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Dated the 1st March, 2021

To,

Principal Secretary (Forests)
Government of Chhattisgarh
Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhawa
Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

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

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter no. 226/2019/4807 dated 4th December, 2019 and subsequent letters and e-mails of Chhattisgarh State CAMPA [the last being letter no./CAMPA/SO/2021/612 dated 02.02.2021 enclosing the revised Supplementary APO for 2020-21] on the above mentioned subject and to convey the revised 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 – Chhattisgarh (2020-21) at a total cost of **₹1346.92 crore (Rupees one thousand three hundred forty six crore and ninety two lakh)** out of proposed outlay of ₹1380.72 crore (₹ 964.44 crore of initial APO + ₹416.28 crore of Additional APO) recommended by the State Steering Committee for carrying out the approved activities during the current financial year from the “State Compensatory Afforestation Fund – Chhattisgarh” created under Section 4 of CAF Act, 2016.

2. The initial APO was discussed in the 5th and 6th meetings of the Executive Committee of the National Authority held on 23rd April, 2020 and 27-28th May, 2020, and the revised Additional APO was discussed in the 9th and 10th meetings held on 12th January, 2021 and 3rd February, 2021 respectively. The component wise approval accorded by the 10th Executive Committee are as under:

In Rs crore					
Annual Plan of Operation (2020-21): Chhattisgarh State Authority					
1. Site-specific Activities					
Sr. No	Activity	Earlier approved outlay	Outlay approved in 10th EC	Total	Admissibility as per CAF Act/Rules
a.	Compensatory Afforestation (CA)	33.84	3.39	37.74	Mandatory Activities
b.	Additional CA	0.15	0.00	0.15	
c.	Penal CA	0.49	0.00	0.49	
d.	Plantation below Transmission Line	3.21	0.00	3.21	
e.	Wildlife Management Plan	68.10	0.00	68.10	
f.	Creation of Safety zone	0.06	0.00	0.06	
g.	Soil and Water Conservation	6.33	0.00	6.33	
h.	Avi-fauna Development	12.96	0.00	12.96	
i.	Other activities	1.93	0.00	1.93	
j.	Second year CA Plantation and WLMP	40.37	0.00	40.37	
k.	Old CA plantation and WLMP	27.98	0.00	27.98	
	Sub Total (1)	195.42	3.39	198.81	

2. Activities as per Rule 5 (2) of CAF Rules, 2018

a.	Regeneration work	7.58	0.00	7.58	5(2)(a)
b.	Artificial Regeneration	16.29	0.00	16.29	5(2)(b)
c.	Silvicultural operation	110.27	0.00	110.27	5(2)(c)
d.	Forest Protection Work (Fire Watchers)	16.00	0.00	16.00	5(2)(f)
e.	Protection wall (40.00KM), chain link Enclosure (150.00 KM), Protection of sacred groves (10.00 KM chain-link fencing & other works)	46.63	0.00	46.63	5(2)(d)
f.	Block boundaries (Pillars), Block boundaries in PA's (Pillars), DGPS Survey block boundaries	32.66	0.00	32.66	5(2)(d)
g.	Protection General (Patrolling in most sensitive areas) for Hathi Mitra Dal/Wildlife Wing & Regulars	4.70	0.00	4.70	5(2)(d)
h.	Elephant Proof Trench (20 KM)	4.92	0.00	4.92	5(2)(m)
i.	Soil and Water Conservation	210.76	0.00	210.76	5(2)(g)
	(1) Construction of water harvesting structure for Soil water resources for regeneration of forest area	0.00	85.94	85.94	
	(2) Soil moisture conservation works for regeneration of forest areas.	0.00	187.53	187.53	
	(3) Maintenance works of old Soil moisture conservation for regeneration of forest	0.00	16.00	16.00	
j.	Wildlife habitat (Grassland/Pasture development and plantation)	15.00	0.00	15.00	5(2)(i)
	(1) Habitat development for wild Buffalo	0.00	9.06	9.06	
	(2) Water Supply for Crocodile	0.00	1.50	1.50	
k.	River Bank & Fruit Bearing Plantation	4.55	0.00	4.55	5(2)(b)
l.	2 nd to 5 th Yr. Maintenance of Old Plantation, ANR, Lantana & second- and third-year maintenance of improvement of growing stock in orange area	42.30	0.00	42.30	5(2) (a,b,c)
m.	Village relocation (3 villages 70 families)	7.70	0.00	7.70	5(2)(h)
n.	Pest & disease	1.00	0.00	1.00	5(2)(e)
o.	Conservation of Hill Maina (Kanger Ghati N.P), Conservation of Vulture (ATR, GGNP, Bijapur, Durg division), Research project on Pangolin, Radio collaring of Tigers	1.94	0.00	1.94	5(2)(m)

