

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

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To,  
The PCCF-cum-Principal Secretary,  
Forests, Environment and Wildlife Management Department  
Government of Jammu and Kashmir

**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/2021/1180-II/N1180/2770-72 dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021 of Government of Jammu and Kashmir on the above mentioned subject and 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 mandatory and time bound activities of the Annual Plan of Operation – 2021 at a total cost of **Rs.43.75 crores** (Rupees forty-three crores and seventy-five lakhs only) out of remaining activities of worth **Rs.60.02 crores** recommended by the State Steering Committee for carrying out approved activities during the current financial year from the “State Compensatory Afforestation Fund – Jammu and Kashmir” 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 (Area in ha)	Financial Targets	Remarks
1.	<b>Net Present Value (NPV) Of Forest Land</b>			
A.	<b>Forest Infrastructure related activities (Rule 5 (3) of CAF Rules 2018)</b>			
a.	Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff for works for protection of Forests		6.51	



b.	Construction of residential & official buildings in forests for front line staffs deployed for protection of forests		12.45	
c.	Construction, up-gradation & maintenance of inspection paths, forest roads, watch towers and check posts		4.02	
d.	Purchase and maintenance of IT equipments for communication and Information Technology for forest protection / awareness		2.81	
e.	Independent concurrent Monitoring & Evaluation and Third Party Monitoring of various works under taken		0.69	
f.	Publicity-cum awareness programme & exhibitions etc.		0.99	
g.	Training & Capacity building		1.67	
h.	Survey & Mapping		2.33	
i.	Studies and Publications		0.60	
j.	Up-gradation of Nursery		1.56	
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>33.63</b>	
k.	Establishment, operation & maintenance of animal rescue centre, control rooms and veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals		4.94	
l.	Appliances and other forest produce saving devices in forest fringe villages in consultation with local communities		0.61*	Deferred
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>4.94</b>	
<b>B.</b>	<b>Wildlife Infrastructure related activities (Rule 5(3) of CAF Rules 2018)</b>			
a.	Construction, up-gradation & maintenance of inspection paths, forest roads, fire lines, watch towers and check posts		0.19	
b.	Procurement & maintenance of veterinary & other equipments		0.11	
c.	Survey & mapping of Wildlife areas		0.03	
d.	Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff for works		1.40	

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	for protection of Forests			
e.	Publicity-cum awareness programme & exhibitions etc.		0.50	
f.	Construction of residential & official buildings in forests for front line staffs deployed for protection of forests		1.43	
g.	Documentation of Biological diversity		0.34	
	<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>4.00</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Expenditure covered under Rule 6 (b) of Central CAF Rules, 2018</b>			
a.	Office Expenses (OE)		0.20	
b.	Petrol and Lubricants (PoL) and Maintenance of vehicle		0.10	
c.	Traveling Allowance (TA)		0.1	
d.	Professional and Special Service Charges		1.00	
e.	Books Periodicals and Publications		0.70	
f.	Advertisement and Publicity		0.20	
g.	Office Equipments and Appliances		0.30	
h.	Other activities for management of the forests and wildlife not referred to in sub rule (2) and (3) of rule 5 of CAF Rules 2018.			
i.	Maintenance and up-gradation of Inspection Huts		3.50	
	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>6.10</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Integrated Wildlife Management Programme Special Project for Kishtwar High Altitude National Park (KHANP) by Wildlife Protection Department</b>			
a.	Boundary Delineation by erection of boundary pillars fencing along the periphery of the National Park		1.46	Subject to vetting from Wildlife Division MoEF&CC.
b.	Habitat Management		1.43	
c.	Soil Moisture Conservation		0.95	

d.	Fire Protection		0.16
e.	Strengthening of Wildlife Protection		2.26
f.	Construction of other Buildings, Communication including System		0.85
g.	Veterinary Unit & Recovery Room		0.67
h.	Purchase of Field vehicle viz. All- terrain vehicles, snow scooters, bikes		0.56
i.	Rescue Cum Rehabilitation Centre		0.93
j.	Eco-Development		2.49
k.	Ex gratia/Compensation (Death/injuries)		0.37
l.	Wildlife Eco-tourism - Development for Recreational facilities		2.12
m.	Infrastructure Development		0.23
n.	Publicity & Awareness		0.07
o.	Nature Club Activities		0.28
p.	Disaster Management Activities		0.05
q.	Creation of Biodiversity Park		0.50
r.	Capacity Building (Training of Staff & Eco-development Committees)		0.28
	Subtotal		15.66
	<b>Subtotal deferred</b>		<b>0.61</b>
	<b>Grand total approved</b>		<b>59.41</b>

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

- i. It is to note that the State CAMPA to provide details of activities amounting to Rs.16.27 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. 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.
- iii. The State Authorities shall ensure that uploading of the correct KML files and geo-coordinates of afforestation and major 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 September, 2021, 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 major works carried out on e-GreenWatch.
    - 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 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.
  - 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 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.
- xx. The final approval of APO (2021-22) shall be considered only after the State Government submits a compliance report as per (a) 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 and (b) para 3 and 4 of this letter.

Yours faithfully

  
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1. PCCF(HoFF)-cum-Chairperson, the Executive Committee of the State CAMPA, Department of Forests, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Srinagar
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5. Accountant General, Jammu and Kashmir

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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-Greenwatch.



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