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

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Dated the 1st November, 2021

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

**Sub: Annual Plan of Operation (APO) 2020-21 of Chhattisgarh State Authority:
regarding sanction for spill over activities during 2021-22.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to letter No. 449/F-2021-10-00046/Vitt/B-2 dated 16.09.2021 of Chhattisgarh State 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 carrying out spill over works of the Annual Plan of Operation – Chhattisgarh (2020-21) at a total cost of **Rs.964.91 crores** (Rupees nine hundred sixty four crores, ninety one lakh only) out of total outlay of **Rs.1061.39 crores** proposed spillover work during the current financial year from the “State Compensatory Afforestation Fund – Chhattisgarh” created under Section 4 of CAF Act, 2016.

2. The Executive Committee of National Authority in its 14th EC meeting has approved in-principal spill-over works subject to submission of a commitment letter from Finance Department of the Chhattisgarh State Government that the funds for this purpose would be released timely for carrying out spill over works and the same has been submitted by Chhattisgarh State CAMPA vide its letter dated 28.01.2021. The details of approved activities are as under:

(Amount Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No.	Works Name	Physical Target	Fin. Target (Part-II)	Expenditure as per 31 March 2021	Un-utilized as on 31 March Balance in	Remark
1.1	Compensatory Afforestation Plantations	2393 ha	3.39	2.57	34.66	Work in Progress
1.2	Addl.CA Plantations	2.25 ha		0.11	0.04	Work in Progress
1.3	Penal CA Plantations	29 ha		0	0.49	Work in Progress
1.4	Plantations below Transmission line	112.81 ha		0.3	2.91	Work in Progress
1.5	Wildlife Management Plan	As per APO		5.31	62.79	Work in Progress

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1.6	Creation of safety Zone	5 ha		0	0.06	Work in Progress
1.7	Soil-Water Conservation Work	1003 ha		2.4	3.93	Work in Progress
1.8	Avi-Fauna Development	7 Division		0	12.96	Preparation of DPR is Under Progress
1.9	Other activities	As per APO		1.08	0.85	Work in Progress
1.1	2nd Yr. CA Plantation & Wild Life Management Plan of APO 2019-20	As per APO		13.07	27.3	Work in Progress
1.11	Old CA & Wildlife Maintenance works (3rd Yr. to 10 th Yr.)	As per APO		5.42	22.56	Work in Progress
	Total		3.39	30.26	168.55	
2.1	Cleaning of old Bamboo plantations	9549 ha		4.2	3.38	Work in Progress
2.2	Irrigated Plantation	48 ha		0.16	0.61	Work in Progress
	Irrigated Bamboo Plantation	65 ha		0	0.93	Work in Progress
	Un-irrigated Bamboo Plantation	16 ha		0.04	0.33	Work in Progress
	River Bank Plantation	1137 ha		4.52	8.25	Work in Progress
	Multi tier plantation	189.27 ha		0.03	0.59	Work in Progress
	Other plantation	50 ha		0	0.85	Work in Progress
2.3	SPA's, SSO's, CSO's Works	387.5 ha		0.24	2.34	Work in Progress
2.4	Improvement of Growing stock in Orange areas	6787.293 ha		0.48	3.75	Work in Progress
	Removal of Invasive Alien Species	126468.40 ha		91.5	14.54	Work in Progress
2.5	Fire Watchers (Regular & Wildlife)	4126 beat		0.31	15.69	Work in Progress
	4126 x 9710 x 4 months					
	Fire fighting Equipments	600 Nos	5	0	9.50	Case Pending in Hon'ble High Court Bilaspur
	Maintenance of Strike Force Vehicles	250 Nos		4.33	3.17	Work in Progress

