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To,
The Principal Secretary,
Department of Forests,
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 Lucknow

Sub: Additional Annual Plan of Operation for the year 2020-21 of Uttar Pradesh State Authority - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter No.1710/2-37-2 dated 19th June, 2020 and subsequent letters of CEO, Uttar Pradesh CAMPA 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 Additional Annual Plan of Operation - Uttar Pradesh (2020-21) at a total cost of **₹ 167.01 crore (Rupees one hundred sixty seven crore and one lakh only)** out of proposed outlay of **₹ 342.00 crore** recommended by the State Steering Committee for carrying out approved activities during the current financial year from the "State Compensatory Afforestation Fund - Uttar Pradesh" created under Section 4 of the CAF Act, 2016.

2. The Additional APO was discussed in the 7th and 8th meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority held on 30th June, 2020 and 25th August, 2020 respectively. The component wise approval accorded by the Executive Committee is as under:

(₹ in Crore)

Sr. No.	Major Activity	Proposed Amount	Approved Amount as per 8 th EC	Remarks
Activities as per Rule 5 (2) & (3) of CAF Rules, 2018				
1	Soil & moisture conservation works in forests	88.22	88.22	After site inspection of the concerned DFO and as per prescriptions of approved working plan
2.	Silvicultural operations in forests	20.00	20.00	As per the prescriptions of approved working plan
3.	Protection of Plantations and Forests			
3. (i)	Survey demarcation of forests areas and establishment of boundary	22.51	22.51	

	pillars			
3.	Renovation and Strengthening of forest roads	26.71	26.71	Only those roads which are mentioned in approved working plan
3(ii)	Excavation of trench/other protective measures for protection of forests	12.57	12.57	
4.	Improvement of Wildlife Habitat			
4(i)	Management/development of Dudhwa, Amangarh and Pilibhit Tiger Reserve	64.56	0.00	A separate proposal will be submitted by the State CEO for examination and vetting of National Tiger Conservation Authority and Wildlife Division of MoEF&CC.
4(ii)	Management and Development of Sanctuaries	2.02	0.00	
5.	Bio-diversity Conservation			
5(i)	Development of Wetlands	41.55	0.00	A separate proposal will be submitted by the State CEO for examination and vetting of Wetland Division of MoEF&CC.
5(ii)	Development of biodiversity park	43.86	0.00	Only labour intensive planting activities without civil works will be taken up based on revised proposal in this regard.
6	Construction of Residential and Official Buildings Construction of Type-1, Type-2 & Type-3 quarters for front line staff	20.00	00.00	Location and other details need submission.
	TOTAL(1+2+3+4+5+6)	342.00	167.01	

3. The approval is subject to the following conditions:
- Prior to implementation of approved Annual Plan of Operations, 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. The State EC will also ensure that there is no overlapping of activities with other schemes;
 - 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 shall, therefore, be given priority. Also, in the prevailing unprecedented circumstances of pandemic Covid 19, where loss of job and migration of labour is prevalent, more emphasis is to be given in APOs on creation of employment opportunities. Therefore, while implementing APOs, priority should be accorded to labour intensive activities for regeneration and development of

forests;

- iii. 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;
- iv. 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.;
- v. 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 for 2020-21 and release money so that activities approved under the APO could be implemented in time;
- vi. Works related to Eco-tourism and Eco-development are permissible only as per approved site-specific schemes;
- vii. As per Rule 5 (2) (g), only soil and moisture conservation work in forests are permissible. Soil and moisture conservation work should be carried out in an integrated manner under watershed approach from "ridge to valley". 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;
- viii. 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;
- ix. 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;
- x. 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. In addition, any increase or reduction in the proportion of Rule 5(2) and 5(3) as well as Rule 6(a) and 6(b) will also need to be adjusted in the next APO;
- xi. The Executive Committee of the State Authority shall ensure that there is no mixing of money with any other state scheme under implementation from any other budget as per Explanation 2 below Rule 5 of CAF Rules, 2018;
- xii. 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 shall be uploaded timely on the e-Green watch portal along-with photographs of the area

before and after the execution of the work;

xiii. '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.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd/-
(Brijendra Swaroop)
Dy. Chief Executive Officer**

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1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Department of Forests, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow;
2. Chief Executive Officer, Uttar Pradesh CAMPA, Lucknow;
3. Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow;
4. Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow;
5. Accountant General, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow;

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. Mission Director, National Mission for Green India/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, Regional Office, Lucknow;
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, Bhopal (Kind attention Sri Sunil Jain, "") with a request to upload the sanction order on the e Green Watch.

**Sd/-
(Brijendra Swaroop)
Dy. Chief Executive Officer**