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Dated the 14th June, 2022.

To,
The Secretary/ Commissioner (Forests),
Government of Maharashtra,
Mumbai.

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

Sir,

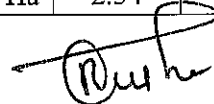
I am directed to refer to letter no. Desk- CAMPA/CR-18/2021-22/52 dated 04th May, 2022 on the above mentioned subject and to convey the approval of the Executive Committee of the National Authority under Section 15 (1) (i) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Act, 2016 for the Annual Plan of Operation- Maharashtra (2022-23) at a total cost of **Rs.611.84 crore** [Rupees six hundred eleven crore and eighty-four lakhs only] out of proposed outlay of **Rs.757.08 crore** as recommended by the Steering Committee for carrying out approved activities during the current financial year from the “State Compensatory Afforestation Fund- Maharashtra” created under Section 4 of CAF Act, 2016.

2. The Executive Committee of National Authority deliberated in detail and approved the APO of 2022-23 with financial outlay of **Rs.611.84 crore** and deferred activities amounting to **Rs.145.24 crore** as per following component wise details.

and deferred

Amount in Rs. crore

S. No.	CAF Rules	Activity	Proposed Outlay		Remarks
			Physical Target (in ha.)	Financial Target	
1.		Site Specific Activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016			
	Mandatory Activities	Compensatory Afforestation Plantations			
		Plantations	1275.296 Ha	37.90	
		Maintenance of Plantations			
		1 st year to 10 th years Maintenance	9687.354 Ha.	22.52	
		Subtotal CA		60.42	
		Catchment Area Treatment Plan			
	Plantations	145.00 Ha	2.54		



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			Physical Target (in ha.)	Financial Target	
		Maintenance of Plantations	782.50 Ha	3.20	
		Soil Moisture Works	3790 No.	8.73	
		Subtotal CAT Plans		14.47	
		Integrated Wildlife Management Plan			
		First year works -Protected Area		0.60	Approved Rs.0.60 crore out of Rs.1 crore
		Subtotal IWMP		0.60	
		Other (Conditional Works)			
		Plantations	95.448 Ha.	1.90	
		Maintenance of Plantations	434.334 Ha.	0.89	
		Soil Moisture Works		1.56	
		Infrastructure & Forest Protection		0.87	
		Wildlife Activities		4.36	
		Other Works		0.35	
		Subtotal Other (Conditional Works)		9.93	
		Sub Total of Site-Specific Activities		85.42	
2.	Non-Site Specific – Activities as per Rule 5(2) of the CAF Rules 2018 (80%)				
	5(2)(a)	ANR Plantation	1321.00 Ha	22.32	
		Maintenance of ANR Plantations	820.00 Ha	5.72	
	5(2)(b)	AR Plantation	75.00 Ha	0.82	
		Maintenance of AR Plantations	8942.930 Ha	25.11	
	5(2)(c)	Grass Plantation	1666.360 Ha	35.43	
		Maintenance of Grass Plantation Plantations	4667.00 Ha	40.06	
	5 (2)(d)	Protection of Plantations and Forests			
		Encroachment removal & Forest Protection	33054 Rmt	10.41	
		Survey, Demarcation & Fencing of Sensitive forest areas	70874 Rmt	28.34	
		Construction of Boundary Pillars	28724 No.	18.88	
		Construction, upgradation and maintenance of Protection camps/Protection Huts/ Forest Custody/ Labour Shed	157 No.	23.74	
		Rehabilitation of Encroachment Cleared Areas	83 No.	1.76	

