

**F.No.NA-15/35/2020-NA**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change**  
**(National Authority)**

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Dated the 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

To,  
The Additional Chief Secretary  
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department  
Government of Karnataka  
M.S. Building, Bengaluru

**Sub: Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2021-22 of Karnataka State Authority.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to letter No. APCCF (CAMP)/CR- 39 /2021-22 dated 07th July, 2021 of Government of Karnataka 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 Annual Plan of Operation- Karnataka (2021-22) at a total cost of **Rs.253.56 crores** (Rupees two hundred thirty-eight and fifty-six lakh only) out of proposed outlay of **Rs. 321.09 crores** as recommended by the State Steering Committee for carrying out approved activities during the current financial year from the "State Compensatory Afforestation Fund- Karnataka" 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 activities are as under:

(Amount in Rs. Crores)				
Sl. No.	ACTIVITIES	Physical Target (in ha.)	Financial Target	Remarks
1.	<b>Site specific Activities 6 (a)</b>			
A.	<b>Compensatory Afforestation:</b>			
i	<b>On Forest Area</b>			
	Advance pitting / Trenching (including raising of Nursery)	282.30	1.63	
ii.	<b>On Non-Forest Area</b>			
	Advance pitting / Trenching (including raising of Nursery)]	63.52	0.37	

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	<b>Sub Total (A)</b>	<b>345.82</b>	<b>2.00</b>	
<b>B.</b>	<b>CATP</b>			
	Implementation of Catchment area treatment plan in one major ridge area inside a forest block of each State/UT as per a Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared by using LiDAR technology. DPR to be provided by WAPCOS Ltd, a GoI undertaking.		<b>4.00</b>	
<b>C.</b>	<b>Others if any (Specify ACA, PCA, and Dwarf Trees etc.)</b>			
	Protection and improvement of Wildlife habitat and Development of Kamasamudra WL sanctuary under the funds released by the user agency ie. EE Karnataka Urban water supply and drainage for diversion of 62.07 ha. of Forest land in Kamasamudra Reserved forest for construction of dam accross Markandayya river at Yeragolla Village in bangarapete taluk. Details of works along with GPS readings to be carried out are enclosed herewith separately.		2.00	
	Planting of trees two times the trees cut in non-forest areas while laying LPG pipeline by HPCL in Chickmagaluru division.	36.70	0.21	
	Planting of trees five times the trees cut in non-forest areas while laying 400 KV line in Chickmagaluru division.	267.00	1.54	
	Planting of ten times the trees cut in Karwar division	0.68	0.00	
	<b>Sub Total (B)</b>		<b>7.76</b>	
	<b>Fresh work Total (A+B)</b>		<b>9.76</b>	
	<b>Calculation of NPV amount</b>			
	CA spill over		<b>11.48</b>	
	CATP spill over		<b>0.62</b>	
	SSA spill over		<b>2.56</b>	
	Fresh work total		<b>9.76</b>	
	<b>Amount required for project specific activities (Fresh &amp; Spill over works) (2a+b+c+d)</b>		<b>24.42</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Activities as per Rule 5(2) of the CAF Rules, 2018</b>			
<b>i</b>	<b>Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR)</b>			
	Advance work (including raising of Nursery)	10,000.00	45.14	
<b>ii</b>	<b>Artificial Regeneration</b>			
	Advance work (including raising of Nursery)	1,200.00	7.09	
	Protection of plantation and forest through	1439.999	22.13*	Deferred.

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	CPT/Stone wall/Fencing/RCC pillars.	KM		Detailed justification and area to be regenerated to be given. Plantation protection should have been part of previous scheme.
	Protection of plantations and forests Survey & demarcation and boundary consolidation		12.00	
	Forest Fire prevention and control operation. (including WL divisions)		5.00	
	<b>Deferred</b>		<b>22.13</b>	
	<b>Subtotal approved</b>		<b>69.23</b>	
<b>iii</b>	<b>Improvement of wildlife habitat as prescribed in the approved wildlife management plan/working plan</b>			
	Maintenance of road network in Protected Area as per Wildlife management plan.		1.00	
	Establishment/ maintenance of different MAC mitigation measures such as Elephant Proof Trenches, Solar fencing, Tentakal fencing, Rail Barricade, Cable barricades etc.		30.00*	Deferred. Geo-coordinates and detail estimates Rail Barricade not Approved. In principle approval for Rs.15 crores
	Grassland rejuvenation		5.00	
	Improvement of Elephant Camps and Anti Poaching Camps		1.00	
	Improvement /Establishment of Elephant Camps/ Rescue centers.		2.50	
	Relocation of families residing in Dandeli Tiger Reserve		20.40*	Deferred
	Assistance to ZAK towards purchase of food & fodder and maintenance of animal rescue centre at koorgally village (mysuru), Bannerghatta (Bengaluru), ABVZ Hampi, Shivamogga&Gadag.		7.00*	Deferred. Comprehensive justification as to why the items need to be funded under CAMPA


