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Dated: the 13th July, 2020

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary,  
Department of Forest & Wildlife Preservation,  
Government of Punjab,  
Mohali.

Sub: Ex post facto approval of Annual Plan of Operation for the year 2019-20 of Punjab CAMPA - reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter no. SPL/06 dated 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 of the Office of PCCF, Government of Punjab on the above mentioned subject and to convey that the Executive Committee deferred the proposal of ex-post facto approval of Annual Plan of Operation - Punjab (2019-20) at a total cost of a total cost of ₹ 102.15 crore (Rupees one hundred two crore and fifteen lakh only) under Section 15 (1) (i) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Act, 2016 for want of information on essential activities.

2. The APO was discussed in the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee held on 27-28<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 and the excerpts of the minutes of the meeting are as under:

"The issue of implementation of activities of APO without prior approval of the Executive Committee was not as per provisions of CAF Act, 2016. In view of the fact that forestry activities are spread over a number of years, the Executive Committee observed that only that portion of expenditure can be justified, which has been incurred only on those activities, which were essential and would have affected the continuity of forestry operations. The Executive Committee observed that details of such expenditure shall be sought from the State Authority and only after receipt of details of expenditure on essential activities for financial year 2019-20 from the State Authority, the same shall be examined and considered."

3. In addition, it is to inform that a copy of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority was circulated through OM of even number dated 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 of this Ministry, however, no response has been received from the State Government in this regard. Further, it may also please be noted that till

date 27 States/UTs have submitted their APOs for 2020-21 to the National Authority, but APO - Punjab (2020-21) is yet to be received.

4. Hence, it is requested to kindly expedite the submission of requisite information in respect of APO for 2019-20 as well as the submission of APO for 2020-21.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/  
(Brijendra Swaroop)  
Dy. Chief Executive Officer

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2. Chief Executive Officer, Punjab CAMPA, Mohali
3. The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office, Chandigarh.

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