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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
(National Authority)

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Dated the 31st August, 2021

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

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

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 mandatory and time bound activities of Annual Plan of Operation- Maharashtra (2021-22) at a total cost of **Rs.246.31 crores** (Rupees two hundred forty-six and thirty-one lakh only) **and Rs.235.30 crores** (Rupees two hundred thirty-five crores and thirty lakh only) out of deferred activities of worth **Rs.246.31 crores** and remaining activities of worth **Rs.335.30 crores** respectively, 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 NA has approved ~~Rs.~~ **Rs.106.66** crores and deferred **Rs.246.31** crores out of proposed outlay **Rs.688.27** crores vide letter dated 2nd July 2021. The Maharashtra State Authority has submitted the details of deferred activities. The details of approval of deferred activities of worth **Rs.246.31** crores are as under

(Amount Rs. in Crore)

S. No.	Activity	Physical Target	Financial Target	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	
B.	Catchment Area Treatment Plan (CAT Plan)			
	a. Pre Planting Operations			
	b. First Year Operations			

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S. No.	Activity	Physical Target	Financial Target	Remarks
	c. Maintenance of Plantations (2 nd Year to 10 th Year Operations)			
	d. Check Dams			
	e. Gabien Structure			
	f. Cement Bandhara			
	Total (CAT Plan)		17.94	
C.	Integrated Wildlife Management Plan (IWMP)			
	a. Patrolling & Anti-poaching plan for the forest under diversion		0.19	
	b. Wildlife management and Habitat Development Work (First Year Operation)		0.60	
	c. Wildlife management and Habitat Development Work (Second Year Operation)		0.21	
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)			
	Total		2.26	
E.	Conditional Works			
	a. CCT			
	b. Soil and Moisture Conservation			
	c. Nalabandh			
	d. CNB			
	e. Artificial Bird Nesting			
	Total		13.29	
	Subtotal		111.07	
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	
B.	Artificial Regeneration			
	a. Gramvan Plantation (Maintenance)	393.00 ha	0.68	
C.	Silvicultural operations in forests			
	a. Fodder Development			
	b. Pre Planting Operation	2233.50 ha	31.89	
D.	Forest fire prevention and control operations			
	a. Cutting and burning of fire lines	7876 km	3.66	
	b. Fire watchers	85995 Nos.	3.33	
E.	Soil and moisture conservation works in the			

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S. No.	Activity	Physical Target	Financial Target	Remarks
	forest			
	a. Construction of Gabiyan Bandhara	1711 nos.	8.73	
	b. Construction of Cement Bandhara	104 nos.	23.44	
	c. Construction of check dams	92 nos.	0.28	
	d. Creation of Forest ponds /Vantale/ Khodtadi	182 nos.	5.47	
	e. Deep CCT	754 nos.	4.72	
	f. Earthen/Mati Nala Bunds	118 nos.	3.97	
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	
	Subtotal of Rule 5 (2):		121.08	
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	
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	
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 preparing annual plans to be executed from the State Fund	-	1.00	
D.	Independent concurrent monitoring and evaluation and third party monitoring of various works undertaken from State Fund		2.00	
	Subtotal of Rule 5 (3)		5.50	
	Subtotal of NPV		126.58	
4	Activities as per Rule 6 (a) of the CAF Rules, 2018			
A.	For disbursement of sitting fees and allowances to nominated members of the State Authority		2.00	
B.	Road side plantation by Social Forestry			
	a. Road side plantation (Third Year	525 km	5.16	

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S. No.	Activity	Physical Target	Financial Target	Remarks
	Operation)			
	Sub-total of Rule 6 (a)		7.16	
5	Activities as per Rule 6 (b) of the CAF Rules, 2018			
A.	Management of office establishment	-	1.50	
	Sub-total of Rule 6 (a)		1.50	
	Grand Total		246.31	

3. For the remaining activities the APO was discussed in the 14th meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority held on 22nd, 23rd and 30th July, 2021. The details of approval of remaining activities of worth **Rs.335.30** crores are as under:

(Amount Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Activities	Physical Target (in ha./km)	Financial Target	Remarks
1.	Site Specific activities			
	Plantations under conditional works IIA		0.30	
2.	Proposed Activities as per Rule 5(2) under NPV 80%			
a.	Artificial Regeneration			
	i. Plantation along river banks (as per ICFRE DPR) (National Authority Scheme)	0.00	3.00	
	ii. Afforestation in scrub and barren land (National Authority Scheme)	0.00	4.99	
	LIDAR			
b.	Protection of plantations and forests			
	i. Encroachment removal & Forest Protection	118.5 ha	12.03	
	ii. Survey, Demarcation & Fencing of Sensitive forest areas	9418.41 km	25.57	
	iii. Boundry Pillar Class I	8370 nos.	6.69	
	iv. Boundry Pillar Class II	9236 nos.	3.70	
	v. Construction, upgradation and maintenance of Protection camps/Protection Huts/Forest Custody/Labour Shed etc.	169 nos.	16.15	
	vi. Establishment and maintenance of wireless networks	37 nos.	6.17	
	vii. Improving mobility of frontline staff for forest protection &		0.63	

