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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
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Dated 10th August 2022

To,
Additional Chief Secretary
Forest & Wildlife Department
Government of Haryana

Sub: Annual Plan Operation for the year 2022-23 of Haryana State CAMPA-reg

Sir,

With reference to the letter no. 275 dated 13.06.2022 of Haryana 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 (CAF) Act, 2016 for the mandatory and time bound activities of the Annual Plan of Operation – Haryana (2021-22) at a total cost of **Rs. 270.68 crore (Rupees Two hundred seventy crores Sixty-Eight lakhs only)** out of proposed outlay of Rs.298.88 crore recommended by the State Steering committee for carrying out approved activities during the current financial year from the “State Compensatory Afforestation Fund – Haryana” 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 and 27th July 2022 and the component wise approval accorded is as under:

Annual Plan of Operation for Financial Year 2022-23 of Haryana State Authority					
S. No.	Activity	Proposed outlay		CAF Act/Rules	Remarks
		Physical Target (in ha.)	Financial Target (Rs. in Crore)		
1. Site Specific Activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016					
a	Compensatory Afforestation (New Work)	2306.12 Ha	100.63	Mandatory Activities	

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b	Maintenance of CA plantations of previous years	5092.39 Ha	26.43		
	Sub Total of Site-Specific Activities -		127.07		
2. Activities as per Rule 5 (2) of CAF Rules, 2018					
a	Assisted Natural regeneration	600 Ha	14.26	5(2)(a)	
b	Artificial Regeneration including maintenance of plantations under AR	1500 RKM & 150 Ha. Maint. 5961.84 Ha.	43.64	5(2)(b)	
c	Soil & Moisture Conservation	As per APO	32.14	5(2)(g)	
d	Improvement of wildlife habitat as provided in the approved wildlife management plan or working plan	As per APO	10.25	5(2)(i)	
e	Supply of wood-saving cooking appliances and other forest produce saving devices	As per APO	0.20	5(2)(l)	Not Approved
	Sub Total 5(2) Rule -		100.49		
3. Activities as per Rule 5 (3) of CAF Rules, 2018					
a	Establishment, up-gradation and maintenance of modern nurseries	10 Nurseries	20.00	5(3)(a)	Approved for Rs. 20.00 crore out of Rs.35.00crore
b	Production and dist. of quality planting material	As per APO	3.00	5(3)(j)	
c	Construction of residential and official buildings in forests for front line staffs	As per APO	10.00	5(3)(e)	
e	Independent concurrent monitoring and evaluation and third-party monitoring of various works	As per APO	1.50	5(3)(h)	
f	Publicity-cum-awareness programme and exhibition on the various schemes	As per APO	0.50	5(3)(i)	Approved for 1.00 Cr only
	Sub Total 5(3) Rule -		42.00		
	Total NPV		142.49		
4. Activities as per Rule 6(a) of CAF Rules, 2018					
a	To offset the incremental cost of compensatory afforestation	As per APO	5.00	6(a)(i)	Deferred. Specific CA wise details

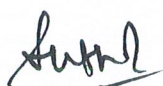
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b	Disbursement of salary and allowances of members and staffs, both regular and contractual, of the State Authority	As per APO	3.00	6(a)(iv)	
	Sub Total 6(a) Rule -		8.00		
5. Activities as per Rule 6(b) of CAF Rules, 2018					
a	Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance for the State Authority	As per APO	0.30	6(b)(ii)	
b	Hiring of staff cars for the use of the officers and officials of the State Authority	As per APO	0.25	6(b)(iii)	
	Sub Total 6(b) Rule -		0.55		
	Total Interest		8.55		
	Approval of certain deferment activities under APO 2021-22 to next financial year 2022-23 (Left over works)	As per APO	4.77		
	Grand Total		270.68		

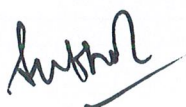
4. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

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. Please refer to 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 in this regard.

- i. 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.
- ii. Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff of State Forest Department for works for protection of forest and wildlife undertaken from State fund as per rule 5(3)(f) is subject to the limit of 25% of total cost under the component. These will be standalone and monitor able items of work, and there shall be no mixing of funding for the same work.
- iii. Monitoring and evaluation of the works undertaken shall be the highest priority for the State Authority, and the EC and the Steering Committee of the State Authority shall take adequate measures in this regard.



- iv. For third party monitoring state should engage agency who are independently working and it should not be local NGOs/ organizations which is attached/ working with the Forest Departments.
- v. The monitoring and evaluation report of the works done upto the year 2020-21 shall be ready by September, 2021, and similarly report on activities taken up in 2021-22 must be made available by September 2022.
- vi. 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.
- vii. 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.
- viii. 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.
- ix. 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.
- x. 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.
- xi. 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.
- xii. State Forest Fire Action Plan proposed in the APO shall be a "standalone" activity.
- xiii. 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.
- xiv. 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.
- xv. 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.



- xvi. Works related to Eco-tourism and Eco-development are permissible only as per approved site-specific schemes.
- xvii. 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 dams 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 (MoEFCC) on an annual basis.
- xviii. 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.
- xix. 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.
- xx. '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.
- xxi. 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.
- xxii. The final approval of APO (2021-22) shall be considered only after the State Government submits a compliance report as per (a) 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 and (b) para 3 of this letter.

Yours Faithfully



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National Authority

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2. Chief Executive Officer, State CAMPA Haryana, Van Bhawan, Panchkula, Haryana.

3. Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Haryana, Panchkula, Haryana.
4. Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Haryana, Panchkula, Haryana
5. Accountant General, Haryana.

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4. Deputy Director General of Forests Central, Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Chandigarh
5. IGF FC/WL/FPD/SU/PE/FP/NAEB/NTCA, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi
6. Principal Director (Audit), Scientific Department, AGCR Building, New Delhi
7. IFD/Sanction Folder/ Guard File.
8. NIC Cell with a request to upload the sanction order on PARIVESH/e-Green watch of MoEFCC.