

**F. No. – NA-15/26/2020-NA**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**(National Authority)**  
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**Dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2021**

To,  
The Principal Secretary  
Department of Forests and Wildlife  
Chandigarh Administration  
Chandigarh

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

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter No. FOR /21/2909 dated 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 of Chandigarh Administration 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- Chandigarh (2021-22) at a total cost Rs. **1.38 Crores (Rupees One crore and thirty eight lakhs Only)** out of remaining activities of worth Rs. 1.63 crores (Rupees One Crore and sixty three lakhs only) recommended by the State Steering Committee for carrying out approved activities during the current financial year from the "State Compensatory Afforestation Fund – Chandigarh" created under Section 4 of CAF Act, 2016.

2. The APO was discussed in the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of July, 2021. The component wise approval accorded by the Executive Committee are as under:

Sl. No.	Activities	Physical Target (Area In Ha/Km)	Financial Target (Rs. in crore)	Remarks
<b>1. Proposed Activities as per Rule 5(2) under NPV 80%</b>				
	Development of Nature Interpretation centre in Kansal Beat, Kansal Block, Chandigarh Range	-	0.28	
	Soil Moisture Conservation for Chandigarh Range	-	0.10	
	Vertical Garden for dust absorption	-	0.25*	Deferred

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	Construction of Visitor Shed and sitting arrangement in SWLS at Entry Gate, Nepli Range	-	0.11	
	Purchase of vehicles for Patrolling purpose (02 Nos)	-	0.18	Only hiring of vehicles is allowed
	Cost of 10 Nos. Motor Cycle		0.08	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Proposed activities as per Rule 5(3) under NPV 20%</b>			
	E-bus for ferrying the tourist/Public from city to sukhna wildlife Sanctuary & back	-	0.4	Only hiring of vehicles is allowed
	<b>Subtotal</b>			
<b>3.</b>	<b>Proposed Activities as per Rule 6 (a) and Rule 6 (b)</b>			
	Establishment and other Expenses of interest	-	0.05	
	Repair and Maintenance of staff cars	-	0.005	
	POL of office Vehicle	-	0.02	
	Office Expenses	-	0.14	
	Material and Supplies	-	0.01	
	Other Charges	-	0.01	
		<b>Deferred</b>	<b>0.25</b>	
		<b>Approved</b>	<b>1.38</b>	

3. The approval is subject to the following conditions:-
- It is noted that the State CAMPA must provide details of activities amounting to Rs.0.25 crores which have been deferred.
  - 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 has reiterated this several time including during the meeting of State Forest Ministers. Such of utilization is also in conformity with the spirit and the preamble of the CAF Act 2016.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - The monitoring and evaluation report of the works done upto the year 2019-20 be ready by September, 2021, and similarly report on activities taken up in 2021-22 must be made available in time by September 2022.

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- vi. It is to be noted that from now on, a 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
- vii. 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 by the EC of NA.
- viii. 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.
- ix. 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.
- x. 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.
- xi. 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.
- xii. State Forest Fire Action Plan proposed in the Supplementary APOS/APOS shall be a \*standalone" activity.
- xiii. 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.
- xiv. 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.
- xv. 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.
- xvi. Works related to Eco-tourism and Eco-development are permissible only as per approved site-specific schemes.
- xvii. 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

  
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- 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.
- xviii. 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.
- xix. 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.
- 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. 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.
- xxii. 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-15/26/2020-NA dated April, 2020 of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Yours faithfully,

  
(S.K Muan Guite)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests  
National Authority

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1. The Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, Chandigarh.
2. Chief Conservator of Forests cum Chief Executive Officer, CAMPA Chandigarh,
3. Department of Forests and Wildlife, Chandigarh Administration, Chandigarh.
4. Secretary, Department of Planning, Chandigarh Administration, Chandigarh.
5. Accountant General, Chandigarh.

**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. Special Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
4. ADG FC/WL/NTCA, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi
5. Mission Director, National Mission for Green India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
6. Deputy Director General of Forests, Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (All Regional Offices)
7. IGF FC/WL/FPD/SU/PE/FP/NAEB/NTCA, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi
8. Principal Director (Audit), Scientific Department, AGCR Building, New Delhi
9. IFD/Sanction Folder/ Guard File.
10. NIC Cell with a request to upload the sanction order on the official website of MoEF&CC.

  
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