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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(National Authority)

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Dated 1st November, 2021

To,

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

**Sub: Annual Plan of Operation (APO) 2021-22 of Chhattisgarh State Authority:
regarding sanction for deferred activities.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to letter No./CAMPA/SO/319/2021/6949 dated 24.09.2021 of CEO, Chhattisgarh State CAMPA, on the above mentioned subject and to convey the approval amounting to Rs. 55.80 crores (Rupees fifty-five crores and eighty lakhs only) for carrying out activities of Annual Plan of Operation-Chhattisgarh (2021-22) during the current financial year from the "State Compensatory Afforestation Fund-Chhattisgarh" created under Section 4 of CAF Act, 2016.

2. This is in addition to the sanction conveyed by letter of even number dated 15.09.2021 for activities amounting to Rs 821.19 crores after the APO was discussed in the 14th meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority. In the meeting activities amounting to Rs. 113.44 crores were deferred.

3. Based on the details/justification submitted by the Chhattisgarh State CAMPA the details of approved activities are as under:

(Amount Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Activities	Physical Target (Ha./Nos./K.m/)	Financial Target	Remarks
I	Activities as per Rule 5 (2) of the CAF Rules, 2018 [NPV]			
1.	Forest Protection Works			
	Purchase of firefighting equipment & there maintenance			
	Brush Wood Cutter	248 Nos.	1.74	
	Pole saw	248 Nos.	1.74	
	Power chains saw	248 Nos.	2.48	
	Maintenance work	LS	2.00	
	Patrolling in forest area by Territorial & Wildlife staff to prevent illicit felling, anti-poaching, encroachment, illegal mining, illegal transportation of forest produce (Mobility Expenditure)	290 Nos.	9.38	
	Patrolling in most sensitive areas (Wildlife wings & Territorial) 10 Labours for each Forest Division	40 Divisions	4.31	
	Animal Rescue Centre, Raipur, Sanctioned by CZA	03 Nos.	2.58*	

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	Subtotal of 80% NPV approved		24.23	
II	Activities as per Rule 5 (3) of the CAF Rules, 2018 [NPV]			
	Preparation of PBR	2723 Nos.	31.57	Rule 5(3)(b)
	Subtotal of 20% NPV approved		31.57	
	Grand Total approved		55.80	

*The State Government shall seek prior approval of the Central Zoo Authority on case to case basis.


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 as per letter no NA-1/47/2020-NA dated 22.10.2020 of the Ministry addressed to Hon'ble CM of State Governments.
- ii. 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.
- iii. 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.
- iv. For third party monitoring state should engage agency who are independently working and it should not be local NGOs/ organizations which is attached/ working with the forest departments.
- v. 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.
- vi. 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.
- 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

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- 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 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. The number of vehicles so hired shall be limited to the total number of territorial and wildlife ranges for which no vehicles were earlier purchased either from State Budget or from CAMPA funds. 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.

Yours faithfully


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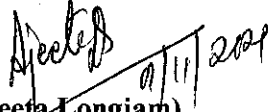
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3. Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Chhattisgarh, Nava Raipur.
4. Secretary, Planning Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, Nava Raipur.
5. Accountant General, Chhattisgarh, Nava Raipur.

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4. ADG (FC)/WL/NTCA, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi
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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