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**Dated the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2021**

To,  
**Principal Secretary (Forests)**  
**Government of Arunachal Pradesh**  
 Itanagar.

**Sub: Annual Plan of Operation for the year 2020-21 of Arunachal Pradesh State Authority-reg.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the revised Annual Plan of Operation (APO) for the year 2020-21 of Arunachal Pradesh State Authority submitted through their e-mail on 26.01.2021 on the above mentioned subject and to 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 – Arunachal Pradesh (2020-21) at a total cost of **₹155.46 crores (Rupees one hundred fifty five crore forty six lakh only)** out of proposed outlay of ₹214.908 crore recommended by the State Steering Committee during the current financial year from the “State Compensatory Afforestation Fund – Arunachal Pradesh” created under Section 4 of CAF Act, 2016.

2. The APO was discussed in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Executive Committee of the National Authority held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 and on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021 respectively. The component wise approval accorded by the 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee are as under:

<b>In Rs crore</b>				
<b>APO (2020-21) : Arunachal Pradesh State Authority</b>				
<b>Site-specific activities</b>				
<b>S. No</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Approved outlay</b>	<b>Admissibility as per CAF Act/Rules</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1.	Compensatory Afforestation (CA)		Section 6(a)	
	(a) Total of Advance Work: Advance Nursery, Survey and Demarcation for new creation of CA, Entry point activities	24.77		Also includes purchase of 4 LMVs @ Rs 13.8 lakh and 4 HMV@Rs 18.00 lakh
	(b) New creation work	13.47		Also includes plantation, four weeding, raising of seedling, erection of barbed wire fencing, fire line cutting. Normally, plantation and weeding are carried out during rainy season and fire-line cutting is done during spring. Wages of Plantation watcher can be allowed only after plantation.
	(c) Maintenance of CA Plantation	15.97		Year of maintenance not given. Also includes weeding, casualty replacement, wages of supervisors, purchase of 3 vehicles (Rs 28.500 lakh),

	(d) Monitoring, supervision PoL, maintenance of vehicles i/s TE etc. (12% on Rs 53.23 crore of total cost of CA plantations except Entry Point Activities & vehicles CAMPA	6.39		
	(e) Purchase of light vehicles	1.56		
	Total	62.16		
2.	Catchment Area Treatment Plan	1.47	Section 6(a)	Year of plantation not mentioned. Includes casualty replacement, 4 weeding, enrichment planting, fuelwood plantation, permanent cultivation, contingency for State Authority (Rs 8.34 lakh), Trainings (Rs 70.45 lakh) and monitoring and Evaluation (Rs 2.6 lakh) under State Authority
3.	Wildlife Management Plan	2.87	Section 6(a)	Includes purchase of 5 LMVs, one Animal rescue van, many motorcycles, POL, Monitoring & Evaluation, wages of 6 drivers and DEO (throughout year).
	<b>Total (Site-specific Activities)</b>	<b>66.50</b>		
<b>Activities under Rule 5(2)</b>				
1.	ANR	6.03	Rule 5(2) (a)	
	Maintenance of ANR	0.02		
2.	Creation of Artificial plantation	25.00	Rule 5(2) (b)	
	Maintenance work in physical and financial terms	2.37	Rule 5(2)(a) and (b)	Includes maintenance of plantations raised during 2019-20, without submitting the APO.
3.	Silvicultural operation	0.10	Rule 5(2)(c)	
4.	Protection of Plantation and Forests	3.64	Rule 5(2)(d)	Includes procurement of LMV, medium motor vehicles, motor cycles, Arms and ammunition, desktops, Walky-talky, GPS, chain saw, survey and camping equipment, various types of kits, digital portable X-ray machine set, gaseous anaesthesia machine, tranquilizer guns, medicines.
5.	Forest Fire prevention and control operation	1.04	Rule 5(2) (f)	Includes procurement of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), Fire extinguishers, smoke chaser pro fire pump bag i/c carry rack, rouge fire tool, shovels, fire axe, fire shelter, fire resistant wear, boots, gloves and helmet, bucket, beater, blanket, Fire tenders, vehicles,

