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

**Sub: Annual Plan of Operation for the year 2021-22 of Arunachal Pradesh State Authority-reg.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter no. FOR.120/State Authority/2019/3089 dated 07.10.2021 of State CAMPA, Arunachal Pradesh on the above mentioned subject and to convey the additional approval of the Executive Committee of the National Authority under Section 15 (1) (i) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Act, 2016 at a total cost of **Rs. 30.78 crore** (Rupees thirty crore and seventy eight lakh only) for carrying out the approved activities of the Annual Plan of Operation – Arunachal Pradesh (2021-22).

2. The APO was initially discussed in the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority held on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 and activities amounting to Rs.190.56 crore out of total outlay of Rs.246.05 crore were approved.

3. Remaining activities were discussed in 14<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 respectively and the component wise approval is as under:

**In Rs. Crores**

Sl. No.	Activity	Physical Target (in ha.)	Financial Target	Remarks
1.	<b>Site Specific Activities</b>			
	<b>Compensatory Afforestation (CA)</b>			
	i. Maintenance of old plantation	1824.820 Ha	3.85	
	ii. and wages of plantation watcher/supervisor	73 Watchers		
	iii. Other works under WLMP - Rescue of wild animals, treatment and transportation	As per APO	0.0025	For remaining, prior-approval of the Central Zoo Authority is required*

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			0.0025	
	<b>Subtotal Site Specific Activities</b>		<b>3.8525</b>	
<b>2. Activities as per Rule 5 (2) of CAF Rules, 2018[80%NPV]</b>				
i. Protection of plantations and forests.				
	Protection & development of Rhododendron Arboreum heritage site	6.7 ha	0.06	As per approved Working Plan*
	Demarcation of forest boundary and construction of CC boundary pillars	1000 Nos.	0.22	
	Procurement of Vehicles for frontline staff (State CAMPA)	11 Nos.	1.16	Only hiring of vehicles allowed as per actual hiring rates*
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1.44</b>	
	ii. Forest fire prevention and control operations (excluding fire lines)	As per APO	0.214	Fire line is a permissible under Rule 5(3)(d)*
	iv. Soil and moisture conservation works in the forests	Check dams – 1,158 Nos. Brushwood check dams – 159 Nos. Gabian structures -5,385 Nos. Rejuvenation of water sources – 4.5 ha	12.59	
	<b>Total approved Rule 5 (2)</b>		<b>14.244</b>	
<b>3. Activities as per Rule 5 (3) of CAF Rules, 2018[20%NPV]</b>				
	i. Construction of check gate, watch tower, up-gradation and maintenance of inspection paths, forests roads in forests area, fire lines etc.			
	Check gate	13 Nos.	1.08	
	Maint. Of Check gate	26 Nos.	0.13	
	Inspection path & fire line cutting	1200 km	0.77	
	Maint of Patrolling/Inspection Path	627 km	0.39	
	Watch tower	15 Nos.	0.60	Concrete structure

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				not allowed.
	ii. Construction of residential and official building in forests for front line staffs deployed for protection of forest and wildlife	42 Nos.	6.82	
	iii. Casual engagement of local people or labours for protection of forest and wildlife undertaken from State Fund	274 Nos.	1.64	0.55 crore approved (25%) in previous sanction out of Rs. 2.19 crores.
	iv. Maintenance of modern nurseries	9 Nos.	0.44	Maintenance of Botanical garden, Arboretum & Orchidaria not permissible*
	v. Independent concurrent monitoring and evaluation and third party monitoring of various works undertaken from State Fund.	As per APO	0.81	
	<b>Total Rule 5(3)</b>		<b>12.68</b>	
	<b>Subtotal approved NPV</b>		<b>26.92</b>	
	<b>Grand Total approved</b>		<b>30.78</b>	

4. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- i. Utilization of State Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) shall be done in such a manner that at least 80 per cent is used for afforestation forest development and wildlife habitat improvement and maximum 20 per cent be used for infrastructure/capacity building related items. Please refer to the erstwhile Hon'ble Minister, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India & Chairman of the National Authority letter no NA-1/47/2020-NA dated 22.10.2020 addressed to Hon'ble CM of State Governments/Lt. Governors of UT Administration in this regard.
- ii. The State Authority shall ensure that uploading of the correct KML files and geo-coordinates of afforestation and other works undertaken during the year 2020-21 along with their photographs (before plantation and after plantation, and thereafter annually) has been completed, before they release funds to the respective implementing agencies henceforth in 2021-22.
- iii. Monitoring and evaluation of the works undertaken shall be the highest priority for the State Authority, and the Executive Committee and the Steering Committee of the State Authority shall take adequate measures in this regard. The monitoring and evaluation report of the works done up to the year 2020-21 shall be ready by February 2022, and similarly report on activities taken up in 2021-22 must be made available by September 2022.
- iv. For third party monitoring, the State should engage agency who are independently



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- working and it should not be local NGOs/organizations working with the Forest Departments.
- v. A statement that the Annual Report and the Audit Report together with a memorandum of action taken on recommendations contained therein has been laid in each house of the State Legislature as per requirements of Section 29 of the CAF Act 2016, shall be invariably submitted with the proposal for approval of the APO.
- vi. Compulsory inclusion of following details in the APOs as a separate chapter shall be a precondition for approval of the APOs in future:
- a. uploading of correct KML files and geo-coordinates of all afforestation and other major works carried out on e-GreenWatch;
  - b. completing monitoring and evaluation (both routine monitoring and third party monitoring) of works undertaken and action taken on the recommendations;
  - c. laying down Annual Report and Audit Report of State Authority up to the year 2020 before the State Legislature.
- vii. Prior to implementation of approved APO the EC of the State Authority shall ensure that a certificate is available with them to the effect that the proposed activities 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.
- viii. The Executive Committee of the State shall also ensure that there is no overlapping of activities / funding with other schemes and may provide a certificate to that effect.
- ix. Local species, especially fruit and fodder species, has to be given preference in afforestation/ regeneration to be carried out; monoculture should not be undertaken, and planting of exotic species shall be avoided.
- x. 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.
- xi. State Forest Fire Action Plan proposed in the APO shall be a "standalone" activity.
- xii. 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.
- xiii. 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.
- xiv. 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.

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- xv. Works related to Eco-tourism and Eco-development are permissible only as per approved site-specific schemes.
- xvi. 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 dams 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.
- 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. '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.
- xix. The validity of APO (2021-22) shall expire on 31.03.2022. Further continuation of the incomplete activities shall be permissible only if they are included in the APO (2022-23) and are approved.
- xx. Remaining activities have not been considered due to lack of details or those are not permissible under CAF Rules, 2018.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Sanjay Kumar Ojha)

Joint Chief Executive Officer  
National Authority

**Copy to:**

1. PCCF(HoFF)-cum-Chairperson, the Executive Committee of the State CAMPA Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar
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
2. Special Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
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

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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 PARIVESH and e-Green watch along with the APO (2021-22) of the State Authority.

  
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