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State CAMPA- Tripura

Sub: Approval of Annual Plan of Operation (APO) of Tripura for FY 2019-20

Kindly refer to the letter of the State CAMPA dated 07.01.2019 whereby the Annual Plan of Operation prepared as per the Compensatory Afforestation Act 2016 and Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules was submitted for approval of the National CAMPA.


The Executive Committee of the National CAMPA in its meeting held on 26.04.2019 has examined the APO of Tripura and made following observations:

1. The compensatory afforestation component provides for new CA of 166.58 ha and maintenance of previous year plantations. The CA component will be utilized for establishment of high tech nursery at Hatipara under West Dist. at the cost of Rs.40.0 lakh, monitoring and evaluation of compensatory afforestation plantation at the cost of Rs.27.0 lakh and construction of strong barbed wire fencing of 60 km at the cost of Rs.1.8 crore. High tech nurseries and monitoring and evaluation activities should be done from the NPV fund and not from the compensatory afforestation fund. Similarly, creation of 317.757 ha of miscellaneous plantations at the cost of Rs.1.4299 crore has to be done from the NPV and not from the CAMPA fund provided it is not a part of additional and penal CA.
2. Under the NPV component, no new plantation has been provided for the year 2019-20. However, maintenance of previous years' plantations undertaken from CAMPA fund has been provided at the cost of Rs.65.99 crore. Creation of miscellaneous plantation in hilltop has been provided with 80 ha at the cost of Rs.36 lakhs.
3. For Nagar Van-Udyan Yojana approved by NCAC in past, the State CAMPA had submitted a scheme for Rs.2.25 crore. It has been informed that the assistance will be shared with the State in the ratio of 80:20 as per the existing guidelines of NCAC. During 2017-18 and 2018-19, Rs.15.0 lakh have been released by the Ad-hoc CAMPA and for 2019-20, demand for Rs.15 lakh has been made. This can be provided from the NPV amount and the State Govt. should provide the complete assessment report of the work undertaken under this scheme and prepare a geo referenced map of Nagar van Udyan taken up under this scheme for record.
4. For the protection of plantation and forests, provision has been made for chain link fencing of 27 km at the cost of Rs.2.7 crore. It has been provided to make 5 huts / barracks in Dhalai Dist. at the cost of Rs. 42.50 lakh and inspection hut at Gandacharra at the cost of Rs.10 lakh. As per CAF Rule residential and office building for field staffs can


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be constructed from 20% component of NPV.Rs.59.96 lakh has been provided for hiring of labourers, vehicles, training/ extension related to forest fires and uniform for protection staff. The State should prepare a separate State Action Plan for forest fire control in tune with the National Action Plan on Forest Fire management issued in April, 2018, which provides infrastructure, tools, fire resistance garments / uniforms for staff involved in forest fire management. CAMPA fund should not be used for providing uniform to the forest staff for regular duty of the forest department, which is to be given from the State budget. To check illegal transport of timber and other forest produce, installation of cameras / CCTVs in the forest check posts have been provided at 15 places at the cost of Rs.22.50 lakh. The State Govt. must maintain details of such installations and expenditure done in the State from CAMPA Fund.

5. The APO provides for purchase of 3 speed boats at the cost of Rs.21.0 lakh for protection of forest and wildlife. Various other activities like huts / barracks, inspection hut, strong room, misc. activities like transport / labour, demarcation and equipment, to check illegal transport, protection by speed boats should be shifted to 20% of NPV component.
6. For the protection of wildlife habitat, a provision for Rs.2.51 crore has been made. The activity involves construction and extension of zoo hospitals as proposed by CZA at Sepahijala at the cost of Rs.2.27 lakh. Purchase of drone cameras and software for protection of forest and wildlife at the cost of Rs.75 lakh has been provided.
7. Management of Biodiversity Park at the cost of Rs.50.0lakh has been provided. Nagar Van can be developed to provide green lung in the Cities on government land. However, the State government should provide the details of such Nagar Van and Biodiversity Park for record.
8. For the soil and moisture conservation works in forest areas an outlay of Rs.40.0 lakhs provided. The State Govt. must prepare a geo reference map of the area covered in the soil and moisture conservation works and uploaded on the e-green watch portal.
9. For construction of range office cum residence, Rs.1.05 crore has been provided. The State Govt. should provide the details with geo-coordinates of all such official and residential buildings constructed in the State from CAMPA fund for record.
10. In capacity building and training programmes, a provision of Rs.1.096 crore has been made. This provides for establishment of 4 video conference facilities at the cost of Rs.36.0 lakh and office support for Rs.65.10 lakh. But it has not provided the details of office support in this case. Video conferencing facility for State Authority office may be done from the 40% component of interest fund.
11. Evaluation of works done under CAMPA during 2018-19 will be done at Rs.4.0 lakh. Independent concurrent monitoring and evaluation and third party monitoring of various works undertaken from State Fund is permissible from 20% of NPV component. The State Authority has not mentioned the details of third party evaluation of work done under CAMPA fund and not kept any fund for third party evaluation.
12. The State Authority has not provided the details of expenditure from the interest accrued but some components are kept in NPV category. Therefore, details of expenditure from


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the interest need to be submitted by the State Authority with proper categorization of activities.

13. The APO provides for site specific reclamation activities at the cost of Rs.23.44 lakh deposited by BSF and ONGC. This should be done as per the forest clearance proposals approved by the Ministry from the appropriate head under which the fund has been deposited by the user agency. A provision of Rs.60.65 lakh has been provided for site specific activities like raising dwarf species cost prescribed in case of diversion of forest land for transmission lines. These activities have to be done as per the prescription in forest conservation proposal and from the amount deposited by user agencies.
14. No provision has been made in the APO for prevention / control of forest fire and management of bamboo forest in the State. The State should prepare a separate State action plan for forest fire control in consultation with the national action plan on forest fire management issued in April, 2018 and for the development of bamboo in the State as per the provisions of working plan prescription.
15. As per the CAF Rule 2018 the APO should be prepared in consultation with the Gram Sabha as prescribed under the FRA before the APO is approved by the Steering Committee of State Authority. No such undertaking has been provided along with the APO, which may be provided.
16. The expenditure from the NPV should be as per the CAF Rules which provides 80% for core forestry activities and 20% for ancillary activities. The State Authority should re distribute the permissible activities accordingly. Similar Rules applies for expenditure from Interest component.
17. The State Authority should ensure that the expenditure from State CAMPA Fund is done strictly according to the provisions of the CAF Act and CAF Rules and follow directions issued by any authority or Court in this regard.

The committee examined the proposal in light of the above restriction and approved the APO subject to the amendment for non-permissible activities referred above. The budget for the APO should be revised accordingly and informed to the National Authority for record.

Date: 21/6/19

Place: New Delhi


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