

F. No. – NA-15/4/2020-NA
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(National Authority)
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Dated the 9th September, 2021

To,
The Principal Secretary
Department of Forest and Environment
Government of Uttarakhand
Dehradun

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

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to letter No. 09 /GoI/2021-22 dated 08th April, 2021 of Forest Department, Government of Uttarakhand on the above-mentioned subject and to convey the revised 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- Uttarakhand (2021-22). In 12th Executive Committee (EC) of National Authority has approved **Rs. 178.86 crores** and deferred **Rs. 353.46** vide letter dated 8th June, 2021 and 14th EC of National Authority has approved **Rs.134.78 Crores** and deferred **Rs. 283.70 Crores** vide letter dated 25th August, 2021 out of proposed outlay **Rs. 950.81 crores**.

2. The State Authority has furnished details of certain deferred activities. The details of approval of deferred activities of worth **Rs. 413.24 Crores (Rupees Four hundred thirteen Crores and twenty four lakhs only)** are as under:

Sl. No.	Activity	Physical Target	Financial Target (Rs. in Crores)	Remarks
1.	Site Specific Activities			
A.	Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plan			
	Tapovan Vishnugad, Lata Tapovan, Singoli Bhatwari HEP, Phatta Byung HEP, Srinagar HEP, Lakhwar HEP, Vishungad Pipalkoti HEP, Vyasi HEP, Mori Naitwar HEP, Jamrani	As per APO	109.60	

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	HEP, Khutani HEP and New CAT plans			
B.	Other 'Specified' Works			
	a. Road Side Plantations (Km)	316 Row KM	5.84	
	b. Gap Filling Plantations	22.2 Ha	3.39	
	c. Dwarf Species ASW / Plantations	181.59 Ha	1.86	
	d. Nursery Upgradation/ Maintenance	7,01,657 Plants	0.80	
	e. River Training Works [KOSI, DABKA, SONG, GOLLA & Others]	LS	8.10	
	f. Muck Disposal	LS	4.80	
2.	Proposed activities as per Rule 5 (2) of the CAF Rules, 2018			
A.	Artificial Regeneration/Plantations (Oak, Deodar, others)	845 Ha	5.80	
	Nurseries & Maintenance (Oak, Deodar, others)	12,02,603 Plants	3.34	
	Nursery Upgradation/establishment of modern nursery under NPV	20 number	2.00	Approved 2.00 Crores out of 4.30 Crores
	Nursery Maintenance of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants	5,00,000 Plants	0.20	
	Establishment of High- Altitude Plants Conservation Area (No of Divisions)	2 Divisions	0.10	
	Afforestation led treatment of Bhela, Dhela, Suswa, Pilakhar, Nandhaur & Kalyani rivers and Yamuna River	7 Rivers	20.00	
	Community based Mahila plant nursery development and maintenance	100 Nurseries	4.00	Approved Rs.4.00 Crores out of Rs.10.00Crores
C.	Forest Fire Prevention & Control Operations during fire season	4465 Fire watchers / Hiring of 74 Vehicles / 33 Crew stations	8.00	Approved Rs.8.00 Crores out of Rs.30.00Crores
D	Chir - Pirul Collection by local communities providing livelihood supports in Mussoorie, Almora, Bageshwar, Pithoragarh, Chakrata, Nainital, Uttarkashi and other forest	4000Ton [weight of pirul]	9.20	

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	divisions @ Rs. 40.20 Lakhs per uni			
E	Protection of Forests Regeneration of degraded forest by seeding, fire protection, maintenance of young plantation and other forest protection activities	400 Nos.	40.00	
D.	Soil and Moisture Conservation Works for regeneration of forest			
	Rejuvenation of Rivers	24 Rivers	6.00	Approved Rs.6.00 Crores out of Rs.19.18 Crores
G.	Strengthening of Van Panchayats			
	a. Different activities in Van Panchayats (ANR, Pasture Development, Plantations, Training and Workshops, Preparations of Micro-plans etc.	4000 Van Panchayats	40.00	Approved Rs.40.00 Crores out of Rs.86.96 Crores
	b. Forest Fire Management in Van Panchayat	As per APO	2.50	Approved Rs.2.50 Crores out of Rs.3.78 Crores
H	Fencing, Trenches and Wild boar Proof Wall for Human Wildlife Conflict Mitigation			
	(i) Fencing (Solar, Electric, Other)	280.49	17.35	
3.	Activities as per Rule 5(3) of the CAF Rules, 2018			
	a. Maintenance of Fire lines	3500 Km	1.80	
	b. Construction of Forest guard Chowki/Mali Chowki/Range Quarters	183 Nos.	44.68	
	c. Upgradation of forest roads maintenance of inspection path as per approved in Working plan	5771.1km	31.36	
	d. Renovation of existing buildings (upto Range level)	756 Nos	12.60	
	e. Communication and Information Technology	71 No of	8.79	
	f. Public Awareness and Publicity Extension	Implementing Unit	10.13	
4.	Activities as per Rule 6(a) of the CAF Rules, 2018			
	a. Creation of ANR plantations, High-tech & Community based Nurseries, Artificial Regeneration, Habitat Improvement (Ha/Nos.)	2000 Ha ANR and 4 Hi-tech nurseries	10.00	


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5. Activities as per Rule 6(b) of the CAF Rules, 2018			
	Management of Office establishment of State Authority (printing & stationary, postage & telephone expenses including internet, office maintenance expenses etc.)		1.00
		Grand total:	413.24

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 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 has reiterated this several time including during the meeting of State Forest Ministers. Such of utilization is also in conformity with the spirit and the preamble of the CAF Act 2016.
- 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. The monitoring and evaluation report of the works done upto the year 2019-20 be ready by September, 2021, and similarly report on activities taken up in 2021-22 must be made available in time by September 2022.
- v. It is to be noted that from now on, a 3rd 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.
- vi. 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.
- vii. 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.


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- viii. 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.
- ix. 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. No other works like planting of exotic grasses are nursery raising etc. will be allowed or approved in the areas where removal of lantana / invasive species will be taken up, so that only native grass will take up its place in its natural course.
- x. 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.
- xi. State Forest Fire Action Plan proposed in the Supplementary APOS/APOS shall be a *standalone" activity.
- xii. 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.
- xiii. 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.
- xiv. 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.
- xv. Works related to Eco-tourism and Eco-development are permissible only as per approved site-specific schemes.
- xvi. 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.


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- xvii. 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.
- 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.
- 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/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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**Assistant Inspector General of Forests
National Authority**

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2. Chief Executive Officer, Uttarakhand State CAMPA, Dehradun.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)-cum-Chairperson, the Executive Committee of the Uttarakhand State CAMPA, Government of Uttarakhand.
4. Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
5. Accountant General, Dehradun.

Copy also forwarded to:

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


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