

**File No: NA-15/7/2020-NA**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change**  
**(National Authority)**  
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**Dated: 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2021**

To,  
Principal Secretary  
Department of Environment and Forest  
Government of Assam  
Dispur, Guwahati

**Sub: Annual Plan of Operation (APO) for the year 2021-22 of Assam CAMPA-reg.**

Madam/SiAr,

I am directed to refer to No.FG.27/CAMPA/APO/2021-22 dated 03.07.2021 and subsequent letters of Office of PCCF (Hoff), Assam 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 – Assam (2021-22) at a total cost of **Rs.89.68 crores** (Rupees eighty-nine crores and thirteen lakh only) out of proposed activities of worth **Rs. 97.68 crores** recommended by the State Steering Committee for carrying out approved activities during the current financial year from the “State Compensatory Afforestation Fund – Assam” created under Section 4 of CAF Act, 2016.

2. The APO was discussed in the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority held on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.

The details of approval of remaining activities are as under:

(Amount Rs. in crore)


Sl. No	Activities	Physical Target (in ha / Nos.)	Financial Target	Remarks
1.	<b>Site Specific Plantation Compensatory Afforestation</b>			
a.	Fencing, Adv. work, and nursery	467.45	6.38	
b.	Creation & 1st year maintenance of earlier SSP for which Adv work done during 2020-21 (Committed)	196.10	0.96	
c.	2nd year maintenance of earlier created SSP(Committed)	903.00	2.12	
d.	3rd year maintenance of earlier created SSP (Committed)	572.74	0.84	
e.	4th year maintenance of earlier created SSP (Committed)	252.42	0.30	

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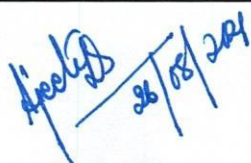
f.	5th year maintenance of earlier created SSP (Committed)	276.13	0.01	
g.	Safety Zone (Calcom) Dima Hasao West Division	7.00	0.14	
h.	Dwarf Species Plantation in Golaghat division	2.35	0.04	
i.	<b>Total CA Fund</b>	2677.19	10.80	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Work under NPV (80% of NPV Category)</b>			
<b>A.</b>	<b>Artificial Regeneration (AR)</b>			
a.	Fencing, Adv. work, and nursery	1323.00	22.83	
b.	Creation & 1st Year maintenance for which Adv work done during 2020-21 (Committed)	2146.00	7.75	
c.	2nd year maintenance of earlier created AR (Committed)	1000.00	2.74	
d.	3rd year maintenance of earlier created AR (Committed)	588.00	1.39	
e.	4th year maintenance of earlier created AR (Committed)	602.00	1.09	
f.	5th year maintenance of earlier created AR (Committed)	685.00	0.96	
	<b>Total of Artificial Regeneration</b>	<b>6344.00</b>	<b>36.76</b>	
<b>B.</b>	<b>Aided Natural Regeneration (ANR)</b>			
a.	Creation and 1st year maintenance for which Adv work done during 2020-21 (Committed)	730.00	4.69	
b.	2nd year maintenance of earlier created ANR (Committed)	500.00	1.30	
	<b>Sub Total of ANR</b>	<b>1230.00</b>	<b>5.99</b>	
<b>C.</b>	<b>Sal Coppice Management</b>			
a.	Creation & 1st Year maintenance for which Adv work done during 2020-21 (Committed)	235.00	0.26	
b.	2nd year maintenance of earlier created Sal Coppice (Committed)	100.00	0.10	
c.	3rd year maintenance of earlier created Sal Coppice (Committed)	117.00	0.09	
	4th year maintenance of earlier created Sal Coppice (Committed)	608.00	0.35	
	<b>Total of Sal Coppice</b>	<b>1060</b>	<b>0.80</b>	
<b>D.</b>	<b>Apurugia Briksha Plantation</b>			
	Creation & 1st year maintenance	10 Nos.	0.74	
	3rd year maintenance	55 Nos.	0.06	
	4th year maintenance	5 Nos.	0.006	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>60 Nos.</b>	<b>0.81</b>	
<b>E</b>	<b>CAT</b>			

