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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
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Dated the 2nd July, 2021

To,
The Secretary/Commissioner (Forests)
Government of Maharashtra
Mumbai

Sub: Annual Plan of Operation (APO) for the year 2021-22 of Maharashtra State CAMPA -reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to letter no. Desk-CAMPA/C.R.11(20-21)/49 dated 21st May, 2021 of Chief Executive Officer and Member Secretary, Maharashtra 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 the Annual Plan of Operation- Maharashtra (2021-22) at a total cost of **Rs.106.66 crore (Rupees one hundred six crore and sixty-six lakh only)** out of proposed outlay of **Rs. 688.27 crore** as recommended by the State Steering Committee for carrying out approved activities during the current financial year from the “State Compensatory Afforestation Fund-Maharashtra” created under Section 4 of CAF Act, 2016.

2. The APO was discussed in the 13th meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority held on 7th June, 2021. The component wise approvals accorded are as under:

S. No.	Activity	Physical Target	Financial Target (in crore)	Remarks
1.	Site Specific Activities as per Section 6 (a) of the CAF Act, 2016			
A.	Compensatory Afforestation			
	a. Pre Planting Operations	2452.65 Ha	76.58*	Deferred
	b. First Year Operations	438.18 Ha	5.49	
	c. Maintenance of Plantations (2 nd Year to 10 th Year Operations)	11577.14 Ha	23.25	
B.	Catchment Area Treatment Plan (CAT Plan)			
	a. Pre Planting Operations			
	b. First Year Operations			
	c. Maintenance of Plantations (2 nd Year to 10 th Year Operations)			
	d. Check Dams			



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	e. Gabien Structure			
	f. Cement Bandhara			
	Sub-total (CAT Plan)		17.94*	Deferred
C.	Integrated Wildlife Management Plan (IWMP)			
	a. Patrolling & Anti-poaching plan for the forest under diversion		0.19*	Deferred
	b. Wildlife management and Habitat Development Work (First Year Operation)		0.60*	Deferred
	c. Wildlife management and Habitat Development Work (Second Year Operation)		0.21*	Deferred
D.	Plantation under Conditional Works (Medicinal, Dwarf, Bamboo, Fodder and Mixed Plantation)			
	a. Pre Planting Operations			
	b. First Year Operations			
	c. Maintenance of Plantations (2 nd Year to 10 th Year Operations)			
	Sub-total		2.26*	Deferred
E.	Conditional Works			
	a. CCT			
	b. Soil and Moisture Conservation			
	c. Nalabandh			
	d. CNB			
	e. Artificial Bird Nesting			
	Sub-total		13.29*	Deferred
	Sub-total (Site Specific activities): Deferred		111.07	
	Sub-total (Site Specific activities): Approved		28.74	
2.	Activities as per Rule 5 (2) of the CAF Rules, 2018			
A.	Assisted Natural Regeneration			
	a. Pre Plantation Works	971.00 Ha	14.91*	Deferred
B.	Artificial Regeneration			
	b. Artificial Regeneration (Third Year Operation)	8556.93 ha	23.71	
	c. Gramvan Plantation (Maintenance)	393.00 ha	0.68*	Deferred
C.	Silvicultural operations in forests			
	a. Fodder Development			
	b. Pre Planting Operation	2233.50 ha	31.89*	Deferred
	c. First Year Operation	8316.86 ha	27.84	
	d. Cutback Operations	60.00 ha	0.03	