				awareness.
6.	Soil and moisture conservation works in forests	14.15	Rule 5 (2) (g)	Estimated cost and basis of cost estimation not furnished
7.	Improvement of wildlife Habitat	3.49	Rule 5(2) (i)	Estimated cost and basis of cost estimation not furnished
8.	Establishment operation and maintenance of animal rescue centres and veterinary treatment facility	2.09	Rule 5(2)(k)	Requires approval of the CZA. Estimated cost and basis of cost estimation not submitted. The State may fund procurement of vehicles and engagement of contractual staff (Driver, Attendant, Experts) from other sources and not from CAMPA.
9.	Supply of wood-saving cooking appliances and other forest produce saving devices in forest fringe villages	7.43	Rule 5(2) (l)	Under Ujjawala, LPG gas connection, gas stove and cylinder are being provided. State shall ensure proper scrutiny in the selection of beneficiaries.
	<b>Sub-total Rule 5(2)</b>	<b>65.36</b>		
<b>Activities under Rule 5(3)</b>				
1.	Establishment of modern nursery	3.62	Rule 5(3) (a)	Details/description, estimated cost and basis of cost estimation not furnished.
2.	Promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of biological diversity	0.60	Rule 5(3)(b)	Details/description, estimated cost and basis of cost estimation not furnished. Moreover, this sub-rule is related to preparation of the People's Biodiversity Registers.
3.	Purchase and maintenance of equipment or devices for communication and IT for purpose of protection of forest and wildlife	1.58	Rule 5(3) (c )	Drones, Walkie-Talkies, wireless sets, computers and accessories, Projectors, engine boats, GPS, LED searchlights, V-sat, laptops, Xerox, inverter, camp equipment, fibre glass board engines, camera traps.
4.	Construction, upgradation and maintenance of inspection path etc.		Rule 5(3) (d)	Details/descriptions, estimated cost and basis of estimation not furnished.
	(a) Check gate with hut	1.79		
	(b) Watch Tower	0.41		
	(c ) Inspection path	0.13		
	(d) Fire line cutting	0.44		
5.	Construction of residential and official buildings	1.85		Estimated cost and basis of cost estimation not furnished.
6.	Maintenance of works including modern nurseries	0.63	Rule 5(3) (d)	Estimated cost and basis of cost estimation not furnished.

7.	Survey and mapping of forest areas for forest fire controls, CA works, SMC, CAT, WM for preparing Annual Plan	0.05	Rule 5(3)(g)	Estimated cost and basis of cost estimation not furnished.
<b>Sub-total Rule 5(3)</b>		<b>11.10</b>		
<b>Total under Rule 5 (NPV)</b>		<b>76.46</b>		
<b>Activities under Rule 6(a)</b>				
1.	Salary and wages of Staff	1.26	Rule 6(a)(iv)	Details not furnished.
2.	Disbursement of sitting fees and allowances to nominated Executive & Steering Committee members	0.03	Rule 6(a) (v)	
3.	Creation of ANR plantations, (Excluding Biodiversity Parks), creation of modern nursery, Raising of plants for plantation	10.44	Rule 6(a)(vi)	
<b>Activities under Rule 6(b)</b>				
1.	Management of office establishment	0.50	Rule 6(b)(i)	Details not furnished.
2.	Professional fees for CA, Audit etc.	0.12	Rule 6(b)(vi)	Details not furnished.
3.	POL and maintenance of vehicles of State Authority	0.15	Rule 6(b) (vi)	
<b>Sub-total Rule 6(b)</b>		<b>0.77</b>		
<b>Total Rule 6 (Interest)</b>		<b>12.50</b>		
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>155.46</b>		

**3. The approval is subject to the following conditions specific to the APO:**

- i. The EC noted that majority of the activities of the APO (2020-21) are spilling over to the next FY 2021-22 and reiterated that validity of this APO would expire on 31.03.2021 and continuation of the incomplete activities would be permissible only if they would be included in the APO (2021-22).
- ii. The EC took a serious note of non-compliance of the guidelines regarding utilization of unspent balance of the Ad-hoc CAMPA issued by letter no. NA-15/1/2020-NA dated 15.07.2020 of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. It reiterated that the above fund cannot be diverted for the purpose of implementing the activities of either APO (2020-21) or any earlier APOs irrespective of the status of their approval. The State Government shall ensure compliance with the guidelines.
- iii. Prior to implementation of approved APO, the Executive Committee of the State Authority shall ensure that a certificate is available with them to the effect that the activities that are proposed to be taken up by them, are being taken up after due consultation with Gram Sabha and are as per provisions of FRA 2006; activities proposed in forest areas are in consonance with approved working plan; and activities proposed in protected areas (PAs) are in consonance with approved management plan.