p.	Establishment of Elephant Reserve Lemru (5 divisions@20crores)	94.00	0.00	94.00	5(2)(i)
Sub-total Rule 5(2)		616.30	300.03	916.33	
3. Activities as per Rule 5 (3) of CAF Rules, 2018					
a.	Formation of BMC & PBR	30.00	0.00	30.00	5(3)(b)
b.	Nursery (Maintenance and running cost; preparation of plants)	1.85	1.24	3.09	5(3)(a)
c.	Fire Fighting Equipment	4.50	5.00	9.50	5(3)(c)
d.	High-tech Barrier	4.00	0.00	4.00	5(3)(d)
e.	Forest Roads in Forest Area (WBM)/ Rapta Puliya	29.77	64.02	93.79	5(3)(d)
f.	R. O. Office Building, R.O. Residential Building, Forester/ Dy. R.O Residential, Forest guard-Residential, Development of Staff Amenities	20.45	0.00	20.45	5(3)(e)
g.	Preparation of Soil Moisture conservation plan by LIDAR Technology	0.00	10.00	10.00	5(3)(g)
h.	Group Dialling System	0.32	0.00	0.32	5(3)(c)
i.	IT in Forestry	0.64	0.00	0.64	5(3)(c)
j.	Preparation of DPR (Including, Survey, Mapping, Data Collection of Wildlife corridor and old CA Plantations)	1.35	10.00	11.35	5(3)(g)
k.	Monitoring & Evaluation	3.00	0.00	3.00	5(3)(h)
l.	Awareness Programme/ Training, Publicity	3.50	0.00	3.50	5(3)(i)
m.	Construction of High-tech Nursery	35.30	0.00	35.30	5(3)(a)
Sub-total Rule 5(3)		134.68	80.26	214.94	
Total (NPV)		750.98	380.29	1131.27	
4. Activities as per Rule 6 (a) of CAF Rules, 2018					
a.	Salary and other allowances of regular Staff	1.65	0.00	1.65	6(a)(iv)
b.	Salary of contractual/Job Rate Staff	1.50	0.00	1.50	6(a)(iv)
Sub-total Rule 6 (a)		3.15	0.00	3.15	
5. Activities as per Rule 6 (b) of CAF Rules, 2018					
a.	Office expenditure	0.30	0.00	0.30	6(b)(i)
b.	Office Equipment (computer, Accessories, A/c, furniture & other Equipment)	0.50	0.00	0.50	6(b)(ii)
c.	Audit & account	0.25	0.00	0.25	6(b)(v)
d.	Rental vehicle for officers, Staff and officiating members	0.50	0.00	0.50	6(b)(iii)
e.	POL/ Vehicle maintenance	0.20	0.00	0.20	6(b)(i)
f.	Expenditure for Protocol arranging CAMPA Meetings	0.10	0.00	0.10	6(b)(v)
g.	SPA's SSO, CSO's works	2.58	0.00	2.58	6(b)(vi)

h.	Maintenance of Strike Force(250 Vehicles)	7.50			
i.	Major Repairing Vehicles (150 vehicles)	1.68	0.00	1.68	6(b)(vi)
j.	Documentation of Grasses on PAs	0.08	0.00	0.08	6(b)(vi)
	Sub-total Rule 6 (b)	13.69	0.00	13.69	
	Total (Interest)	16.84	0.00	16.84	
	Grand-total	963.24	383.68	1346.92	

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

- i. The State Government shall ensure compliance with the guidelines regarding utilization of unspent balance of the Ad-hoc CAMPA issued vide letter no. NA-15/1/2020-NA dated 15.07.2020 of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Further, the State Government may please examine the existing arrangement of disbursing compensatory levies to the State CAMPA as grants-in-aid.
- ii. 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.
- iii. 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.
- iv. State Forest Fire Action Plan proposed in the APO shall be a 'standalone' activity.
- v. 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.
- vi. 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 APOs 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.
- vii. There should not be any reduction in allocation for forestry sector in the regular State Budget due to flow of CAMPA funds to the State. 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.
- viii. Works related to Eco-tourism and Eco-development are permissible only as per approved site-specific schemes.
- ix. 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.
- x. 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.
- xi. Only those forest roads shall be taken up which are critically important for ensuring regeneration of forests. The EC of the State Authority shall thoroughly review before starting this activity and selecting the roads so that minimum number of roads/road lengths are taken up under CAMPA fund, and more are taken from regular State budget. The upgradation shall not involve making the road 'pucca'.
- 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. 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.
- xviii. 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.
- xix. 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.
- xx. '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.
- xxi. Activities proposing distribution of supply of wood saving cooking appliances and other forest produce saving devices in forest fringe villages [as per rule 5(2) (k) from NPV] shall always be taken up with measurable outcomes and study conducted on impact shall be shared with National Authority.
- xxii. The validity of APO (2020-21) shall expire on 31.03.2021. Further continuation of the incomplete activities shall be permissible only if they are included in the APO (2021-22) and are approved.
- xxiii. The APO should comply with the 80:20 conditions explained in the opening para of the 9th EC minutes.
4. **Approval of following activities are not agreed to:**
- i. Creation of physical Barrier and chain-link enclosure in highly sensitive forest areas until the EC formulates a new scheme for protection of such forest land.
- ii. Wetland conservation and Development of Biodiversity Parks.
5. Other terms and conditions of sanction letter of even number dated 09.07.2020 will be applicable unless they are contrary to those in the current order.

Yours faithfully


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5. Accountant General, Chhattisgarh, Nava Raipur.

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5. Deputy Director General of Forests, Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (All)
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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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07/03/2024

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