

F.No.NA-15/33/2020-NA
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
(National Authority)

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Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003
Dated the 31st August, 2021

To,
The Additional Chief Secretary
Department of Forest and Wildlife Preservation
Government of Punjab
Mini Secretariat, Sector-9
Chandigarh

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

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to letter no. State Authority/2021-22/SPL/360 dated 12th May, 2021 of Government of Punjab 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 – 2021-22 at a total cost of **Rs.24.53 crores** (Rupees twenty four crores and fifty-three lakhs only) and **Rs.54.30 crores** (Rupees fifty-four crores and thirty lakh only) out of deferred activities of worth **Rs. 24.53 crores** and remaining activities of worth **Rs. 58.38 crores** respectively, recommended by the State Steering Committee for carrying out approved activities during the current financial year from the “State Compensatory Afforestation Fund – Punjab” created under Section 4 of CAF Act, 2016.

2. The NA has approved **Rs.139.24 crores** and deferred **Rs.24.53 crores** out of proposed outlay **Rs.222.15 crores** vide letter dated 22nd July 2021. The Punjab State Authority has submitted the details of deferred activities. The details of approval of deferred activities of worth **Rs.24.53 crores** are as under

(Amount Rs. in Crore)				
Sl. No.	Activity	Physical Target (in ha.)	Financial Target	Remarks
1.	CA and Penal CA (Site Specific scheme as per approval of GoI)			
	Entry Point Activities & SMC works	-	2.64	
2.	Activities as per Rule 5(2) of the CAF Rules, 2018			
a)	Artificial regeneration (by Plantation)			
b)	Silvicultural operations, Soil and Moisture Conservation works in the Forest	-	17.30	
c)	Forest Fire prevention, control operation – fire	1840 Nos.	1.84	

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Sl. No.	Activity	Physical Target (in ha.)	Financial Target	Remarks
	watchers only			
	Total deferred Rule 5(2)		19.14	
3.	Activities as per Rule 6(a) and 6(b) of the CAF Rules, 2018			
a)	Activities out of 60% of Interest accrued on deposit in State Fund	LS	1.80	
b)	(i) Activities out of 40% of interest accrued on deposit in State Fund	LS	0.95	
	Subtotal		2.75	
	Grand Total		24.53	

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.58.38 crores** are as under:

(Amount Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Activities	Physical Target	Financial Target	Remarks
1.	Site Specific Activities -Compensatory Afforestation and Penal CA (Site Specific scheme as per approval of GoI)			
A.	Patrolling, Protection and monitoring related equipment			
a.	Purchase of patrolling vehicles	Mahindra bolero 4wd - 9 Nos. and Mahindra Scorpio 4wd- 2 Nos.	1.06	Hiring allowed
b.	Purchase of transport vehicles	Truck 407 - 2, Tractors 14	1.30	Hiring allowed
c.	Machineries including watering tankers	JCB Machine -1, Trolley-9, Water Tankers - 24	0.90	Hiring allowed
d.	Other equipment and works related protection	As per APO	10.11	
	Subtotal Site Specific Activities		13.37	
2.	Activities as per Rule 5(2) of the CAF Rules, 2018			
A)	Artificial regeneration (by Plantation)			
a.	protection of Plantation and Forest, forest Fire prevention, control operation and pest and disease control in Forest	As per APO	14.96	
b.	Biodiversity Management in wildlife other than Zoos	As per APO	9.82	

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Sl. No.	Activities	Physical Target	Financial Target	Remarks
	Subtotal Rule 5(2)		24.78	
3.	Activities as per Rule 5(3) of the CAF Rules, 2018			
a.	Construction of residential and official buildings in forest for frontline staff up to the rank of range officers deployed for protection of forest and wildlife, Construction, up-gradation and maintenance of inspection paths, forest roads in forest area, fire lines, watch towers, check posts and timber depots	As per APO	1.84	
b.	Survey and mapping of forest area for forest fire control compensatory afforestation works and wildlife management for preparing Annual plan to be executed form State Fund	As per APO	2.10	
c.	Purchase and maintenance of equipment or devices used for communication and information technology for the purpose of protection of forest and wildlife	As per APO	1.41	
d.	Publicity cum awareness program and exhibition on various schemes being implemented by the State Authority from State Fund and Capacity building of personal involved in utilization of State Fund	As per APO	1.05	
e.	Supply of wood saving cooking appliances and other forest produce saving devices in forest fringe villagers	As per APO	4.08*	Deferred. Funds may be sought from MNRE
f.	Biodiversity Management in wildlife other than Zoos	As per APO	3.56	
	Subtotal Rule 5(3)		9.96	
	Total NPV			
4.	Activities as per Rule 6(a) and 6(b) of the CAF Rules, 2018			
	Innovative Projects (out of interest 40%)	As per APO	6.19	
	Subtotal Rule 6(b)		6.19	
	Subtotal deferred		4.08	
	Grand Total		54.30	

3. 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 percent 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.
- ii. 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.
 - iii. 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.
 - iv. For third party monitoring state should engage agency who are independently working and it should not be local NGOs/ organizations which is attached/ working with the forest departments.
 - v. 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.
 - vi. 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.
 - vii. 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.
 - 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 State EC will 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 Supplementary APOs/APOs 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.

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- 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 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.
- xviii. 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.
- xix. 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.
- xx. '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.
- xxi. 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.
- xxii. 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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2. Chief Executive Officer, Punjab CAMPA, Chandigarh;

3. Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh;
4. Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh;
5. Accountant General, Punjab, Chandigarh;

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3. Chief Executive Officer (National Authority), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, 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-Greenwatch.

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