

**Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change  
(National Authority)**

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**Dated: 14th May, 2020**

To,

Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary (Forests)  
Government of Bihar, Patna

**Sub: Annual Plan of Operation (APO) – Bihar (2020-21) - approval regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter No. FG.338 dated 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020 of Government of Bihar on the above mentioned subject and to convey immediate approval of the Executive Committee of the National Authority for carrying out essential plantation and other activities, in the first stance, under Section 15 (1) (i) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Act, 2016 for the Annual Plan of Operation-Bihar (2020-21) at a total cost of ₹ 114.27 crore (Rupees one hundred fourteen crore and twenty-seven lakh only) during current financial year from the “State Compensatory Afforestation Fund – Bihar” created under Section 4 of CAF Act, 2016.

2. The APO was discussed in the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority held on 23.04.2020. The component wise approval accorded by the Executive Committee is as under:

<b>1. Site-specific Activities</b>			
<b>Sr No.</b>	<b>Major Activity</b>	<b>Reference linked with APO</b>	<b>Amount in Crore Rs.</b>
a.	Compensatory Afforestation (CA)	Page No. 7, Part II (Sr. No. a)	10.18
b.	Committed Liabilities	Page no. 8, Part II (Sr. No. c)	11.32
<b>Sub Total (1)</b>			<b>21.50</b>
<b>2. Activities as per Rule 5 of CAF Rules, 2018</b>			
a.	Regeneration of Degraded Forests	Page no. 8, Part III (Sr. No. a i.)	11.80
b.	Road side plantation (in forest area)	Page no. 9, Part III (Sr. No. a ii.)	19.49
c.	Soil and Moisture Conservation (in forest area)	Page no. 9, Part III (Sr. No. a iii.)	61.48
<b>Sub Total (2)</b>			<b>92.77</b>

<b>3. Activities as per Rule 6 of CAF Rules, 2018</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sub Total (3)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL (1+2+3)</b>	<b>114.27</b>
<b>(Rupees one hundred fourteen crore twenty-seven lakh)</b>	

3. This approval is subject to the following conditions: -
- 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. Adequate and timely allocation of budget as per approved activities of APO shall be the responsibility of the State Government.
  - 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. The State shall ensure that site-specific activities shall be carried out as per schemes submitted by the State along with approved proposals for diversion of forest land under the FC Act, 1980 and activities approved from NPV shall be taken up in the forest land under the administrative control of the State Forest Department [except those approved under Rule 5(2)(j) and 5(3)(j) of CAF Rules, 2018]. The State Authority shall also 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 under proviso below Rule 5(3) (k).
  - vi. Geo-tags of all site specific as well as non-site-specific activities will be provided to National Authority for record. Polygons of each plantation carried out shall be uploaded on e-Green watch portal. Time and geo-stamped photographs of site specific and non-site-specific works showing 'start' and 'finish' shall also be uploaded and placed for record.
  - vii. Forest fire prevention and control activity is to be in consonance with National Action Plan on Forest Fire, approved by Government of India in consultation with State Government. The State Authority should come up with State Forest Fire Action Plan for next five years and propose activities from NPV component accordingly.
  - viii. The proposed activities shall be carried out as per approved schedule of rates, approved minimum wages etc.
  - ix. A certificate regarding non-overlapping of activities with other schemes shall also be provided to the National Authority for records.
  - x. '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.

- xi. Salary and allowances under Rule 6(a) (iv), CAF Rules, 2018 is admissible to regular and contractual members and staff working in State CAMPA only. For this purpose, the provisions of the relevant rules of the State Government will be applicable.

Yours faithfully,

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**(Brijendra Swaroop)**  
**Dy. Chief Executive Officer**

**Copy to :**

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Bihar, Patna
2. Chief Executive Officer, State CAMPA Bihar, Patna.
3. Principal Secretary/Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Bihar, Patna.
4. Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Bihar, Patna.
5. Accountant General, Bihar, Patna.

**Copy also forwarded to:**

1. Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi
2. Chief Executive Officer (National Authority), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi
3. ADG FC/WL/NTCA, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi
4. Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
5. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ranchi
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 the official website of MoEF&CC.

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**(Brijendra Swaroop)**  
**Dy. Chief Executive Officer**

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