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	Major Repairing Vehicle	150 Nos		0.1	1.58	Work in Progress
	Group Dialing System	1800 Sim cards		0.31	0.01	Work in Progress
2.6	Protection Wall	36391 RM		2.6	31.32	Work in Progress
	Chain Link Enclosure	155285 RM		8.91		Work in Progress
	Protection of sacred groves (Chainlink, Fencing & Other works)	10000 RM		0.14	3.66	Work in Progress
	Block boundaries (Pillars)	5000 Nos		0	4.30	Work in Progress
	Block boundaries in PA's (Pillars)					Work in Progress
	DGPS Survey block boundaries (Kawardha, Katghora, Udanti sitanadi tiger reserve, Gariaband)	691739 ha		0	28.36*	Case Pending in Hon'ble High Court Bilaspur
	Patrolling in most sensitive areas (10 labours per division) for Hathi Mitra Dal/Wildlife wings & regulers)	40 Divisions		0.012	4.69	Work in Progress
	Elephant Proof Trench	20 KM		1.23	3.69	Work in Progress
2.7	Pest & disease	4 WL Circles		0.01	0.99	Work in Progress
2.8	Soil Moisture Conservation	302 Nala's	187.53	64.53	333.76	Work in Progress
	Maintenance work of Soil Moisture Conservation for regeneration		16		16.00	
2.9	Wildlife habitat - Grass land/Parture development & Fruit Bearing Plantation	forage 8412 ha Fruit bear 602		9.22	5.78	Work in Progress
	Conservation of Hill Maina (Kanger Ghati N.P.)	1 Division		0	0.46	Work in Progress
	Conservation of Vulture (ATR, GGNP, Bijapur, Durg division)	4 Division		0.05	1.34	Work in Progress
	Research project on Pangolin	1 Division		0.004	0.046	Work in Progress
	Radio collaring of Tigers	WL areas		0	0.04	Work in Progress

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	Documentation of Grasses on the Protected areas of CG	9 WL Div. Protected areas		0	0.08	Work in Progress
	Establishment of Elephant Reserve Lemru (5 Divisions@20 crores)	5 Divisions		3.49	90.51	Work in Progress
	Village relocation (3 villages 70 families)	70 Families 03 Vilages		0	7.70	Work in Progress
2.1	Formation of BMC & PBR	2700 Nos		6.61	23.39	Work in Progress
2.11	River Bank & Fruit Bearing Plantation	1180.29 ha		2.4	2.15	Work in Progress
2.12	2nd to 5th Yr. Maintenance of Old Plantations, ANR, Lantana & Improvement of Growing Stock in orange areas	186030.97 ha		28.55	13.75	Work in Progress
	Total				637.536	
3.1	Construction of High-tech Nursery	10 Nursery		1.75	33.55	Work in Progress
	Maintenance & Running cost of Godhi Nursery	1 Nos		0.12	0.13	Work in Progress
	Preparation of Plants	8 lakh plants	1.24	0.44	2.4	Work in Progress
3.2	High-tech Barrier	25 Nos		0.003	3.997	Work in Progress
	Forest Roads in Forest Area (WBM)/ Rafta Puliya	150 KM	64.02	10.99	82.80	Work in Progress
3.3	R.O. Office Building	10 Nos		0.27	1.92	Work in Progress
	R.O.-Residential Building	15 Nos		0	2.29	Work in Progress
	Forester/Dy.R.O. Residential	40 Nos		0.003	3.22	Work in Progress
	Forest guard.-Residential	50 Nos		0.084	2.65	Work in Progress
	Development & Staff Amenities	All Circles		1.45	8.55	Work in Progress
3.4	IT in Forestry	6 Geometric Centers		0.004	0.64	Work in Progress
3.5	Preparation of DPR	All Circles	10	0.58	10.77	Work in Progress
3.6	Monitoring & Evaluation	for year 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18		0.6	2.4	Work in Progress

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3.7	Awareness Programme/Training	All Circles		0	3.00	Work in Progress
	Publicity	All Circles		0	0.50	Work in Progress
	Total of 20% of NPV		99.84	99.84	158.82	
	Balance Amount				964.91	

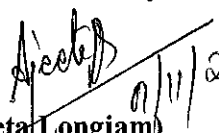
3. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 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. 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.
- 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 development of forests should, therefore, be given priority. Also, priority should be accorded to labour intensive activities for regeneration and development of forests.

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- 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. 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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1. PCCF(HoFF)-cum-Chairperson, the Executive Committee of the State CAMPA, Department of Forests, Government of Chhattisgarh, Nava Raipur.
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3. Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Chhattisgarh, Nava Raipur.
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5. Accountant General, Chhattisgarh, Nava Raipur.

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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 e-Greenwatch.


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