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	patrolling.			
c.	Pest and disease control in forest	5 ha	0.18	
d.	Voluntary relocation of villages from Protected areas (including cost of land and other property of the field owners)	0.00	100.00*	Deferred. May first obtain concurrence/vetting from NTCA.
e.	Establishment, operation and maintenance of animal rescue centre and veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals			
	i. Establishment, operation and maintenance of animal rescue centre/ Transit treatment Centre	0.00	10.70	
	ii. Veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals	0.00	5.50	
	iii. Animal seizing & capturing devices	0.00	1.50	
	iv. Rescue emergency operations	0.00	2.60	
	v. Strengthening of Rapid rescue teams	0.00	0.70	
	vi. Management of rewilding of tiger cubs	0.00	0.20	
f.	Supply of wood-saving cooking appliances and other forest produce saving devices in forest fringe villages as specified by the National Authority from time to time	0.00	1.00	
g.	Management of biological diversity and biological resource			
	i. New research projects by research wing of Maharashtra Forest Department	0.00	2.95	
	ii. Base studies for forestry and wildlife related subjects	0.00	7.63	
	iii. Conservation of Wildlife like GIB, Wild buffalo, Turtle, Vultures, Owl, Sparrow, etc.	0.00	0.30	
	Subtotal Rule 5(2)		212.19	

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Sl. No.	Activities	Physical Target (in ha./km)	Financial Target	Remarks
3.	Proposed Activities as per Rule 5(3) under NPV 20%			
a.	Promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of biological diversity including preservation of habitats, conservation of land and folk varieties and cultivars, domesticated stocks and breeds of animals and microorganisms and chronicling of knowledge relating to biological diversity			
	i. Documentation and Publications of study materials for FTIs	0.00	0.20	
	ii. Conducting Workshops/Trainings/Seminars/Conferences for promoting conservation & sustainable use of biological diversity and capacity building of the frontline staff & officers.	0.00	4.04	
	iii. Capacity building and gender sensitization of Forest Staff's through FTI /TERI/Forest academies/other institutions/CFRMC/JFMC /PRI	0.00	9.72	
	iv. Improving training inputs through guest faculties in Forest Training Institutes / Forest Academies	0.00	0.17	
b.	Purchase and maintenance of equipment or devices used for communication and information technology for the purpose of protection of forest and wildlife/AMC	0.00	8.00	
c.	Construction, up-gradation and maintenance of inspection paths, forest roads in forest area, fire lines, watch towers, check posts and timber depots	1458.02 nos. and km	21.88	
d.	Construction of residential and official buildings in forests for			

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	front line staffs deployed for protection of forest and wildlife			
	i. Construction of Type I Quarters	74 nos.	14.06	
	ii. Construction of Type II Quarters	61 nos.	14.07	
	iii. Construction of Type III Quarters	21 nos.	5.67	
	iv. Construction of Range office	28 nos.	10.36	
	v. Amenities for Woman Front line staff	67 nos.	3.20	
	vi. Spillover-2020-21 (Ongoing Construction)	0.00	2.00	
e.	Publicity-cum-awareness programme and exhibition on the various schemes being implemented by the State Authority from State Fund (including Nature Awareness Program conduct by METDB)	0.00	3.29	
	Subtotal Rule 5(3)		92.66	
	Total NPV		304.85	
4.	Proposed 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	0.00	4.00	2.00 crores have been approved in previous sanction. Remaining Rs. 2 cr. approved.
b.	to offset the incremental cost of compensatory afforestation and penal compensatory afforestation at the increased wage rates	0.00	3.00	
c.	to offset the incremental cost of catchment area treatment plan at the increased wage rates	0.00	1.00	
d.	to offset the incremental cost of wildlife management plan at the increased wage rates	0.00	1.00	
e.	Activities referred to in sub rules 2 and 3 of Rule 5.	0.00	2.00	
f.	Road side plantation by Social Forestry			

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	ii. Spillover of 2020-21	0.00	7.31	
	iii. Spillover of 2019-20	0.00	4.84	
	Subtotal Rule 6(a)		23.15	
5.	Proposed Activities as per Rule 6(b) of the CAF Rules, 2018			
a.	Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance for the State Authority	0.00	1.50	
b.	Hiring of buildings on lease for the office establishment and residences of the officers of State Authority	0.00	0.50	
c.	Other contingencies for Management of the state Authority, with the approval of the Steering Committee of the State Authority.	0.00	0.50	
d.	Other activities for management of the forests and wildlife not referred to in sub-rules (2) and (3) with the prior approval of the steering committee of the State Authority and included in the annual plan of operation.	0.00	0.50	
	Total Rule 6(b)		3.00	
	Subtotal Interest		26.15	
	Deferred		100.00	
	Grand Total Approved		225.30	

4. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- i. It is noted that the State CAMPA must provide details of activities amounting to **Rs. 100.00 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 dated 22.10.2020 addressed to Hon'ble CM of State Governments/Lt. Governors of UT Administration.

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- 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.

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- 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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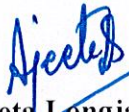
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8. Principal Director (Audit), Scientific Department, AGCR Building, New Delhi
9. IFD/Sanction Folder/ Guard File.
10. NIC Cell with a request to upload the sanction order on the official website of MoEF&CC.


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