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Dated the 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

To,

The Principal Secretary,  
Department of Forests,  
Government of West Bengal  
Kolkata.

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

Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter No. No 606/CAMPA/2C/-04/22-23(Vol.II) dated 25.01.2022 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-West Bengal (2022-23) at a total cost of **₹.50.23 crore** [Rupees fifty crore twenty three lakhs only] out of proposed outlay of **₹.81.05 crore** as recommended by the State Steering Committee for carrying out approved activities during the current financial year from the “State Compensatory Afforestation Fund-West Bengal” created under Section 4 of CAF Act, 2016.

2. The APO was discussed in the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2022. The component wise approvals accorded by the 16<sup>th</sup> Executive Committees are as under:

Amount in Rs. Crores

Sl. No.	CAF Rules	Activity	Physical Target (in ha.)	Financial Target (Rs. in Crore)	Remarks
1.	<b>Site Specific Activities</b>				
a	Mandatory Activities	Compensatory Afforestation			
		a. Advance work	212.20	6.14	
		a. Creation of Plantations Work	397.54		
		a. Maintenance of older plantations (re-stocking & re-felling work)	914.00		
b		Catchment Area Treatment plan			



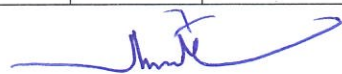
Sl. No.	CAF Rules	Activity	Physical Target (in ha.)	Financial Target (Rs. in Crore)	Remarks
		a. CAT Plan of TDLP by NHPC:- Bamboo plantation, Gap plantation, Crete Wall, CC wall, Broom Grass plantation, Medicinal plants plantation etc.	As per APO	0.15	
		a. CAT Plan by NHPC:- construction of Plum Sausage walls, Catch Water drain etc.	As per APO	0.50	
		a. CAT Plan by NTPC (Ramnam Hydro) Project :- Afforestation, Gap Plantation, Nursery development, Fuel & Fodder plantation & Catch Water Drain etc	As per APO	0.50	
c		Wildlife Management Plan			
		a. Re-digging of ED - water harvesting structure for elephant	2 Nos.	0.60	
		a. Quick Response Teams, Rescue Mechanism, Forest Management Centres	For 8 Ranges	0.085	
		a. Wildlife Management Plan Sevok Rangpo Railway Project	As per APO	11.96	
		<b>Sub-total of Site Specific Activities -</b>		<b>19.93</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Activities as per Rule 5 (2) of CAF Rules, 2018</b>				
a	5(2)(b)	Artificial Regeneration			
		a. Advance work (a) CAMPA plantation	560.79	0.65	
		a. Creation of Plantation (a) General Plantation-	200	1.77	
		a. Maintenance of older plantations (re-stocking & re-felling work)	434.67	0.57	
		a. Maintenance of older Gap plantations (re-stocking & re-felling work)	374.0	0.19	
		a. Creation of Gap Planting in degraded Sal Forest	105.00	0.73	



Sl. No.	CAF Rules	Activity	Physical Target (in ha.)	Financial Target (Rs. in Crore)	Remarks
		a. Rejuvenation of degraded Sal Forest (Details in Page No- 72-77)	1323.21	1.77	
		a. Multiple Shoot Cutting	1590.70	1.33	
		a. Urban plantation for control of Air pollution	62000 Nos.	0.05	
b	5(2)(c)	Silvicultural operations in forests	80		
		a. Silviculture- Renovation of Mist Chamber, clonal orchard, seedling seed orchard, Hardening Chamber, mist chamber, Setting up of orchards including fencing Maintenance of Seedling seed orchard, Clonal Seed orchard, Plus tree, Seed stands, Propagation of Vegetative cutting	As per APO	0.80	
		a. Thinning of seed stands raised by Silviculture Wing	80	0.32	
c	5(2)(d)	a. Protection of plantation and Forest			
		a. Engagement of Labour from JFMC to help staff in forest protection	36940 Person Days	0.99	
		a. Purchase of searchlight and battery	1535 Nos.	0.46	
		a. Hiring of vehicle for patrolling	Total 1157 days for 28 Divisions @3500 per vehicle/per day	0.41	
		a. Setting up of forest boundary Pillar-	1325 Nos.	0.53	
		a. Digitization of Forest Boundary	910 Nos.	0.30	
		a. Developing camping site at Sutan forest, Bankura Dist for facilitating field training to the frontline staff	96 Nos.	0.40	



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d	5(2)(f)	Forest Fire prevention and control operations			
		Maintenance of fire line	2511.29 km	0.68	
		Engagement of fire watcher	38985 PDS	1.04	
		Purchase of fire control equipment.	As per APO	0.55	
f	5(2)(i)	Improvement of wildlife habitat as provided in the approved wildlife management plan or working plan			
		Cut back of grass land	275	0.44	
		Solar power in remote protection tower	9 Nos.	0.14	
		Water retention structure	15 Nos.	0.23	
		Over wood removal	50 ha	0.08	
		Eradication of obnoxious weed	30 ha	0.45	
		Purchase of tranquilizing equipment and drug		0.15	
		Works related to elephant management & combating Elephant depredation -Wild animal depredation – 83857 PDS, Hiring of vehicles for 22 Divisions for total 3615 days @Rs.3500 per vehicle per day, purchase of material & equipments	3700 Nos.	5.48	
		Cleaning and de-siltation of water –	102 ha	1.54	
		Control of maling bamboo infestation at Sinchal WLS	10 ha	0.20	
		<b>Total 5(2) Rule</b>		<b>22.25</b>	
<b>3. Activities as per Rule 5 (3) of CAF Rules, 2018</b>					
a	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	0.03	
b	5(3)(b)	Promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of biological	As per APO	0.12	



