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Dated the 10th August, 2022.

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Maharashtra,
Mumbai

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

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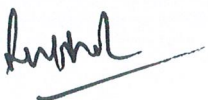
With reference to the letter No.Desk-CAMPA/CR-18(21-22)/52 dated 04.05.2022 of Maharashtra State CAMPA on the above-mentioned subject, it is to convey the approval of the Executive Committee of the National Authority under section 15 (1) (i) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Act, 2016 for the mandatory and time bound activities of the Annual Plan of Operation – Maharashtra (2022-23).

2 During the 17th meeting of the Executive Committee of National Authority has approved APO of 2022-23 at total cost of **Rs.611.84 crore** and deferred/not approved Rs.145.24 crore vide letter dated 14th June, 2022 out of proposed outlay of Rs.757.08 crore. The State Authority has submitted the clarifications regarding each item of work and detail justifications of deferred activities.

3. The deferred activities of APO 2022-23 were discussed in the 18th Executive Committee meeting of National Authority and approved for **Rs.96.27** crore as per following component wise details:

(Amount in Rs. crore)

S. No.	CAF Rules	Activity	Physical Target (in ha.)	Financial Target	Remarks
1.		Site Specific Activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016			
	Mandatory Activities	Integrated Wildlife Management Plan -Protected Area		Approved Rs.0.60 crore out of Rs.1 crore for the 1 st year works. The remaining Rs 0.40 crore State Authority shall propose in APO 2023-24.	
2.	Non-Site Specific – Activities as per Rule 5(2) of the CAF Rules 2018 (80%)				



	5(2)(l)	Energy Saving Measures	7250 Nos.	1.35	Not approved
	5(2)(m)	Management of Biological diversity and resources			
		New research projects and Maintenance of ongoing projects by the research wing of the Maharashtra Forest Department.	11 Nos.	3.57	Comments from Wildlife Division be obtained. WII has also taken funds from National Fund for GIB conservation. To be verified for avoiding duplication of activities if any, from State Fund.
		Base studies for forestry and wildlife-related subjects.	4 Nos.	1.58	
		Conservation of Wildlife like GIB, Wild buffalo, Turtle, Vultures, Owl, Sparrow, etc.,	5 Nos.	8.77	
3.	Activities as per Rule 5 (3) of the CAF Rules, 2018 (20%)				
	5(3)(b)	Conservation, suitable use and documentation of biological diversity			
		Documentation and Publications of study materials for FTIs		0.60	
		Conducting Workshops/ Trainings/ Seminars/ Conferences for promoting conservation & sustainable use of biological diversity and capacity building of frontline staff & officers.	48 No.	1.65	
		Capacity building and gender sensitization of Forest Staff's through FTI/TERI/Forest academies/other institutions/CFRMC/JFMC/PRI	476 No.	2.00	Approved Rs.2.00 crore out of Rs.20.00 crore
		Improving training inputs through guest faculties in Forest Training Institutes/ Forest Academies	-	0.20	
	5(3)(c)	Information Technology and Communication		3.20	Approved Rs.3.20crore out of Rs.9.50crore
	5(3)(d)	Construction, up-gradation and maintenance			
		Inspection paths/Forest roads in forest area	1127 Km	3.24	
		flush causeway	144 No.	5.00	
		watch towers	43 No.	3.28	

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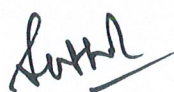
		Check posts/Check Naka	21 No.	1.33	
	5(3)(e)	Construction of Residential and Official Buildings for Front Line Field Staff			
		Construction of Forest Guard Quarter (Type-I)	91 No.	20.02	
		Construction of Type-1 (G+2) 3 Units Residential Building for Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF)	3 No.	5.41	
		Construction of Forester Quarters (Type-II)	48 No.	12.48	
		Construction of RFO Quarters (Type-III)	36 No.	12.96	
		Construction of Range office	38 No.	17.09	
		Amenities for Woman Front line staff	19 No.	2.66	
	5(3)(h)	Monitoring and Evaluation		1.02	
	5(3)(i)	Publicity and Awareness Program/Capacity Building		2.43	
	6 (a) (vi)	Activities referred to in sub-rule-2 and 3 of rule 5 (including LiDAR Survey)		9.0	Not approved
5.	Rule 6(b) (60%) of the CAF Rules, 2018				
	Rule 6(b) (40%) of the CAF Rules, 2018				
	6 (b) (i)	Management of office establishment;		0.40	
	6 (b)(iii)	Office equipment's including computers and peripherals and its maintenance for the state authority		0.40	
		Hiring of staff cars for the use of the officers and officials of the State Authority;		0.40	
	6 (b)(iv)	Hiring of buildings on lease for the office establishment and residences of the officers of the State Authority;		0.50	
		Hiring of			
		Grand total Approved		96.27	

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.

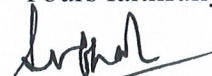
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- ii. Utilization of State Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) shall be done in such a manner that at least 80% is used for afforestation, forest development and wildlife habitat improvement and up to a maximum 20% amount is to be used for infrastructure/capacity 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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Chief Executive Officer
National Authority

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1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)-cum-Chairperson, Maharashtra State CAMPA, Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
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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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.