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Dated the 25th August, 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 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) at a total cost of **Rs. 134.78 crores** (Rupees one hundred thirty four crores and Seventy-eight lakhs only) out of remaining activities of worth **Rs.418.48 crores** recommended by the State Steering Committee for carrying out approved activities during the current financial year from the “State Compensatory Afforestation Fund – Uttarakhand” created under Section 4 of CAF Act, 2016.

2. 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 are as under:

(Amount Rs. in Crore)

CAF Rules	Activities	Physical Target	Financial Target	Remarks
1.	Site Specific Activities as per Section 6(a)			
a.	Compensatory Afforestation		36.80	
2.	Activities under NPV Rule 5 (2)			
a.	Community Plantation and Mobilization (Harela / Van Mahotsav)	41 Divisions	5.00	
b.	Provision for Afforestation / Watershed Management in one	117.82 Ha	6.50	*Deferred. Details to be provided.



	measure ridge inside a forest block i.e. Ghagas through LIDAR technology as per directions from GoL.			
c.	Protection of Bugyals	714 Ha	11.42	
d.	Forest Fire Protection			
	(ii) Chir - Pirul Collection by local communities providing livelihood supports in Mussoorie, Almora, Bageshwar, Pithoragarh, Chakrata, Nainital, Uttarkashi and other forest divisions @ Rs. 40.20 Lakhs per unit	4000Ton [weight of pirul]	9.20*	2 units allowed as a trial project. Cost 0.80 Crores approved out of 10.00 crores
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*	Deferred.
f.	Soil and Moisture Conservation Works for regeneration of forest			
	(viii) Preparation of DPR	25 Nos.	0.10	
g.	Wildlife Management			
	Construction & Maintenance of Rescue / Rehabilitation Center(Haridwar, Kotdwar and Corbett, Nainital, Almora CS and Rajaji Tiger Reserve)	6 Nos.	19.77	Approved 5 Crores subject to CZA's concurrence.
h.	Fencing, Trenches and Wild boar Proof Wall for Human Wildlife Conflict Mitigation			
	(i) Fencing (Solar, Electric, Other) **(Rs 1.59 Cr previous year)	280.49 Km	19.35	Approved 2 Crores
	(ii) Elephant Proof Trenches	1393.4 Km	4.43	
	(iii) Elephant / Wild Boar Proof Stone Concrete Wall, Trench **(Rs. 32.80 Cr previous year activities)	205.76 Km	54.73*	State CAMPA has submitted justification that it is included in working plan and recommended by WII.
	(iv) Maintenance of Stone Concrete Wall	26.45 Km	2.52*	However, these are not site- specific recommendations.

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				State to provide detailed justification of work as per site specific details and efficacy of such structures in consultation with WII.
	EDC/Village Protection Force (Entry Pt. Activities, Micro-planning, Human WL Conflict Mitigation Activities)	108 No of EDC's	1.91	
i.	Strengthening of Wildlife Management			
	Estimation of Wildlife Populations	6 No. of Divisions	0.86	
	Management of biological diversity and biological resources ;Gauraiya Ashray Sthal and Other activities [** Rs 4.5 Cr previous year activities]	10 Ha	5.00	
	Anti-Poaching Activities	18 No. of Divisions	1.94	
	Development of SPFG at Sensitive and High altitude area	10 No. of Divisions	1.23	
	Human Wildlife Conflict Resolution (Monkey capture & Sterilization, cages, etc.) / Quick Response Teams to tackle Human Wildlife Conflict [** Rs 5 Cr previous year activities]	400 Rescue kits /13087 Monkey catching & Sterilization	7.14*	Deferred. State to submit justification, Detailed site-specific activities in report by WII.
	Equipment support for WL cons. (Rescue equipment and Hi-tech equipment for enhancement of enforcement)	361 Nos.	1.90	
	Food for Wild animals at Rescue Center (CS Almora, Nainital, Haridwar)	4 Nos.	1.55	
	Strengthening of Wildlife Conservation & Track routes in PA	7 Nos.	2.53	
	Monkey & Others animal Rescue Center / Transit Rescue Center and including veterinary treatment	4 Nos.	15.00	Approved 5.0 Crores subject to CZA concurrence.
j.	Forestry & Wildlife Research	60 No. of	8.12	

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		research projects / trial plots		
k.	Strengthening of Voluntary Village Wildlife Protection Force (VVFWF)	65 No. of groups	0.65	
l.	Non-Conventional and Renewable Energy (Solar light , water turbine etc. for remote forest areas)	700 Nos.	3.82*	Deferred Funds may be sought from MNRE
m.	Supply of wood saving cooking appliances and other forest produce saving devices in forest fringe villages.	4000 Nos.	2.00*	
3.	Activities as per Rule 5(3)			
	Training , workshop and Capacity Building including Wildlife	345 Nos.	3.32	
	Strengthening of Training Institutes and capacity building, FTA	4 Nos.	0.60	
	Survey, Demarcation and Boundary Pillars [79.41 lakh]	1990 Ha	1.00	
	Construction of Forest Guard Chowki / Mali Chowki / Range Quarters [**Rs 4.62 Cr previous year]	183 Nos.	49.30	Approved Rs.4.62 Crores as per last year approved sanction
	Construction of Watch Towers / High altitude patrolling shelter / Modernization of Strategic Barriers	148 Nos.	8.11*	Deferred. See MoM (Agenda 2, para 3)
	Upgradation of forest roads , Maintenance of inspection / Bridle path as per approved working plan [**Rs 3.49 Cr previous year]	5771.1 Km	34.86	Approved Rs. 3.50 Crores as per last year Sanction
	Renovation of existing buildings (upto range level) /	756 Nos.	15.60	Approved Rs. 3 Crores
	Communication and Information Technology	71 No of Implementing Units	10.79	Approved Rs. 2 Crores
	Public Awareness and Publicity Extension		15.13	Approved Rs.5 Crores, particularly the work's relevant to forest protection and regeneration
4.	Activities as per Rule 6(a)			
	To offset the incremental cost of	600 Ha	5.75	

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	To offset the incremental cost of CAT Plan at the increased wage rates	11 No. of CAT Plan	5.75	
	Monitoring and Evaluation works undertaken by State Authority	5500 Ha	2.00	
	Activities as per Rule 6(b) of the CAF Rules, 2018			
	Purchase of Office Equipment including Computers and Peripherals & Maintenance for State Authority	Purchase of Software, Hardware, Electronic equipment's & maintenance cost	1.00	
	Purchase of Vehicles for forest & wildlife protection/management (Motorbikes) only hiring allowed	100 Nos.	1.00	
		Subtotal Deferred:	283.7	
		Grand total Approved:	134.78	

3. The approval is subject to the following conditions:-

- i. It is to note that the State CAMPA is to provide details of activities amounting to Rs.283.70 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 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 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.
- 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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4. Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
5. Accountant General, Dehradun.

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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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