

File No.-15/32/2020-NA

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To,

Principal Secretary
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Kolkata

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

I am directed to refer to letter no. 757/CAMPA/2C-04/21-22 dated 12.03.20201 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-West Bengal (2021-22) at a total cost of **Rs. 30.1 (Rupees Thirty Crore and one lakh only)** out of proposed outlay of Rs.59.49 crores recommended by the State Steering Committee for carrying out approved activities during the current financial year from the "State Compensatory Afforestation Fund-West Bengal" created under Section 4 of CAF Act, 2016.

2. The APO was discussed in the 11th meeting of the Executive Committee held on 26th March, 2021. The competent wise approval accorded by the Executive Committee is as under:

Sl. No.	Activity	Physical Target (Area in Ha/Km)	Financial Target (Rs. in Crore)	Remarks
1.	Mandatory Activities as FCA approval			
	i)Compensatory Afforestation (CA)			
	(a) Advance work: preparation of soil, improvement of nurseries bed, cow dung, good earth, potting mixture and re-stocking & re-filling works	54.2 ha	0.07	
	(b) Creation of Plantations Work	782.89 ha	7.81	
	Maintenance of older plantations 1 st Year Plantation@2020-2021 2 nd Year Plantation@2019-2020 3 rd Year Plantation@2018-2019 4 th Year Plantation@2017-2018 5 th Year Plantation@2016-2017	661.37 ha	1.47	

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	6 th Year Plantation@2015-2016			
	8 th Year Plantation@2013-2014			
	ii) Catchment area treatment plan (CAT plan)			
	National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Construction of DRM & CRM walls, Creation of Palisade vegetative structures, construction of Box Trenches, creation of protection-Plum & Sausage walls along with Diversion Drains, creation of Strip & Bamboo plantation.	TLDP-III area & TLDP-IV area	1.41	
	NTPC:- Farm forestry, Fodder Plantation, Development & Maintenance of Nursery, Barbed Wire Fencing, Catch Water Drain, Hand Packed Wall ,Palisading,Sausage Wall, etc.		2.00	
	(iii) Wildlife Management Plan Jhanjra Coal Mining project: - Creation of bamboo plantations for 4 ha, Creation of fodder plantations for 5 ha, Redigging of ED - water harvesting structure for elephant and laying of 400KVD/C		0.18	
	Sub-total	1498.46 ha	12.94	
2.	Activities under Rule (5) (2) of the CAF rules, 2018			
	1.Artificial Regeneration; a. Advance work (Preparation of soil, improvement of nurseries bed, cow dung, good earth, potting mixture & re-filling works b. Maintenance of older Gap Plantation c. Rejuvenation of degraded forest d. Raising quality planting materials	4143.67ha (425000 No.s)	7.81	
	2.Silviculture operations in forests a. Maintenance of sacred, seedlings, Clonal orchard, b. Improvement of medicinal plants and c. propagation of vegetative cutting d. Creation of Seedling orchard etc.,	646Ha	1.97	
	3.Forest Fire prevention and control operations: Creation of fire line, & purchase of fire control equipment.	1745km	2.74	
	4.Soil & Moisture conservation work in the forest	54.44km &132ha	2.56	
	Sub-total	4921.67Ha	15.08	
3.	Activities under Rule (5) (3) of the CAF rules, 2018			
	20% e Green watch cell		0.06	
	Sub-total		0.06	

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4. Interest 60% (not less than)			
For disbursement of salary and allowances of members and staffs both regular and contractual, of the State Authority. Salary and allowances of members and staffs (contractual) of the State Authority and sitting fees and allowances to nominated members of the State Authority	35 No's	1.22	
Sub Total	35 No's	1.22	
5. Interest 40% (not more than)			
Management of office establishment		0.30	
Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance for the State Authority		0.15	
Hiring of staff cars for the use of the officer and official of the State Authority		0.25	
Other contingencies for management of the State Authority, with the approval of the steering committee of the State Authority		0.10	
Sub Total		0.8	
Grand Total		30.1	

4. 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 letter no NA-1/47/2020-NA 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. 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.
- v. 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.

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- 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


(Anand Kumar Prabhakar)
Dy. Chief Executive Officer


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1. Chief Executive Officer, State CAMPA West Bengal, Kolkata;
2. Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata;
3. Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata;
4. Accountant General, West Bengal, Kolkata.

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. ADG FC/WL/NTCA, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi;
4. Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi;
5. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhubaneswar;
6. IGF FC/WL/FPD/SU/PE/FP/NAEB/NTCA, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi;
7. Principal Director (Audit), Scientific Department, AGCR Building, New Delhi;
8. IFD/Sanction Folder/ Guard File;
9. NIC Cell with a request to upload the sanction order on the official website of MoEF&CC.

Yours faithfully,


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