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Dated the 13th May, 2022.

To,
The Additional Chief Secretary,
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department
Government of Karnataka,
M.S Building, Bengaluru.

Sub: Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2022-23 of Karnataka State CAMPA – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter No.APCCF(CAMPA)/CR 66/2021 22 dated 03rd March, 2022 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-Karnataka (2022-23) at a total cost of **₹.163.31 crore** [Rupees one hundred sixty-three crores and thirty-one lakhs only] out of proposed outlay of **₹.282.56 crore** as recommended by the State Steering Committee for carrying out approved activities during the current financial year from the “State Compensatory Afforestation Fund-Karnataka” created under Section 4 of CAF Act, 2016.

2. The APO was discussed in the 16th meeting of the Executive Committee held on 15th March, 2022. The component wise approvals accorded by the 16th Executive Committees are as under:

Amount in Rs. Crores

| S. No. | CAF Act/Rules | Activity | Proposed outlay | | Remarks |
|------------|---|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| | | | Physical Target (in ha.) | Financial Target (Rs. in Crore) | |
| 1. | Project Specific Activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016 | | | | |
| A | Compensatory Afforestation | | | | |
| i | On Forest Land | | | | |
| | Mandatory Activities | Advance pitting/Trenching (including raising of Nursery) | 868.54 | 5.02 | |
| ii. | On Non Forest Land | | | | |
| | Mandatory Activities | Advance pitting/Trenching (including raising of Nursery) | 86.73 | 0.50 | |


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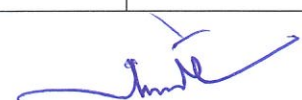
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| | | | Physical Target (in ha.) | Financial Target (Rs. in Crore) | |
| i | Afforestation in Degraded forest area 1 1/2 times of safety zone area | | | | |
| | Mandatory Activities | Advance pitting/Trenching (including raising of Nursery) | 3.74 | 0.02 | |
| ii. | Others if any (Specify ACA, PCA, Dwarf Trees etc.) | | | | |
| a. | Mandatory Activities | Protection and improvement of Wildlife habitat and Development of Kamasandra WL sanctuary under the funds released by the user agency i.e. EE Karnataka Urban water supply and drainage for diversion of 62.07 ha. of forest land across Marakandayya river at yeragolla village in bangarapetetulak. | | 2.00 | |
| b. | | Advance pitting/Trenching (including raising of Nursery) | 1.05 | 0.03 | |
| c. | | Advance pitting/Trenching (including raising of Nursery) SMC/Medicinal Plants | 1.05 | 0.01 | |
| C. | Spill Over works | | | | |
| | | CA Spill over | 6251.31 | 10.03 | |
| | | CATP Spill over | 256.07 | 0.59 | |
| | | SSA Spill over | 3122.27 | 5.05 | |
| | | Sub-Total | | 23.25 | |
| 2. | Activities as per Rule 5 (2) of CAF Rules, 2018 | | | | |
| i. | Artificial Regeneration | | | | |
| a. | 5(2) (b) | Advance work (including raising of Nursery) | 1000.00 | 5.91 | |
| b. | | Raising of seedlings for planned afforestation activities in the areas under control management of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF's) | 50000.00 | 0.12 | |
| c. | 5(2) (d) | Protection of plantation and forest through CPT/Stone wall /Fencing/Retention | 1301.66 | 20.00 | |



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| | | wall/Chainlink mesh/RCC pillars. | | | |
| d. | 5(2) (d) | Protection of plantations and forests Survey & demarcation and boundary consolidation | As per APO | 10.00 | |
| e. | 5(2) (f) | Forest Fire prevention and control operation. (including WL divisions) | As per APO | 10.00 | |
| iii. | | Improvement of wildlife habitat as prescribed in the approved wildlife management plan/working plan | | | |
| a. | 5(2) (i) | Maintenance of road network in Protected Area as per Wildlife management plan. | As per APO | 1.00 | |
| b. | 5(2) (i) | Establishment/ maintenance of different MAC mitigation measures such as Elephant Proof Trenches, Solar fencing, Tentakal fencing, Cable barricades etc. | As per APO | 15.00 | Approved Rs.15.00 crore only out of Rs.25.00 crore |
| c. | 5(2) (i) | Grassland rejuvenation | As per APO | 5.00 | |
| d. | 5(2) (k) | Improvement of Elephant Camps and Anti-Poaching Camps | As per APO | 1.00 | |
| e. | 5(2) (k) | Improvement /Establishment of Elephant Camps/ Rescue centers. | As per APO | 2.00 | |
| f. | 5(2) (h) | Relocation of families residing in Kali Tiger Reserve, Dandeli | As per APO | 27.00 | |
| g. | 5(2) (k) | Assistance to ZAK towards purchase of food & fodder and maintenance of animal rescue centre at koorgally village (mysuru), Bannerghatta (Bengaluru), ABVZ Hampi, Shivamogga & Gadag. | As per APO | 1.00 | |
| | | Sub Total | | 98.03 | |
| 3. | Activities as per Rule 5 (3) of CAF Rules, 2018 | | | | |