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a.	Soil and water Conservation harvesting works		12.30	
b.	Catchment Area works		0.78	
c.	Afforestation cost		1.00	
<b>Total of CAT</b>		<b>6122 ha.</b>	<b>14.08</b>	
<b>F.</b>	Soil Moisture conservation	5 Nos.	0.20	
<b>G.</b>	Brahmaputra River Rejuvenation Programme	As per APO	1.00*	Token provision of Rs. 0.20 crore approved
<b>H.</b>	Survey Demarcation and Geo-referencing of Forest Boundary using DGPS/ETS in Reserve Forest		7.20*	Token provision of Rs. 3.60 crore approved
<b>I.</b>	Habitat Management		0.63*	Deferred
<b>J.</b>	Biodiversity Conservation (Peoples Biodiversity Register)	26 Nos.	0.24*	Not approved
<b>K.</b>	Maintenance of Bio Diversity Park	24 Nos.	0.41	
<b>Deferred</b>			<b>5.27</b>	
<b>Total of work under 80% of NPV</b>			<b>62.85</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Work under NPV (20% of NPV Category)</b>			
<b>A.</b>	<b>Nurseries</b>			
a.	Nursery Creation 1.5 ha Nursery	1.00	0.22	
b.	Nursery Maintenance 1.5 ha Nursery	27.00	2.38	
c.	Nursery Maintenance 3.0 ha Nursery	5.00	0.93	
<b>Sub Total of Nurseries</b>		<b>32.00</b>	<b>3.53</b>	
<b>B.</b>	<b>Infrastructure Development</b>			
a.	Construction of Range Office	1 nos.	0.21	
b.	Construction of Range Office cum Qtr.	3 nos.	1.41	
c.	Construction of Range Officer Qtr.	2 nos.	0.49	
d.	Construction of Forester Qtr.	9 nos.	1.39	
e.	Construction of Fgd. Qtr.	9 nos.	1.15	
f.	Construction of Assam Type Forester Barrack	9 nos.	1.98	
g.	Assam Type Forest Force Barrack (Bagser RF under NagaonDivn.)	1 nos.	0.42	
h.	Anti Poaching Camp	5 nos.	0.72*	Deferred
i.	Floating Anti Poaching Camp	2 nos.	0.50*	Deferred
j.	Watch Tower	2 nos.	0.24	


  
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k.	Construction of iron gate with boundary wall and infrastructure development of the Rhinoland Park under Nagaon Social Forestry Division	1 no.	0.52*	Deferred
l.	Construction of Boat	2 nos.	0.10	
m.	Construction of Cages for rescue and transportation of wild animals (For Rhinos 3 nos @ Rs.3.42 lakhs for leopards/Tiger 10 nos @ Rs.0.84 lakhs)	13 nos.	0.19*	Deferred
n.	Procurement of satellite phones	As per APO	0.20*	Deferred
o.	Pre-fabricated camps in border area and connectivity infrastructure in wildlife area.	As per APO	1.00	
p.	Construction of Cable stayed steel bridge over Pachnoi River in Orang National Park (committed)	1 nos.	1.45	
	<b>Deferred</b>		<b>2.14</b>	
	<b>Sub Total of Infrastructure</b>		<b>9.83</b>	
C.	Staff amenities for frontline field personnel including in 24 nos. of Biodiversity Parks	As per APO	<b>0.70</b>	0.45 Cr approved. Remaining 0.25 Cr. Deferred
D.	Radio Collaring of Wild elephants	2 Nos.	<b>0.05</b>	
E.	Publicity & awareness and celebration of Van Mahotsav etc.	As per APO	<b>0.50</b>	Rs. 0.25 crores approved
F.	Monitoring and Evaluation cost	As per APO	<b>0.25</b>	
	Total C to F		<b>1.00</b>	
	Deferred		<b>0.50</b>	
	<b>Total under 20% of NPV</b>		<b>14.36</b>	
	<b>Subtotal deferred NPV</b>		<b>2.64</b>	
	<b>Subtotal NPV</b>		<b>77.21</b>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Proposed activities under Interest Accrued Rule 6(a)</b>			
a.	Sitting Fee and Allowances of nominated members of State CAMPA		0.007	
b.	Procurement of Smart Phones	100 nos.	0.15	0.075 crore approved
c.	Staff Salary of CEO office	As per APO	0.50	
	<b>Deferred</b>		<b>0.075</b>	
	<b>Total under Rule 6(a)</b>		<b>0.58</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Proposed activities under Interest Accrued Rule 6(b)</b>			
a.	Other administrative expenditure	As per APO	0.25	
b.	Procurement of Desktop computer & Laptop	As per APO	0.05	