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D.	Forest fire prevention and control operations			
	a. Cutting and burning of fire lines	7876 km	3.66*	To be proposed as per Rule 5(3)(d)
	b. Fire watchers	85995 Nos.	3.33*	Deferred
E.	Soil and moisture conservation works in the forest			
	a. Construction of Gabiyan Bandhara	1711 nos.	8.73*	Deferred
	b. Construction of Cement Bandhara	104 nos.	23.44*	Deferred
	c. Construction of check dams	92 nos.	0.28*	Deferred
	d. Creation of Forest ponds /Vantale/ Khodtadi	182 nos.	5.47*	Deferred
	e. Deep CCT	754 nos.	4.72*	Deferred
	f. Earthen/Mati Nala Bunds	118 nos.	3.97*	Deferred
	g. Watershed works in Forest as per DPR prepared by using LiDAR survey	9555 ha	23.84	
G.	Improvement of wildlife habitat as provided in the approved wildlife management plan or working plan			
	a. All wildlife Management works like Rejuvenation of lakes & rivers, Meadow development, Creation & maintenance of water sources/water holes for wildlife, Eradication of invasive species etc. will be carried out as per approved Management plan	-	20.00*	Deferred
	Sub-total of Rule 5 (2): Deferred		121.08	
	Sub-total of Rule 5 (2): Approved		75.42	
3	Activities as per Rule 5 (3) of the CAF Rules, 2018			
A.	Establishment, Upgradation and Maintenance of modern nurseries and other planting stock production facilities for production of quality planting materials	-	1.00*	Deferred
B.	Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff of State Forest Department for works for protection of forest and wildlife undertaken from State Fund	-	1.50*	Deferred
C.	Survey and mapping of forest areas for forest fire control, compensatory afforestation works, soil and moisture conservation, catchment area treatment and wildlife management for prepari	-	1.00*	Deferred

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S. No.	Activity	Physical Target	Financial Target (in crore)	Remarks
	ng annual plans to be executed from the State Fund			
D	Independent concurrent monitoring and evaluation and third party monitoring of various works undertaken from State Fund		2.00*	Deferred
	Sub-total of Rule 5 (3): Deferred		5.50	
	Sub-total of Rule 5 (3): Approved		0.00	
4	Activities as per Rule 6 (a) of the CAF Rules, 2018			
A.	For disbursement of salary and allowances of members and staffs, both regular and contractual, of the State Authority		2.00	Remaining approval will be given on submission of details.
B.	For disbursement of sitting fees and allowances to nominated members of the State Authority		2.00*	Deferred
C.	Road side plantation by Social Forestry			
	a. Road side plantation (Third Year Operation)	525 km	5.16*	Deferred
	Sub-total of Rule 6 (a): Deferred		7.16	
	Sub-total of Rule 6 (a): Approved		2.00	
5	Activities as per Rule 6 (b) of the CAF Rules, 2018			
A.	Management of office establishment	-	1.50*	Deferred
B.	Hiring of staff cars for the use of the officers and officials of the State Authority	-	0.50	
	Sub-total of Rule 6 (a): Deferred		1.50	
	Sub-total of Rule 6 (b): Approved		0.50	
	Grand-total (Deferred)		246.31	
	Grand-total (Approved)		106.66	

3. I am to inform that the State CAMPA has not furnished the details related to activities included in the APO in accordance with Rule 2(b) and Rule 39 of the CAF Rules, 2018. Brief description, rationale, estimated cost and basis of cost estimation of each activity; district/forest division wise break-up of physical and financial targets of each activity in measurable and monitor-able terms followed by a summary; and location details including geo-coordinates of the site etc. are to be furnished in the APO. Hence, out of mandatory and time bound activities approved “in-principal” by the Executive Committee of the National Authority, those amounting to Rs 246.31 crore have been deferred.

4. It is also to inform that the above mentioned details are required in respect of all activities, whether approved (including disbursement of salary and allowances and sitting fees and allowances) or are proposed to be approved in the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority. Further, with regard to “spill-over works” details are to be furnished

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treating them as new activities of the current APO. Hence, it is requested to furnish above details immediately as only thereafter the remaining APO will be considered for approval.

5. 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. 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. 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.
- iii. 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.
- iv. 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.
- v. 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.
- vi. 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.
- vii. Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff of State Forest Department for works for protection of forest and wildlife undertaken from State fund as per rule 5(3)(f) is subject to the limit of 25% of total cost under the component. These will be standalone and monitor-able items of work, and there shall be no mixing of funding for the same work.

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- 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.
- 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 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.
- xviii. 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.

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- xix. '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.
- xx. 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.
- xxi. 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. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)-cum-Chairperson, Maharashtra State CAMPA, Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
3. Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra State CAMPA, Nagpur.
4. Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
5. Accountant General, Mumbai.

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2. Special Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
3. Chief Executive Officer (National Authority), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi
4. DG 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 Regional Offices)
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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 the official website of MoEF&CC.



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