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			Physical Target (in ha.)	Financial Target	
		Improving mobility of frontline staff for forest protection & patrolling.	L.S.	1.48	
	5(2)(e)	Pest and Disease Control in Forests	63 Ha.	0.02	
	5(2)(f)	Forest fire prevention and Control	As per APO	15.16	
	5(2)(g)	Soil and Moisture Conservation			
		Soil Conservation works in forest areas	3240 No. 1253 Ha. 3345 Rmt.	68.15	
		Soil and Water Conservation / Harvesting works LIDAR	As per DPR	10.00	
	5(2)(h)	Voluntary relocation of villages from Protected areas		100.00	Approved. State to send Impact Study Report (Ecological, Social and economic) for earlier village relocations.
	5(2)(i)	Improvement of Wildlife Habitat	As per APO	68.24	
	5(2)(j)	Planting and rejuvenation of forest cover on non-forest land falling in wildlife corridors	LS	0.03	
	5(2)(k)	Establishment, operation and maintenance of animal rescue centre and veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals	218 No.	27.50	Subject to CZA approval
	5(2)(l)	Energy Saving Measures	7250 Nos.	1.35	Not approved
	5(2)(m)	Management of Biological diversity and resources	20 Nos	13.92	Not approved
3.	Activities as per Rule 5 (3) of the CAF Rules, 2018 (20%)				
	5(3)(a)	Establishment up gradation and Maintenance of Modern Nursery		2.40	
	5(3)(b)	Conservation, suitable use and documentation of biological diversity	524 Nos	22.45	Not approved
	5(3)(c)	Information Technology and Communication		9.50	Deferred
	5(3)(d)	Construction, up-gradation and maintenance of Inspection paths/Forest roads in forest area/flush	1331 No.	12.85	Deferred

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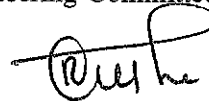
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			Physical Target (in ha.)	Financial Target	
		causeway/watch towers /Check posts/Check Naka			
	5(3)(e)	Construction of Residential and Official Buildings for Front Line Field Staff	236 No.	70.62	Deferred
	5(3)(f)	Casual engagement of local people or labours		3.05	
	5(3)(g)	Survey and Mapping of Forest Areas		1.00	
	5(3)(h)	Monitoring and Evaluation		1.00	Approved Rs.1 crore out of Rs.2.02 crore
	5(3)(i)	Publicity and Awareness Program/Capacity Building		1.00	Approved Rs.1 crore out of Rs.3.43 crore
	5(3)(j)	Production and distribution of quality planting material [Saplings for planned afforestation activities in the area under control / management of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs)]		0.50	For raising of saplings
5.	Rule 6(b) (60%) of the CAF Rules, 2018				
	6 (a) (i to iii)	To offset the incremental cost CA/CAT Plan/IWMP)		7.50	As per actual rates
	6 (a) (iv)	for disbursement of salary and allowances of members and staffs, both regular and contractual, of the State Authority;		4.00	
	6(a) (v)	for disbursement of sitting fees and allowances to nominated members of State Authority;		1.00	
	6(a) (vi)	Activities referred to in sub rules 2 and 3 of Rule 5 (including LiDAR Survey)		9.00	Deferred
	Rule 6(b) (40%) of the CAF Rules, 2018				
	6 (b) (i)	Management of office establishment;		0.10	Approved Rs.0.10 crore out of Rs.0.50 crore

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	6 (b)(iii)	Office equipment's including computers and peripherals and its maintenance for the state authority		0.10	Approved Rs.0.10 crore out of Rs.0.50 crore
		Hiring of staff cars for the use of the officers and officials of the State Authority;		0.10	Approved Rs.0.10 crore out of Rs.0.50 crore
	6 (b)(iv)	Hiring of buildings on lease for the office establishment and residences of the officers of the State Authority;		0.50	Not approved
		Hiring of			
		Grand total Deferred		145.24	
		Grand total Approved		611.84	

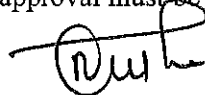
3. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 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 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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Joint Chief Executive Officer
National Authority

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2. The Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
3. Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra State CAMPA, Nagpur.
4. Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
5. Accountant General, Mumbai.

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2. Chief Executive Officer (National Authority), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi;
3. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Kolkata;
4. Principal Director (Audit), Scientific Department, AGCR Building, New Delhi;
5. IFD/Sanction Folder/ Guard File;
6. NIC Cell with a request to upload the sanction order on the official website of MoEF&CC.



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