  
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	<b>Total under Rule 6(b)</b>		<b>0.30</b>	
	<b>Subtotal Interest</b>		<b>0.87</b>	
c.	<b>Others</b>			
i.	Capacity development of frontline staffs, JFMC members, organization of workshop & specialized trainings, exposure visits etc.		<b>0.47</b>	
ii.	Development of Software and Mobile App for Monitoring of works and online report generation (committed)	As per APO	<b>0.07</b>	
iii.	Wood Balance study of Assam by RFRI		<b>0.13</b>	
iv.	Audit fees for the year 2020-21		<b>0.12</b>	
	<b>Subtotal others</b>		<b>0.79</b>	
	<b>Subtotal: Deferred</b>		<b>8.00</b>	
	<b>Grand Total: Approved</b>		<b>89.68</b>	

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

- i. It is noted that the State CAMPA must provide details of activities amounting to **Rs.8.00 crores** which have been deferred
- ii. 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. The 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.
- iii. KML files of afforestation and other major works and their periodic photos (before start of the work and after the completion of the work on an annual basis) shall be uploaded on E-Green Watch portal.
- iv. Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff of State forest department for works for protection of forest and wildlife undertaken from State fund as per rule 5(3)(f) is subject to the limit of 25% of total cost under the component. These will be standalone and monitorable items of work, and there shall be no mixing of funding for the same work.
- v. Monitoring and evaluation of the works undertaken shall be the highest priority for the State Authorities, and the EC and the Steering Committee of all the State Authorities shall take adequate measures in this regard.
- vi. For third party monitoring state should engage agency who are independently working and it should not be local NGOs/ organisations which is attached/ working with the forest departments.
- vii. The monitoring and evaluation report of the works done upto the year 2020-21 be ready by September, 2021, and similarly report on activities taken up in 2021-22 must be made available in time by September 2022.
- viii. It is to be noted that from now on, a third party (independent) Monitoring Report of major works undertaken in the previous year shall be submitted along with other necessary documents for consideration of APO by the EC of NA.
- ix. 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

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- 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 by the EC of NA.
- x. Prior to implementation of approved APOs 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.
  - xi. The State EC will also ensure that there is no overlapping of activities / funding with other schemes and may provide a certificate to that effect.
  - xii. 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.
  - xiii. 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.
  - xiv. State Forest Fire Action Plan proposed in the Supplementary APOs/APOs shall be a "standalone" activity.
  - xv. 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.
  - xvi. 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.
  - xvii. 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.
  - xviii. Works related to Eco-tourism and Eco-development are permissible only as per approved site-specific schemes.
  - xix. 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 Dums, 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.
  - xx. 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.
  - xxi. 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.
  - xxii. '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.

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- xxiii. 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.
- xxiv. The final approval of APO (2021-22) shall be considered only after the State Government/UT Administration submits a compliance report as per 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.

Yours faithfully,

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7. Principal Director (Audit), Scientific Department, AGCR Building, New Delhi
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9. NIC Cell with a request to upload the sanction order on the official website of MoEF&CC.

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