in fulfillment of the targets in the 5-year action plan for clearing compensatory afforestation backlog, in some years. Compensatory afforestation is the first charge on these funds, and therefore, evidencing the lack of focus on CA, which is grossly unsatisfactory;
- (3) notwithstanding that the State CAMPA has achieved the benchmark of 70%+ expenditure to qualify for further releases, the unspent balance of Rs.183+ crores is too large;
- (4) despite repeated communications to this effect at all levels the reconciliation of remittances on a project wise and component wise basis has made little progress;
- (5) Quarterly Progress Reports from State CAMPA are not received in time and in proper formats;
- (6) there is no mention of submission of the accounts of the State CAMPA to the State Accountant General;
- (7) accuracy levels of the e.Green Watch polygons are low. Reports of Central screening of the polygons before their being loaded on the FSI portal has not been received;
- (8) action for 3rd party monitoring has been taken up belatedly and the progress in this behalf is far from satisfactory;
- (9) reply to the C&AG's observations on the replies to the Report on 'Compensatory Afforestation in India' has not been furnished by the stipulated date, viz., 20th September 2017. Receipt of replies is still not evident;
- (10) Presence of the non-official Members in, or the reasons for their absence from the meeting of the Steering Committee is not evident;
- (11) information in respect of all diversion cases since the year 1980 have not been furnished completely/ comprehensively in the formats (Annexure I & Annexure II); and
- (12) there are still exceptions, where payments; have been made through modes other than e.portal.