- iv. Compensating the loss of ecological services due to forest diversion for non-forestry purposes is the main objective of Compensatory Afforestation Fund. Regeneration and development of forests should, therefore, be given priority. Also, priority should be accorded to labour intensive activities for regeneration and development of forests.
- v. State Forest Fire Action Plan proposed in the APO shall be a 'standalone' activity.
- vi. The approved activities shall be carried out as per Rule 4 of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (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.
- vii. The Executive Committee of the State shall also ensure that proposed activities have adequate forward and backward linkages and are being taken up as per prevailing approved minimum wage rate, schedule of rates, model estimates etc. In future, the APO that are sent to the National Authority for approval must be accompanied with rationale of activities proposed, information on approved minimum wage rate, schedule of rates, model estimates etc.
- viii. There should not be any reduction in allocation for forestry sector in the regular State Budget due to flow of CAMPA funds to the states. In addition, the State Government shall also make timely and adequate budget provision as per approved APO and release money so that approved activities could be implemented in time.
- ix. Works related to Eco-tourism and Eco-development are permissible only as per approved site-specific schemes.
- x. Soil and moisture conservation work shall be carried out in an integrated manner under watershed approach from "ridge to valley" only in degraded forests. This shall focus on assisted natural regeneration and supplemented by artificial seeding with quantifiable monitoring parameters. Construction of Dams, Stop Dam and ponds and their deepening are to be taken up only if they are a part of an integrated soil and moisture conservation plan of the catchment area. Since this component (SWC for regeneration of forests) is a very large work, the efficacy of the design and the activities shall be concurrently monitored by a reputed independent agency. Actions will be, accordingly, taken during the lifetime of each project. The overall impact on improved forest regeneration shall be shared with NAEB (MoEF&CC) on an annual basis.
- xi. Maintenance/improvement of buildings/infrastructure created from regular State budget [except activities permissible under 5(3)(d), CAF Rules, 2018] shall continue to be carried out from regular State budget.
- xii. Engagement of manpower (regular, contractual, through outsourcing or daily wage including Data Entry Operators and drivers etc.), capacity building of the personnel involved in utilization of State Fund, publicity-cum-awareness programme and exhibition on various schemes being implemented by the State Authority shall be done as per provisions of CAF Rules, 2018 only.
- xiii. The proposed activities in the APO need to be rearranged at some places as per sub-rules of rule 5 and 6 of CAF Rules, 2018, wherever found inappropriate. The State Authority shall make necessary changes in the APO accordingly with the permission of the State Executive Authority.
- xiv. The expenditure in respect of managing man-animal conflict such as payment of ex-Gratia, compensation for crop/property damages or damage to life on account of wild life and payment of reward to informers/helpers shall be paid from regular State budget or the relevant Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- xv. Maintenance of computers and other peripherals shall be limited to the equipment purchased from CAMPA funds.
- xvi. Expenditure on items such as maintenance of buildings purchased/constructed previously from CAMPA funds etc. shall also be kept at the barest minimum, shall be for front-line staff only, and must relate directly to the attainment of objectives specified in CAF Act, 2016 and CAF Rules, 2018 i.e. primarily for regeneration of forests etc.
- xvii. No vehicle, motor cycle, van, tractor-trolley, fire tender or drone shall be purchased through CAMPA funds (CA, CATP, Wildlife Management Plan, Others, NPV etc) and only their hiring shall be allowed.
- xviii. Purchase of vehicles shall be avoided. Instead, hiring of vehicles shall be the first option. Repair/maintenance of vehicles shall be limited to the vehicles purchased from the CAMPA funds previously.
- xix. The State EC will also ensure that there is no overlapping of activities with other schemes. Mixing of money with any other Scheme under implementation from any other budget as per Explanation 2 below Rule 5 of CAF Rules, 2018 is prohibited.
- xx. The State Authority shall ensure that adequate numbers of Geographical coordinates/ Geo-tags of all the site-specific activities proposed in the Annual Plan of Operation are available. All the

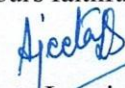
physical works undertaken under this APO and the financial progress shall be uploaded timely on the e-Green watch portal along-with photographs of the area before and after the execution of the work.

- xxi. 'Measurable output' of all physical activities and targets of each permissible activity along with period required for achieving the measurable output shall be monitored by the State Executive Committee and State Steering Committee.
- xxii. Supply of wood-saving cooking appliances and other forest produce saving devices in forest fringe villages shall be as per a detailed plan and the same shall have monitorable/quantifiable outcomes. The work shall be started only after a long-term benefit study has been undertaken.
- xxiii. The APO should comply with the 80:20 conditions explained in the opening para of the 9<sup>th</sup> EC minutes.
- xxiv. The EC of the State CAMPA shall also ensure preparation of estimated cost, basis of cost estimation and time schedule of each activity, which have been approved above before its execution.
- xxv. No post-facto approval will be given for any APO.
- xxvi. Necessary clearance of Central Zoo Authority shall be sought for establishment, operation and maintenance of animal rescue centres and veterinary treatment facility. In addition, the State shall fund procurement of vehicles and engagement of contractual staff (Driver, Attendant, Experts) from other sources and not from CAMPA.
- xxvii. Under "Salary and wages component" only salary and allowances of staff, both regular and contractual of the State Authority shall be disbursed.

**4. Approval of following activities were deferred/not agreed to:**

- i. Purchase of arms and ammunition.
- ii. Management of biological diversity and biological resources.
- iii. Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff of SFD for works for protection of forest and wildlife. The EC noted that the activity was the duty of the State Government and CAMPA cannot supplement the same. Hence, funding to be done from other sources and not CAMPA.
- iv. Independent concurrent monitoring and evaluation and third party monitoring.
- v. Creation of Biodiversity Park.
- vi. The proposed activities from the head "Others". These shall be submitted as per individual site specific plan.

Yours faithfully

  
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2. Chief Executive Officer, State CAMPA Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar
3. Principal Secretary/Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar
4. Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar
5. Accountant General, Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.

**Copy also forwarded to:**

1. Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi
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3. Chief Executive Officer (National Authority), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi
4. ADG (FC)/WL/NTCA, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi
5. Deputy Director General of Forests, Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (All)
6. IGF (FC)/WL/FPD/SU/PE/FP/NAEB/NTCA, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi
7. Principal Director (Audit), Scientific Department, AGCR Building, New Delhi
8. IFD/Sanction Folder/ Guard File
9. NIC Cell with a request to upload the sanction order on e-Greenwatch.

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01/03/2021

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