

**F.No. NA-15/33/2020-NA**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change**  
**(National Authority)**  
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 Dated the 21st September, 2022

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 2022-23 of Punjab State CAMPA.**

Sir/Madam,

With reference to letter no. State Authority/2022-23/SPL/645 dated 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 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 – 2022-23 at total outlay of Rs.239.93 crore, recommended by the State Steering Committee for carrying out approved activities during the current financial year from the “State Compensatory Afforestation Fund – Punjab” created under Section 4 of CAF Act, 2016.

2. During 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of Executive Committee the APO 2022-23 was deliberated and approved with a total cost of **Rs.159.78 crore** and remaining activities were deferred. The details of approved activities as per following component wise details.

(Amount in Rs. crore)

S. No.	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed Outlay		Remarks
			Physical Target (in ha.)	Financial Target (in Crore)	
Site Specific Activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016					
	Mandatory Activities	Compensatory Afforestation			
		Compensatory Afforestation in Degraded Forest on forest land	Advance work 1247.314 ha. Plantation 837.314 ha. Maintenance 8013.350 ha Forest Protection measures 18.424 Ha.	25.41	

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			Physical Target (in ha.)	Financial Target (in Crore)	
		Compensatory Afforestation in Penal CA (All Category)	Advance work 20.188 ha. Plantation 6.218 ha. Maintenance 14.646 ha Forest Protection measures 0.523 Ha.	0.20	
		Compensatory Afforestation in on Non-Forest land Category (All Category)	Advance work 6.220 ha. Plantation 6.220 ha. Maintenance 13.100 ha	0.30	
		Compensatory Afforestation in Alkaline Areas (Forest Land)	Advance work 4.655 ha. Plantation 4.655 ha. Maintenance 69.168 ha	0.40	
		Compensatory Afforestation in Waterlogged Areas (Forest Land)	Advance work 9.720 ha. Plantation 9.720 ha. Maintenance 72.047 ha	0.20	Deferred As per observation at Sr. No. 3 Above
		Compensatory Afforestation in Enrichment plantation	Advance work 10.284 ha. Plantation 0.284 ha. Maintenance 230.381 ha	0.54	
		Additional Compensatory Afforestation (Tall Plant)	Planting of 121502 and maintenance 473479 plants	6.94	Subject to submission of report on survival percentage
		Transplantation of Plants/Poles/trees affected under FCA, 1980		3.60	
		Patrolling, Protection and Monitoring related equipment		3.46	
		Entry point activities and Mesquite removal Project		4.52	Subject to submission of original Project in FC
		Propagation of Nursery Stock for CA Plantation	Raising of Plants for plantation and maintenance 25.96 lakh	3.02	

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S. No.	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed Outlay		Remarks
			Physical Target (in ha.)	Financial Target (in Crore)	
		Total Site-Specific Activities under CA		48.59	
2	Activities as per Rule 5 (2) of CAF rules, 2018				
	5 (2)	Artificial Regeneration (by Plantation)			
	5 (2)(b)	Rehabilitation of Degraded Forest Areas	Advance work 2400 ha. Plantation 2755 ha. Maintenance 7959.5 ha	50.84	
	5 (2)(b)	Enrichment Plantation in Kandi Area	Advance work 2400 ha. Plantation 2200 ha. Maintenance 5654 ha	31.51	
	5 (2)(b)	Plantation in Waterlogged Areas	Advance work 10 ha. Plantation 30 ha. Maintenance 87 ha	0.34	
	5 (2)(b)	Plantation in Salinity affected/Alkaline Areas	Plantation 37 ha. Maintenance 260 ha	1.17	
	5 (2)(b)	Plantation with Tall plants along roads (Raising of new Nursery stock – 301000, Maint. Of existing nursery 160000, cost and planting of 273500 and maint. 408500	--	10.91	
		Sub Total Rule 5 (2)		94.77	
3	Activities as per Rule 5 (3) of CAF rules, 2018				
	5 (3) (j)	Propagation of nursery stock for NPV Plantations	Raising of Plants for plantation and maintenance 128.19 lakh P bags 41778 kg	11.14	
	5 (3) (j)	Supply of nursery stock for plantation at subsidized rates to public and other institutions	Raising of new nursery stock 31.00 lakh Polybags 10333 kg	3.31	
	5(3)(a)	Establishment, up gradation and maintenance of Modern Nurseries and other planting Stock production facilities for	Raising of new Nursery (Tall plants)	1.37	

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S. No.	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed Outlay		Remarks
			Physical Target (in ha.)	Financial Target (in Crore)	
		production of quality planting material for research activities	1.00 lakh and 1.00 lakh plant		
		Sub Total Rule 5 (3)		15.82	
		Total NPV			
4	Activities as per Rule 6 (a) and 6 (b) of CAF rules, 2018				
	6 (a) (i to v)	Activities out of 60% of interest accrued on deposit in State Fund	--	0.60	Approved of Rs.0.60 crore out of Rs.5.99
		<b>Grand total</b>		<b>159.78</b>	

**3. 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.
- 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

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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.
- 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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Chief Executive Officer  
National Authority

**Copy to:**

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Department of Forests, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh;
2. Chief Executive Officer, Punjab CAMPA, Chandigarh;
3. Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh;
4. Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh;
5. Accountant General, Punjab, Chandigarh;

**Copy also forwarded to:**

1. Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi
2. Special Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi

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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