  
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				as it is primarily the responsibility of the State. In case justified, detailed plan needed.
	<b>Deferred</b>		<b>64.53</b>	
	<b>Subtotal IWLH MP approved</b>		<b>24.50</b>	
	<b>Subtotal Rule 5(2)</b>		<b>93.73</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Activities as per Rule 5 (3) of the CAF Rules, 2018</b>			
	Establishment, up-gradation and maintenance of modern nurseries and other planting stock production facilities for production of quality planting materials		3.00	
	Construction, up-gradation and maintenance of inspection paths, forest road in forest area, fire lines, watch towers, check posts, timber depots		5.00	
	Construction of residential and officials buildings in forests for concerned staffs up to the rank of RFO deployed for protection of forest and wildlife		6.00*	Rs. 3.00 crore approved
	Concurrent monitoring and evaluation of works including third party monitoring of works undertaken from State Fund		0.75	
	Publicity cum Awareness for forestry and allied activities undertaken by the forest department.		0.60	
	Strengthening of Training Institute for Capacity building (refreshers courses)		1.00	
	<b>Deferred</b>		<b>3.00</b>	
	<b>Sub Total (20 % of the NPV)</b>		<b>13.35</b>	
	<b>NPV Spill over activities</b>		<b>100.76</b>	
	<b>Total NPV</b>		<b>207.84</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Activities as per Rule 6(a) and Rule 6(b)</b>			
	Activities to be carried out by utilization of Forty per cent of the interest accrued on the amount available in the State Fund			
<b>i</b>	<b>Recurring and non-recurring expenditure (RMOE)</b>			
	Transport expenses		0.04	
	General expenses		0.17	
	Telephone expenses		0.02	
	Payment of wages to outsource employees		0.75	

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	Building expenses		0.01	
	Travel expenses		0.04	
	<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>1.03</b>	
<b>ii</b>	<b>Silvicultural operation in forests (Research &amp; Utilization Activities)</b>			
	Other contingencies for management of the State Authority, with the approval of the Steering committee of the State Authority		4.00	
	Any other activity for management of the forests and WL now referred to in sub-rules (2) and (3) with the prior approval of the Steering Committee for the State Authority. (Research Activities)		2.00	
	Modernization of infrastructure development activities in ICT wing		2.00	
	Purchase of Equipments (Vigilance)		2.00	
	Biodiversity Park at Hennur, Bangalore			
	Forest Museum at Bannerghatta, Bangalore			
	Interpretation Centre on Ecological Values of Forests			
	Comprehensive study on carrying Capacity of Development Projects in Western Ghats of Karnataka		0.10	
	Conservation programme of Golden Mahaseer in River Cavary		0.20	
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>11.30</b>	
	<b>Activities for utilization of Amount out of " 06-Others" Detailed head</b>			
	Construction of residential and officials buildings for Front line Staff in protected areas		10.00	
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>10.00</b>	
	<b>Subtotal deferred</b>		<b>67.53</b>	
	<b>Grand Total (Spill over + Fresh works)</b>		<b>253.56</b>	

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

- i. It is noted that the State CAMPA must provide details of activities amounting to **Rs.67.53 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. The Hon'ble Minister, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India & Chairman of the National Authority letter no NA-1/47/2020-NA

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dated 22.10.2020 addressed to Hon'ble CM of State Governments/Lt. Governors of UT Administration.

- iii. 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.
- iv. 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.
- v. For third party monitoring 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. 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.
- vii. 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.
- viii. 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.
- ix. 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.
- x. 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.
- xi. 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.
- xii. 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.
- xiii. State Forest Fire Action Plan proposed in the Supplementary APOs/APOs shall be a "standalone" activity.
- xiv. 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.
- xv. 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.
- xvi. 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.
  - xvii. Works related to Eco-tourism and Eco-development are permissible only as per approved site-specific schemes.
  - xviii. 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.
  - xix. 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.
  - xx. 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.
  - xxi. '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.
  - xxii. 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.
  - xxiii. 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-15/1/2020-NA dated 15.07.2020 of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Yours faithfully

  
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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
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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 PARIVESH and e-Greenwatch.

  
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