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| ii. | 5(3) (d) | Construction, up-gradation and maintenance of inspection paths, forest road in forest area, firelines, watch towers, checkposts, timber depots | As per APO | 4.00 | |
| iii. | 5(3) (h) | Concurrent monitoring and evaluation of works including third party monitoring of works undertaken from State Fund | As per APO | 0.30 | Approved Rs.0.30 crore only out of Rs.0.50 crore. |
| iv. | 5(3) (i) | Publicity cum Awareness for forestry and allied activities undertaken by the forest department. | As per APO | 1.00 | |
| v. | 5(3) | Training and for Capacity building of staff and others | As per APO | 1.00 | |
| | | Sub Total | | 6.30 | |
| 4. | NPV (Spill Over works) | | | | |
| i. | | Conservation and Regeneration of Forests Assited Natural Regeneration | 42179.88 | 20.00 | Approved Rs.20.00 crore only out of Rs. 65.28 crore. |
| ii. | | Assisted Natural Regeneration | 2907.75 | 5.00 | Approved Rs.5.00 crore only out of Rs.12.43 crore. |
| iii. | | Promotion of Sandal Regeneration on estate management concept | 485 | 0.39 | |
| iv. | | Subtotal (NPV Spill Over works) | | 25.39 | |
| | | Total (2+3+4) | | | |
| 5. | Activities as per Rule 6(a) of CAF Rules, 2018 | | | | |
| i | | Payment of wages to outsource employees | As per APO | 0.75 | |
| iii | | Modernization of infrastructure development activities in ICT wing | As per APO | 1.00 | Approved Rs.1.00 crore only out of Rs. 2.00 crore. |
| vi | | Innovative Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) systems or Drones in forest fire control and management. (FRM) | As per APO | 0.42 | |

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| | | | Physical Target (in ha.) | Financial Target (Rs. in Crore) | |
| vii | | Information Education and Capacity Building (IEC) | As per APO | 0.50 | Approved Rs.0.50 crore out of Rs. Out of Rs. 1.00 crore |
| ix | | Conservation programme of Golden Mahaseer in River Cavary | As per APO | 0.05 | |
| x | | Proposal for an impact oriented Nature Education programme at BRT Tiger Reserve | As per APO | 0.16 | |
| | | Sub Total | | 2.88 | |
| 6. | Activities as per Rule 6(b) of CAF Rules, 2018 | | | | |
| a. | Recurring and non-recurring expenditure (RMOE) | | | | |
| i. | 6(b)(i) | Transport expenses | As per APO | 0.06 | |
| ii. | 6(b)(i) | General expenses | As per APO | 0.15 | |
| iii. | 6(b)(i) | Telephone expenses | As per APO | 0.01 | |
| iv. | 6(b)(ii) | Building expenses | As per APO | 0.01 | |
| v. | 6(b)(i) | Travel expenses | As per APO | 0.06 | |
| vi. | 6(b)(vi) | Research Activities | As per APO | 5.00 | |
| vii. | | Conservation and Development of lesser florican | As per APO | 0.50 | |
| viii. | | Study on Ecological losses | As per APO | 0.20 | |
| ix. | | Creation of Utility products by local soliga tribal people using the Lantana weed | As per APO | 0.20 | |
| x. | | Centre for wildlife Research and Training | As per APO | 1.00 | |
| | | Marine Rescue center at Tannirbhavi Tree Park. | As per APO | 0.27 | Approved. Please align with project Dolphin. |
| | | Sub Total | | 7.46 | |
| | Grand Total (Spill Over + Fresh works) | | | 163.31 | |

3. For the items of APO, which have been deferred, EC directed the State Authority to submit the following details to National Authority for consideration in the next EC meeting.

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| 1. | Activities as per Rule 5 (2) of CAF Rules, 2018 | | | | |
| | 5(2) (a) | Advance work (including raising of Nursery) | 8000.00 | 36.11 | Deferred, details to be furnished |
| | Activities as per Rule 5 (3) of CAF Rules, 2018 | | | | |
| | 5(3) (a) | Establishment, up-gradation and maintenance of modern nurseries and other planting stock production facilities for production of quality planting materials | As per APO | 1.00 | Not approved |
| | 5(3) (a) | Establishment of tissue culture lab for the RET species | As per APO | 1.00 | Not approved |
| | | Pilot Project on Forest Fire Management using Aircraft. | As per APO | 0.75 | Not approved |
| | | Purchase of Equipment's (Vigilance) | As per APO | 2.00 | Not Approved |
| | | Biodiversity conservation and development | As per APO | 1.00 | Not approved |
| | | Introducing certification in Forest Management in Karnataka. | As per APO | 0.83 | Not approved |
| | Activities as per Rule 6(a) of CAF Rules, 2018 | | | | |
| | | Comprehensive study on carrying Capacity of Development Projects in Western Ghats of Karnataka | As per APO | 0.15 | Not approved |
| | | Assistance to Forest Policy Research Institute for achieving its objectives in forestry, wildlife and climate change. | As per APO | 2.00 | Not approved |
| | | Subtotal | | 44.84 | |
| 2. | Activities of Utilization of Amount out of "06-Others-139-Major Works" | | | | |
| | | Construction of residential and officials buildings for Front line Staff | As per APO | 10.00 | Not approved |
| | | Grand Total | | 54.84 | |



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.
- 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.
 - 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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