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File No.15-2(14)/2019-NA
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
(National Authority)

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Dated: 20th December, 2019

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary/
Principal Secretary/Secretary (Forests)
Government of Himachal Pradesh
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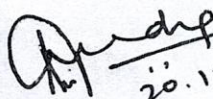
**Sub: Annual Plan of Operation (APO) – Himachal Pradesh (2019-20):
Approval regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

The undersigned is directed to refer to letter No.Ft.CAMPA/2012-Ad-hoc CAMPA/APOs/Vol.III dated 9th July, 2019 and subsequent letters of Government of Himachal Pradesh on the above mentioned subject and convey the approval of the Executive Committee of the National Authority under Section 15 (1) (i) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Act, 2016 for the Annual Plan of Operation – Himachal Pradesh (2019-20) at a total cost of **₹145.816 Cr.** (Rupees one hundred forty five crores eighty one lakhs and sixty thousand only) for carrying out approved activities during the current financial year from the "State Compensatory Afforestation Fund – Himachal Pradesh" created under Section-4 of CAF Act, 2016.

2. The APO was discussed in the 4th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority held on 15.10.2019. The component wise approval accorded by the Executive Committee are as under:-

S. No.	Major Activity	Details	Financial (₹ in Crores)
1	Site Specific works as per FCA approval	Compensatory Afforestation	12.610
		CAT Plan	31.300
		Integrated WLMP	20.792
		Others	0.114
		Sub Total (i)	64.816
2.	Works under 80% NPV component	ANR, artificial regeneration (plantations), nursery, subsidiary silviculture operations etc.	60.40
	Works under 20% NPV component	Establishment, upgradation and maintenance of modern nurseries, information technology and communication etc.	17.60


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		Sub Total (ii)	78.00
3.	Works under 60% Interest component	Salary and allowance for State Authority sitting fee etc.	2.20
	Works under 40% Interest component	Administrative expenses etc.	0.80
		Sub Total (iii)	3.00
		Grand Total (i+ii+iii)	145.816
(Rupees one hundred forty five crores eighty one lakhs and sixty thousand only)			

3. The approval is subject to the following observations:-

- (i) The approved activities shall be carried out according to Rule 4 of CAF Rules, 2018, i.e. as per the provisions of the State financial rules or any such rules applicable from time to time in the State;
- (ii) There should not be any reduction in allocation for forestry sector in the regular State Budget due to flow of CAMPA funds;
- (iii) The State shall furnish a brief description and abstract of the monitoring work done by the Monitoring and Evaluation Wing of the SFD and by the independent monitor in the State as desired in Part I (f) & (g) respectively of Form XII, to the National Authority for records;
- (iv) Pending site-specific compensatory afforestation targets need immediate attention of State Authority. A backlog of 486.86 ha is noticed in compensatory afforestation on non-forest land (NFL) and double degraded forest land (DDFL), which shall be taken up on top priority;
- (v) As clarified by Chief Executive Officer, Himachal Pradesh State Authority through his e-mail dated 11.05.2019, Rs.1.09 crores is a State Revenue and was wrongly deposited with the Ad-hoc CAMPA account by user agencies instead of State Treasury. Thus, this amount will not be a part of the Annual Plan of Operation;
- (vi) The State Authority shall ensure that activities proposed from NPV shall be taken up as per approved working plan/wildlife management plan prescriptions and after due consultation with the Gram Sabha & VFMC, as the case may be and shall be in consonance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 under proviso below Rule 5(3) (k);
- (vii) The plantation of 150 ha under artificial regeneration (NPV) proposed to be taken up through Eco Task Force is not approved as it has a salary component also;

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