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		diversity including preservation of habitats, conservation of land and folk varieties and cultivars, domesticated stocks and breeds of animals and microorganisms and chronicling of knowledge relating to biological diversity			
c	5(3)(c)	Purchase and maintenance of equipment or devices used for communication and information technology for the purpose of protection of forest and wildlife	As per APO	0.07	Approved Rs.0.07 crore out of Rs 0.41 crore
d	5(3)(d)	Construction, up-gradation and maintenance of inspection paths, forest roads in forest area, fire lines, watch towers, check posts and timber depots	As per APO	0.50	Approved Rs.0.50 crore out of Rs 1.54 crore
e	5(3)(e)	Construction of residential and official buildings in forests for front line staffs deployed for protection of forest and wildlife	As per APO	4.77	
f	5(3)(h)	Independent concurrent monitoring and evaluation and third party monitoring of various works undertaken from State Fund	As per APO	0.41	
g	5(3)(i)	Publicity-cum-awareness programme and exhibition on the various schemes being implemented by the State Authority from State Fund	As per APO	0.11	
		<b>Total 5(3) Rule -</b>	<b>As per APO</b>	<b>6.01</b>	
<b>4.</b>		<b>Activities as per Rule 6(a) of CAF Rules, 2018</b>			As per APO
a	6(a)(i)	To offset the incremental cost of compensatory afforestation and penal compensatory afforestation at the increased wage rates	As per APO	0.22	
b	6(a)(ii)	To offset the incremental cost of catchment area treatment plan at the increased wage rates	As per APO	0.20	
c	6(a)(iv)	For disbursement of salary and allowances of members and staffs, both regular and contractual, of the State Authority	As per APO	0.75	Approved Rs.0.75 crore out of Rs 1.25 crore



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d	6(a)(v)	For disbursement of sitting fees and allowances to nominated members of the State Authority	As per APO	0.02	
e	6(a)(vi)	Activities referred to in sub-rules (2) and (3) of rule 5 (Training of field staff/CAMPA staff/FPCs)	As per APO	0.06	Approved Rs.0.06 crore out of Rs 0.12 crore
		<b>Total 6(a) Rule -</b>		<b>1.25</b>	
<b>5. Activities as per Rule 6(b) of CAF Rules, 2018</b>					
a	6(b)(i)	Management of office establishment		0.30	Approved Rs.0.30 crore out of Rs 0.55 crore
b	6(b)(ii)	Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance for the State Authority	As per APO	0.10	Approved Rs.0.10 crore out of Rs 0.20 crore
c	6(b)(iii)	Hiring of staff cars for the use of the officers and officials of the State Authority	As per APO	0.26	
d	6(b)(v)	Other contingencies for management of the State Authority, with the approval of the steering committee of the State Authority	As per APO	0.05	
e		Others - Other Administrative Expenses (Hospitality / Entertainment etc.)	As per APO	0.02	
f		Others - Payment of Professional & Special Service - Other Charges	As per APO	0.04	Approved Rs.0.04 crore out of Rs 0.08 crore
g		Housekeeping & Security		0.02	
		<b>Total Interest</b>		<b>0.79</b>	
		<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>50.23</b>	



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.

Sl. No.	CAF Rules	Activity	Physical Target (in ha.)	Financial Target (Rs. in Crore)	Remarks
<b>1. Activities as per Rule 5 (2) of CAF Rules, 2018</b>					
	5(2)(c)	Research trial on Protection of Earthen Embankment in Sundarban Mangrove Forest through vegetative solutions	As per APO	2.20	Not approved
		Study on the potential of Agro Forestry in West Bengal	As per APO	0.20	
		Study on the potential of Medicinal Plants cultivation in West Bengal (near FPC areas)	As per APO	0.20	
		Establishment of REDD+ on Climate Change mitigation studies	As per APO	0.20	
	5(2)(d)	Purchasing of vehicle (Mahindra Bolero) for forest protection	100	9.00	Not approved
		Purchasing of vehicle ( Mahindra Thar) for forest protection	50	6.50	Not approved
		Purchasing of arms & ammunition for forest protection	Purchase of Guns, Rifles, Pistols and Cartridges.	0.85	Not approved
	5(2)(g)	Soil and moisture conservation works in the forest (includes research activity)	As per APO	1.45	Deferred, details to be furnished
	5(2)(i)	Advance cum creation of grass fodder plantation (Includes advance cum creation works, energized fencing around grass fodder plantation)	As per APO	1.01	Deferred Details of Wildlife plan to be submitted
		Construction of tower at JFMC area	34 Nos.	0.51	Not approved
		Underpass at Jaldapara National Park	1 Nos.	5.00	Deferred Details of justification to be furnished
	5(2)(k)	Establishment, operation and maintenance of animal rescue centre and veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals	As per APO	0.22	Not approved



Sl. No.	CAF Rules	Activity	Physical Target (in ha.)	Financial Target (Rs. in Crore)	Remarks
	5(2)(l)	Supply of wood-saving cooking appliances and other forest produce saving devices in forest fringe villages as specified by the National Authority from time to time	As per APO	0.64	Not approved
	5(2)(m)	Management of biological diversity and biological resource	As per APO	1.08	Not approved
		<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>29.06</b>	

**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

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- 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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