

F. No. NA-15/14/2020-NA
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
(National Authority)

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Dated 16.12.2021

To,

The Secretary/ Commissioner (Forests)
Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Srinagar.

Sub: Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2021-22 of Jammu and Kashmir State CAMPA.

Sir/Madam

I am directed to refer to letter no. PCCF/CAMPA/2021-22/1213/3106-07 dated the 8th December, 2021 of the O/o PCCF & HoFF, Jammu and Kashmir Forest Department 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 for the Annual Plan of Operation – Jammu and Kashmir (2021-22) at a total cost of Rs 45.26 crore (Rupees forty-five crore and twenty-six lakh only).

2. The APO for 2021-22 received through letter no PCCF/CAMPA/2021/1180-II/N1180/2770-72 dated the 23rd March, 2021 and Additional and Supplementary APO for 2021-22 received through letter no. PCCF/CAMPA/2021-22/756-57 dated the 22nd July, 2021 were discussed in the 13th and 14th meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority and until now sanction letters of even no. dated 23rd July 2021 and dated 25th August, 2021 were issued conveying approval of activities amounting to Rs. 140.21 crore and 59.41 crore respectively. The current approval is in response to the justification regarding activities worth Rs 56.93 crore submitted vide letter dated 8th December, 2021 of the O/o PCCF & HoFF, Jammu and Kashmir Forest Department.

3. The details of additional approval is as under:

APO for the year 2021-22

(Amount Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Activities	Physical Target	Financial Targets	Remarks
1. Site Specific Activities as per the CAF Act, 2016				
	Soil and Moisture Conservation works in Forests			
	i. Dry rubble stone masonry (DRSM)	802.11 cubic meter	0.08	
	ii. Water harvesting Structure (WHS)	01 Nos.	0.01	
	Sub-total		0.09	
2. Activities as per Rule 5 (2) of the CAF Rules, 2018 [NPV 80%]				

a. Forest Fire Prevention and Control Operations (Fire Management)				
	Fire watchers/other measures	33,376 Personn days	2.00	
b. Soil and Moisture Conservation Works in forests				
	i. Dry rubble stone masonry (DRSM)	45043 cubic meter	4.95	
	ii. Crates	5289 Nos.	8.66	
	iii. Water harvesting Structure (WHS)	271 Nos.	7.88	
	iv. Biological Structure	53167 cubic meter	0.69	
	v. Crib Structure	96 Nos.	0.08	
	Sub-total		22.26	
c. Protected Areas (National parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries)				
Wildlife Conservation and Management (in Ha)				
Soil and Moisture Conservation measures				
	i. Construction of water/holes/Ponds/ Water Harvesting Structure (WHS)	28 Nos.	0.25	
	ii. Renovation of exiting water holes/ Water Harvesting Structure (WHS) (including desalting)	14 Nos.	0.04	
	iii. Dry Rubble Stone Masonry (DRSM) works/concrete Bunds	5510.62 cubic meter	0.98	
	iv. Crates works	196 Nos.	0.40	
	v. Construction of check Dams	69 Nos.	0.50	
	vi. Soil conservation measures by way of planting/sowing of binders species	75000 Nos.	0.05	
	vii. Construction bowlies springs	03 Nos.	0.05	
	Sub-total		2.27	
Forest Fire Prevention and control operations in Protected areas				
	i. Fire-fighting equipment's (L/S) Beaters, fireproof suits, fire-retarding shoes, shovel etc. for all wildlife areas.	As per APO	0.16	
	ii. Engagement of seasonal fire watchers (Man days)	20804 Man Days	0.47	
	Sub-total		0.63	
Total [NPV 80%]			27.16	
2.		Activities as per Rule 5 (3) of the CAF Rules, 2018 [NPV 20%]		
	Making of Fire-lines	102.24 Km	0.31	
	Maintenance of existing fire lines	120.63 Km	0.14	
	Construction of Fire Watch Towers	03 No.	0.22	

	Total [NPV 20%]		0.67	
	Total NPV		27.83	
	Grand Total		27.92	

Additional APO for the year 2021-22

Sl. No.	Activities	Physical Target	Financial Targets	Remarks
1. Activities as per Rule 5 (2) of the CAF Rules, 2018 [NPV 80%]				
a.	Artificial/Natural Regeneration			
	Total Area	799.57Ha		
	i. Plantation	5.36 Lakh	1.32	
	ii. Fencing	1.75 Lakh	9.25	
	iii. Patch showing	0.68 Lakh	0.05	
	iv. Grass/MFP slips	0.1 Lakh	0.01	
	v. Seed balls	1.58 Lakh	0.03	
	vi. Fodder/Pasture development	2.06 Lakh	0.16	
	vii. Plant production	6.94 Lakh	0.50	
	Sub-total		11.32	
b.	Silvicultural operation in forests			
	Bush/Lantana clearance	8.3Ha	0.02	
c.	Soil and moisture conservation work in forests			
	i. Dry Rubble Stone Masonry (DRSM)	6247 cubic meter	1.33	
	ii. Crates	1532 Nos.	2.75	
	iii. Water Harvesting Structure (WHS)	6 Nos.	0.12	
	iv. Land Surface Dressing	490 cubic meter	0.02	
	v. Check dams	6 Nos.	0.05	
	vi. Rock falling protection work. Soil erosion control materials/speed barriers	As per APO	0.35	
	Sub-total		4.62	
	Total [NPV 80%]		15.96	
2. Activities as per Rule 5 (3) of the CAF Rules, 2018 [NPV 20%]				
	i. Construction of check posts	13 shelter sheds and grazing check posts	1.30	
	iv. Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff for work for protection of forests	6	0.05	
	ii. Training & Capacity Building	2 trainings of 40 trainees	0.03	
	Total [NPV 20%]		1.38	
	Total NPV		17.34	
	Grand total		17.34	

	Grand total (APO+ Additional APO)		45.26	
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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 and wildlife habitat improvement and maximum 20 per cent for infrastructure/capacity building related items. Please refer to 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. For purchase and maintenance of IT equipment for communication and information technology, the State CAMPA shall submit a comprehensive proposal with proper justification.
 - iii. The State Authorities shall ensure that uploading of the correct KML files and geo-coordinates of all 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.
 - iv. 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 upto 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.
 - v. For third party monitoring, the State should engage agency who are independently working and it should not be local NGOs/ organisations which is attached/ working with the Forest Departments.
 - vi. 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.
 - vii. 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 works carried out on e-Green Watch.
 - 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 2020-21 before the State Legislature.
 - 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 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.
 - 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.
- 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.
 - 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.

Yours faithfully

(Sanjay Kumar Ojha)
Joint Chief Executive Officer

Copy to:

1. PCCF(HoFF)-cum-Chairperson, the Executive Committee of the State CAMPA, Department of Forests, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Srinagar;
2. Chief Executive Officer, Jammu and Kashmir CAMPA, Srinagar;
3. Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Srinagar;
4. Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Srinagar;
5. Accountant General, Jammu and Kashmir.

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. Joint 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);
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 e-Green watch.

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Joint Chief

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