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To,

Principal Secretary (Forests) Government of Arunachal Pradesh Itanagar.

Sub: Annual Plan of Operation for the year 2022-23 of Arunachal Pradesh State Authority-reg.

Sir,

With reference to the letter no. FOR.101/State Authority/2021/2020 dated 11/07/2022 of Arunachal Pradesh State CAMPA on the above mentioned subject, it is 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 mandatory and time bound activities of the Annual Plan of Operation – Arunachal Pradesh (2022-23) at a total cost of Rs.193.86 crores (Rupees one hundred ninety three crores and eighty six lakh only) out of proposed outlay of Rs.199.28 crore recommended by the State Steering Committee for carrying out approved activities during the current financial year from the "State Compensatory Afforestation Fund-Arunachal Pradesh" created under Section 4 of CAF Act, 2016.

2. The APO was discussed in the 18th meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority held on 20th July, and 27th July, 2022. The component wise approval accorded by the 16th Executive Committee is as under:

(Amount in Crores)

	CAF Act/Rule		Proposed (Outlay	
S. No.		Activity	Physical Tar get (in ha.)	Financia l Target (in Cror e)	Remarks
1.	Site Specific A	2016			
	Mandatory Ac tivities	Compensatory Afforestation			
		(1st year operation) Advance Nursery work	2986.23	6.43	
		2nd year operation (Creation of Plantation)	4459.16	25.36	
		3rd year operation	14314.88	23.92	
		4th year operation	860.41	0.88	

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	5th year operation	1156.72	1.22	
	6th year operation	2693.11	2.90	
	7th year operation	2239.06	1.61	
	8th year operation	1586.15	1.09	
	9th year operation	817.02	0.56	
	10th year operation	510	0.36	
	Monitoring & supervision	As per APO	2.00	
	Catchment Area Treatment P			
	lan			
	Afforestation-800 per ha. Tending of plantation (3 weeding)	500 ha	0.51	
	Afforestation – 1000 Creation i ncluding nursery	1000 Ha.	3.46	
	Maint. Of plantation (2 nd year o peration)	5000 ha	6.17	
	Enrichment of Plantation - Creation including nursery	200 На.	0.27	
	Maint. Of plantation (2 nd year o peration)	1000 ha	0.63	
- 1	Salary/ wages (Engagement of supervisor -31 Nos.)	31 Nos.	0.72	
	Alternative land use programm e (Horticulture strip/plantation-3790.22 Ha., Staggered trenche s – 227.8 ha, cover crop strips – 3963.20 ha, vegetative hedges – 79.18 ha, mixed crop strips-2 653.64 ha, silvi-pastural strips – 4018 ha & Bench terracing-4 0 ha)		8.73	
- 1	Soil & water conservation Engineering / mechanical measures	244 ha & 318224 Nos .	3.04	
	Treatment of pilot area (i Intensive afforestation/reforestation-8 3.60 ha., ii. Enrichment planting 31.00 ha. iii. Enrichment planting – 7.64 ha)	(i. Intensive afforestation /reforestation-83.60 ha., ii. Enrichment planting 31.00 ha. iii. Enrichm	0.1	



			ent planting		
			– 7.64 ha)		
		Training Programme	5 courses	0.71	
		Monitoring & Evaluation	As per A PO	0.03	
		Integrated Wildlife Managem	ent Plan		
		Maint. of Check Gate with hut	8 Nos	0.04	
		Const. of check gate with hut	3 Nos.	0.15	
		Patrolling squad/wages	42 Nos	0.41	
		Erection of night vision vinyl si gnage with Ms angle iron post @ 1 no/km.	15 Nos	0.04	
		Rescue & treatment	LS	0.01	
		POL & Maintenance of vehicle	LS	0.09	
		Awareness camp in school.	LS	0.16	
		Monitoring & Evaluation	LS	0.06	
		Tending operation i/c maint. of fence	14 ha	0.04	
		Cr. Of plantation	15 ha	0.03	
		Employment generation	15 Nos.	0.05	Deferred Details to be submitted
		Erection of watcher tower	3 Nos.	0.11	
		Waste management plan	3 Nos	0.03	
		Identification of rich wildlife habitat and corridors	3 Nos.	0.01	
2.	Non-Site Spec 8 (80%)	cific – Activities as per Rule 5(2)	of the CAF R	ules 201	
		Assisted Natural Regeneratio			
	5(2)(a)	n			
	3(2)(a)	Creation of plantation	4685.17 Ha.	8.03	
		Maintenance of Plantations	7147.70 Ha.	2.89	
	5(2)(b)	Creation of plantation	6215.63 Ha.	38.01	
	3(2)(0)	Maintenance of Plantations	11291.94 Ha	8.96	
	5(2)(c)	Silvicultural Operations in Fore sts	10578.6 Ha	2.48	
	5 (2)(d)	Protection of Plantations and Forests	As per APO	0.86	



