

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

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Dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.139.24 crore (Rupees one hundred thirty-nine and twenty-four lakh only)** out of proposed outlay of Rs.222.15 crore recommended by the State Steering Committee the current financial year from the “State Compensatory Afforestation Fund – Punjab” created under Section 4 of CAF Act, 2016.

2. The APO was discussed in the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority held on 07<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 and the component wise approval for carrying out essential plantation activities is as under:

Sl. No.	Activity	Physical Target (in ha.)	Financial Target (in crore)	Remarks
1.	<b>CA and Penal CA (Site Specific scheme as per approval of GoI)</b>			
	Compensatory Afforestation in Degraded Forest on forest land	Advance work 1064 ha, Pbags 3135.08 kg, plantation 564 ha, maint.	23.87	

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		of plantations 750.72 ha and forest protection 564 ha.		
	Compensatory Afforestation in Penal CA(All Category)	Advance works 23.36 ha, Plantations 9.36 ha, maint. of plantations 5.28 ha and forest protection 9.36 ha.	0.25	
	Compensatory Afforestation on Non Forest Land Category(All Category)	Maint. of plantations 13.10 ha	0.06	
	Compensatory Afforestation in Alkaline areas(Forest land)	Advance work 1.90 ha, plantation 1.90 ha, maint. of plantations 482.28 ha and forest protection 1.90 ha	0.34	
	Compensatory Afforestation in waterlogged areas (Forest land)	Advance work 2.29 ha, Pbags 1.15 kg, plantation 2.23 ha, maint. of plantations 71.82 ha and forest protection 2.23 ha	0.07	
	Enrichment Plantation under CA	Advance work 165.08 ha, Pbags 628 kg, plantation 115.08 ha, maint. of plantations 115.30 ha and forest protection 115.08 ha	3.69	
	Additional Compensatory Afforestation (Tall Plants)	Planting of 1, 01,715 plants and Maint. of 4,56,801 plants	5.36	
	Entry Point Activities & SMC works	-	2.64*	Deferred
	<b>Sub-total Deferred</b>		<b>2.64</b>	
	<b>Sub-total Site Specific Activities</b>		<b>33.64</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Activities as per Rule 5(2) of the CAF Rules, 2018</b>			
a)	<b>Artificial regeneration (by Plantation)</b>			
i	Rehabilitation of Degraded Forest Areas	Advance work 5832 ha, plantation 3032 ha, maint. of plantations 6698.50 ha	58.92	
ii	Enrichment Plantation under	Advance work 4320 ha,	28.88	

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	CA	plantation 2120 ha, maint. of plantations 4374 ha		
iii	Plantation in waterlogged areas	Advance work 49 ha, plantation 29 ha, maint. of plantations 58 ha	0.75	
iv	Plantation in alkaline areas	Advance work 125 ha, plantation 75 ha, maint. of plantations 205 ha	2.26	
v	Plantation with Tall Plants on major roads (Raising of new nursery stock – 180000 plants, maint. of 80000 plants in nursery, cost and planting of 315500 plants, Maint. of 100000 plants)	6,75,500 plants	8.89	
vi	Irrigated Bamboo plantation Model in Forest area (Earth work with nursery stock and planting)	145 ha	3.93	
b)	Silvicultural operations, Soil and Moisture Conservation works in the Forest	-	17.30*	Deferred
c)	Forest Fire prevention, control operation – fire watchers only	1840 Nos.	1.84*	Deferred
	<b>Total deferred Rule 5(2)</b>		<b>19.14</b>	
	<b>Sub-total Rule 5(2)</b>		<b>103.59</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Activities as per Rule 5(3) of the CAF Rules, 2018</b>			
	Survey and mapping of forest area for forest fire control compensatory afforestation works and wildlife management for preparing Annual plan to be executed from State Fund, Independent concurrent monitoring and evaluation and third party monitoring of various works under taken from State Fund			
	LiDAR Survey	LS	0.50	
	Independent concurrent	LS	0.60	

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	monitoring and evaluation			
	Monitoring and evaluation by third party and external agencies (FRI and WII Dehradun etc.)	LS	0.50	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1.60</b>	
	Establishment, up-gradation and maintenance of modern nurseries and other planting stock production facilities for production of quality planting material for Research activities	2 Nos.	<b>0.41</b>	
	<b>Sub-total Rule 5(3)</b>		<b>2.01</b>	
	<b>Total NPV</b>		<b>105.60</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Activities as per Rule 6(a) and 6(b) of the CAF Rules, 2018</b>			
a)	Activities out of 60% of Interest accrued on deposit in State Fund	LS	1.80*	Deferred
b)	(i) Activities out of 40% of interest accrued on deposit in State Fund	LS	0.95*	Deferred
	<b>Total deferred</b>		<b>2.75</b>	
	<b>Sub-total deferred</b>		<b>24.53</b>	
	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>139.24</b>	

3. Out of activities amounting to Rs.163.77 crore, which were approved “in-principal” by the Executive Committee of the National Authority, those amounting to Rs.24.53 crore have been deferred. The reasons for such deferment are cited in the remarks column of above table. The State CAMPA is requested to furnish the details related to these activities in accordance with Rule 2(b) and Rule 39 of the CAF Rules, 2018, which also include their brief description, rationale of activities proposed, their estimated cost and basis of cost estimation. In addition, district/forest wise details of each activity should be followed by a summary showing the physical and financial targets of the sub-components in measurable terms. Further, to avoid a delay in sanction of remaining activities of the APO, the State CAMPA is requested to re-examine them at their level as per above guidance.

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

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.

- i. 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.
- ii. 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 monitorable items of work, and there shall be no mixing of funding for the same work.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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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3. Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh;
4. Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of 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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