

File No.15-2(35)/2019-NA  
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change  
(National Authority)

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Dated: 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary/  
Principal Secretary/Secretary (Forests)  
Government of West Bengal  
Mantralaya, Kolkata

**Sub: Annual Plan of Operation (APO) – West Bengal (2019-20): approval regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

The undersigned is directed to refer to letter No.729 FR/O/N/6M-2/2019 dated 02.05.2019 and subsequent letters of Government of West Bengal 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 – West Bengal (2019-20) at a total cost of Rs.70.07 crores. (Rupees seventy crores and seven lakhs only) for carrying out approved activities during the current financial year from the “State Compensatory Afforestation Fund West Bengal” created under Section 4 of CAF Act, 2016.

2. The APO was initially discussed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority held on 15.07.2019 and was finally approved in the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 15.10.2019. The component – wise approved breakup of the APO is provided below: -

| Sr No.                        | Description                             | Components                         | Financial (Rs in Crores) |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1                             | Site Specific works as per FCA approval | Compensatory Afforestation         | 2.85                     |
|                               |   | CAT Plan                           | 3.25                     |
|                               |   | Integrated WLMP                    | -                        |
|                               |   | Others                             | -                        |
|                               |   | <b>Sub Total(i)</b>                | <b>6.10</b>              |
| 2.                            | Net Present Value                       | Works under 80% NPV component      | 54.75                    |
|                               |   | Works under 20% NPV component      | 5.70                     |
|                               |   | <b>Sub Total (ii)</b>              | <b>60.45</b>             |
| 3.                            | Accrued Interest                        | Works under 60% Interest component | 2.42                     |
|                               |   | Works under 40% Interest component | 1.10                     |
|                               |   | <b>Sub Total (iii)</b>             | <b>3.52</b>              |
| <b>Grand Total (i+ii+iii)</b> |   |                                    | <b>70.07</b>             |

(Rupees seventy crores and seven lakhs only)

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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) The revision of APO and routing the same through State Steering Committee is not needed as the APO has already been approved.
  - (iii) There should not be a reduction in allocation for forestry sector in the State Budget due to flow of CAMPA funds.
  - (iv) 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.
  - (v) Geo-tags of all site specific as well as non-site-specific activities will be provided to the National Authority for record. Polygons of each plantation carried out shall be uploaded on e-Green watch portal.
  - (vi) The proposed activities from monies received towards NPV deposited in the State Fund shall be bifurcated in the manner provided in Rule 5(2) and Rule 5(3). Similarly, the proposed activities from the interest accrued on monies in the State Fund shall be bifurcated in the manner provided in Rule 6(a) and 6(b). While doing so the specific sub rule shall also be mentioned against each proposed activity.
  - (vii) The State Authority shall ensure that activities proposed from NPV shall be taken up as per the 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 as required under proviso below Rule 5(3) (k).
  - (viii) The proposed activities should be carried out as per approved schedule of rates, approved minimum wages etc.
  - (ix) Activities regarding purchase of vehicles, infrastructure development, wages etc. should be taken up as per decisions taken in the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority and if there is any revision in the APO on account of these activities, the same shall be communicated to the National Authority for records.
  - (x) Repair of vehicles shall be limited to vehicles purchased from the CAMPA funds.
  - (xi) Maintenance of existing infrastructure like residential and official buildings related to frontline staff shall be done from the regular State budget.
  - (xii) Maintenance of equipments including computers, printers and UPSs shall be limited to the equipments purchased by the State Authority from CAMPA funds.
  - (xiii) Provisioning of civil works in wildlife areas shall be consistent with approved Management plan prescriptions.
  - (xiv) A certificate regarding non-overlapping of activities with other schemes shall also be provided to the National Authority for records.
  - (xv) Measurable Outputs' of all physical activities and targets of each permissible activity along with period required for achieving the measurable output may be provided to the National Authority for records.

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