	5(2)(e)	Pest and Disease Control in Forests	As per APO	0.56	Not Approved
	5(2)(f)	Forest fire prevention and Cont rol	As per APO	0.66	
	5(2)(g)	Soil and Moisture Conservation	2465 Nos.	14.07	
		Improvement of Wildlife Habit at			
	5(2)(i)	Creation of ANR plantation for Habitat Improvement & water holes	1782/32 Ha. /Nos.	4.13	
		Maintenance of ANR plantation for Habitat Improvement & water holes	2388/65 Ha./ Nos.	1.56	
	5(2)(j)	Planting and rejuvenation of for ests cover on non-forest land fa lling in wildlife corridors	3 На	0.019	
	5(2)(k)	Animal Rescue Centre and Vet erinary Treatment Facilities for Wild Animals	As per APO	0.55	
	5(2)(1)	Energy Saving Measures	Nos. /HH		Not approved
	5(2)(m)	Management of Biological Diversity and Resources	11 Ha./ 8 No s.	1.187	Not Approved
3.	Activities as p	per Rule 5 (3) of the CAF Rules,	2018 (20%)		
		Establishment upgradation and I f Modern Nursery	Maintenance o		
	5(3)(a).	Establishment of Modern Nurse ry	14 Nos.	2.08	
		Maintenance of Modern Nurser y created	11 Nos. / 41 Ha.	0.62	
	5(3)(b)	Conservation, Suitable Use and Documentation of Biological D iversity	4 4 00	0.83	Not approved
	5(3) (c)	Information Technology and C ommunication	As per APO	2.19	
	5(3)(d)	Construction of check gate, wat ch tower, up-gradation and mai ntenance of inspection paths, fo rests roads in forests area, fire li nes etc.			



		Check gate	12 Nos.	0.53	
		Maint. Of Check gate	8 Nos.	0.04	
		Inspection path & fire line cutting	2595 km	1.58	
		Maint. of Patrolling/Inspection Path	1549.50 km	0.35	
		Watch tower i/c. maint.	36 Nos.	1.29	
		Forest Infrastructure Developm ent			
	5(3)(e)	Construction of residential and official building in forests for front line staffs	38 Nos.	5.66	
		Maint. Of buildings of frontline staff	168 Nos.	1.12	
	5(3)(f)	Casual engagement of local peo ple or labours for protection of f orest and wildlife undertaken fr om State Fund		2.19	Deferred Details to be su bmitted
	5(3)(g)	Survey and Mapping of Forest Areas	4 Nos.	0.04	
	5(3)(h)	Monitoring and Evolution	As per APO	0.81	
A	ctivities as p	oer Rule 6(a)(60%)			
6((a)(iv)	for disbursement of salary and a llowances of members and staff s, both regular and contractual, of the State Authority;	55 nos	0.83	
6((a)(iv)	Operationalisation branches of State Authority.	48 Nos.	0.72	Not approved
6((a)(vi)	Professional fee for CA, Audit etc.	As per APO	0.30	Not approved
60	(a)(v)	Disbursement of sitting fees and allowances to the nominated Ex ecutive members/ steering members of St. Authority etc.	As ner APO	0.05	
6	(a)(vi)	Maint. of buildings	60 Nos	0.30	
6	(a)(vi)	Third Party Monitoring	As per APO	0.50	Approved for Rs.50 lakhs out of Rs. 90 lakhs
R	Rule 6(b) (40	%) of the CAF Rules, 2018			



	Grand Total Approved		193.86	
6(b)(iii)	Purchase of LMV	3 Nos.	0.33	Not Approved
6(b)(vi)	rotection of forest and wildlife f or State Authority	6 Nos.	0.08	
	POL & Maint. Of vehicles for p			
6(b)(i)	ment and other administrative e xpenses.	As per APO	0.67	
	Management of office establish			

4. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- i. 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.
- ii. Utilization of State Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) shall be done in such a manner that at least 80% is used for afforestation, forest development and wildlife habitat improvement and up to a maximum 20% amount is to be used for infrastructure/capacity building related items.
- iii. All the records of CAMPA activities including amount sanctioned and expenditure incurred should be maintained by State CAMPA since its inception. The records should be properly maintained with Range, Division office and CEO State CAMPA in prescribed formats and placed on their websites.
- iv. The construction and maintenance of Rescue Centre should only be taken up after vetting of Central Zoo Authority (CZA) and when funds are not available from other sources.
- v. A website of the State CAMPA should be properly developed, if not done earlier. It should have all relevant data, information, plantation maps, KML files of other assets and photographs of various activities carried out under CAMPA. In respect of CA, plantations/ regeneration activities before and after photographs should be uploaded.
- vi. If required and approved by National Authority, casual engagement of local people or local labours may be hired to assist regular staff of State Forest Department for works for protection of forest and wildlife to be undertaken from State fund as per rule 5(3)(f).
- vii. Monitoring and evaluation of the works undertaken shall be the highest priority for the State Authorities. Executive Committee and Steering Committee of all the State/UT Authorities should ensure adequate measures for regular internal and third-party monitoring and evaluation of CAMPA activities.
- viii. For third party monitoring, State should engage agencies, who are professionally/ technically competent and independently working. It should not be local NGOs/ organisations already working with the Forest Department or State Government.
- ix. The monitoring and evaluation report of the works done up to the year 2021-22 should be ready by September, 2022 and made available to National Authority. Similarly report on CAMPA activities taken up in 2022-23 must be made available in time by September 2023.

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- x. A statement that the Annual Report, Annual accounts 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.
- xi. 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 Wildlife Management Plan. Whereas, activities proposed in forest fire prevention and control operations should be as per Integrated Fire Management Plan.
- xii. Soil and Moisture Conservation works should be carried out in an integrated manner from ridge to valley approach in degraded forests. This shall focus on rejuvenation of rivers and achievements should be placed as per the DPRs for 13 major rivers released by MoEF&CC recently. APOs in future should indicate the reference of DPRs being implemented. The data of afforestation, aided forest regeneration and efforts for increasing tree cover outside should be shared with FSI for continuous assessment of green cover and evaluation.
- xiii. The State /UTs Authorities should make a detail record and status of all the lands under protected areas/ forests below transmission lines and submit the status of their management to MoEF&CC.
- xiv. The State EC shall also ensure that there is no overlapping of activities / funding with other schemes and may provide a certificate to that effect.
- xv. Local and indigenous species, especially fruit and fodder species should be given preference in afforestation/ regeneration to be carried out; monoculture and planting of exotic species should be avoided.
- xvi. 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 in degraded forests as well as non-forest lands. Also, priority should be accorded to labour intensive activities for regeneration and development of forests.
- xvii. 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. 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.
- xviii. 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. The tabular information on total proposed outlay of APO submitted by State/UT CAMPA, the funds approved by National Authority, the funds released by state Government and funds utilised during last year.
- xix. Works related to Eco-tourism and Eco-development should be taken up following relevant rules and guidelines after taking necessary approvals.
- xx. Purchase of vehicles is not permitted. Vehicles are to be hired as per approved APO. The repair/maintenance of vehicles shall be limited to the vehicles purchased from the CAMPA funds previously.

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- xxi. State Forest Departments to complete the demarcation and digitization of forest boundaries for protection of forests and plantation activities within six months.
- xxii. IRO should also monitor and evaluate CAMPA activities. Sufficient budgetary provisions should be kept for monitoring by IRO, in the State APOs under monitoring head. IRO should submit the Monitoring and Evaluation reports within three to four months to National Authority.
- xxiii. The validity of APO (2022-23) shall expire on 31.03.2023. Further continuation of the incomplete activities shall be permissible only if they are included in the APO (2023-24) and are approved.
- xxiv. The final approval of APO (2022-23) 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, State CAMPA Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar
- 3. Principal Secretary/Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar
- 4. Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar
- 5. Accountant General, Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.

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- 1. DGF&SS for kind information
- 2. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Kolkata;
- 3. Principal Director (Audit), Scientific Department, AGCR Building, New Delhi;
- 4. IFD/Sanction Folder/ Guard File:
- 5. NIC Cell with a request to upload the sanction order on the official website of MoEF&CC.

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