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Dated: 3rd July, 2023

To,
The Principal Secretary,
Forests Department
Government of Sikkim,
Gangtok

Sub: Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2023-24 of Sikkim State CAMPA reg-

Ref: The letter no. F.6-419/CAMPA-11/For-FC-2019/5370-373 dated 28.03.2023 of Government of Sikkim

Sir,

With reference to the above-mentioned letter, it is to convey the approval of the Executive Committee of the National Authority under section 15 (1) (i) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 for the State Annual Plan of Operation –2023-24 received on 30.05.2023 for an amount of **Rs. 47.22 crores** (Rupees forty seven crores and twenty two lakhs only) against the proposed outlay of **Rs. 81.26 crores** (Rupees eighty one crores and twenty six lakhs only) for carrying out CAMPA activities including the mandatory and time bound. The amount under NPV has been restricted to 25% of the NPV funds available with the State.

2. As per the decision taken in the Executive Committee meeting, the NPV component of CAMPA fund has been rationalized to less than 25% for continuation and sustainability of CAMPA activities aimed for improvement of quality of forest and wildlife habitat and essential measures required for forest fire prevention and control.

3. The Annual Plan of Operation 2023-24 was discussed in detail by the Executive Committee of the National Authority during the 23rd Executive Committee meeting of the National Authority. The details of considered component-wise activities are as follows:

(Area in Ha. & Amount in Crore)

S. No.	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed Outlay		Green Employment to be generated (In man-days)	Remarks (Details at appendix)	
			Physical Target	Fin Target			
1		Site-specific activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016					
		Compensatory Afforestation					
	Mandatory Activities	i	Maintenance of existing / older plantation	884.55	2.48	31587	Approved
		ii	New plantation	104.06	4.33	46630	Approved
		iii	Spill over work/committed liabilities		1.93		Approved
		Catchment Area Treatment Plan					

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		1	Diversion of 26.2313 Ha. of forest land for construction of 96 MW Rongni Chhu HEP by Madhya Bharat Power Corporation Ltd.	As per APO	1.28	11649	Approved
		2	Diversion of 22.5069 Ha. of forest land for construction of 52 MW Bhasmey HEP in East Sikkim by Gati Infrastructure Ltd.	As per APO	0.37	3405	Approved
		3	Diversion of 89.4266 Ha. of forest land for construction of 500 MW Teesta Stage-VI HEP by LANCO Energy Pvt. Ltd.	As per APO	3.36	30560	Approved
		4	Diversion of 83.0405 Ha. of forest land for construction of 1200 MW Teesta Stage-III HEP by Teesta Urja Ltd.	As per APO	0.79	7153	Approved
		5	Diversion of 20.7454 Ha. of forest land for construction of 300 MW Panan HEP by Himagiri Pvt. Ltd.	As per APO	0.64	5942	Approved
		6	Diversion of 9.7129 Ha. of forest land for construction of 96 MW Dikchu HEP by Sneha Kinetic Pvt. Ltd.	As per APO	1.89	17156	Approved
		7	Diversion of 5.431 Ha. of forest land for construction of 66 MW Rangit-II HEP by SHPV Ltd.	As per APO	0.86	7779	Approved
		8	Diversion of 4.3492 Ha. of forest land for construction of 97 MW Tashiding HEP in West Sikkim by M/S Shiga Energy Ltd. (Revised)	As per APO	0.33	2985	Approved
		9	Diversion of 1.927 ha. of forest land for construction of 120 MW Rammam HEP stage-III in West Distt. of Sikkim	As per APO	0.28	2536	Approved
		10	Spill over work/committed liabilities		1.38		Approved
		Integrated Wildlife Management Plan (IWMP)					
		1	Diversion of 52.70 ha of reserve forest land for the construction/improvement of Flaghill-Madhubala-Dokala Road in Latuui RF within the Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary in East Sikkim by 130 RCC (BRO)	As per APO	1.94	12925	Approved
		2	Diversion of 2.10 Ha. of forest land for development of Skywalk for Promotion of Wildlife Tourism at Bhaleydhunga, Maenam Wildlife Sanctuary, South Sikkim.	As per APO	0.19	1710	Approved
		3	Spill over work/committed liabilities		1.02		Approved
		Any Other (Site specific activities in accordance with FC proposal)					
		1	Diversion of 20.7454 Ha. of forest land for construction of 300 MW Panan HEP by Himagiri Pvt. Ltd.	As per APO	0.24	218	Approved
		2	Diversion of 26.448 Ha. of forest land for widening / improvement of J N Road to NHDL specification from Km 24 to 51.385 km in East District by BRO	As per APO	0.27	2220	Approved
		3	Diversion of 4.3492 Ha. of F/L for const. of 97 MW Tashiding HEP in West Sikkim by M/S Shiga Energy Ltd. (Revised)	As per APO	0.19	1682	Approved
		4	Diversion of 89.4266 ha of forest land for construction of 500 MW Teesta Stage VI HEP in East/South District of Sikkim	As per APO	0.19	1850	Approved
2	Activity as per Rule 5(2) of CAF Rules, 2018						
	5(2)a	ANR					
		i	Aided Natural Regeneration (Creation work)	100	0.46	9695	Approved
	5(2)b	AR					

		i	Maintenance of nursery for production of seedlings for Artificial Regeneration	-	0.05	1000	Approved
		ii	Fodder Plantation	150	0.57	19867	Approved
		iii.	Silvipasture Development	150	0.64	16716	Approved
		iv.	Avenue Plantation	25	0.26	6868	Approved
		v	Bamboo Plantation (Large bamboo with Rhizome)	30	0.28	7401	Approved
	5(2)g	Soil and Moisture Conservation works					
		i	SMC works within forest areas	93	0.73	18983	Deferred
		ii	Broom Grass Plantation	150	0.50	12932	Approved
	5(2)k	Establishment, maintenance of animal rescue centre and veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals					
		(a)	Maintenance of animal rescue Centre at HZP	As per APO	0.10	2133	Approved
		(b)	Improvement and upgradation of HZP		0.10	2133	Approved
		(c)	Veterinary treatment of wild animals		0.15	-	Approved
	5(2)m	Management of biological diversity and biological resource					
		(a)	Upgradation of City Garden at Gangtok		0.30	4000	Approved
		(b)	Plantation and creation of nursery in government school	20	0.15	5000	Approved
		(c)	Restoring Climate Sensitive Oak Forests	160	0.80	9600	Deferred
		(d)	Human-wildlife conflict management measure in and around PAs	All PAs	0.60	15700	Approved
3	Activities as per Rule 5(3) of the CAF Rule, 2018						
	5(3)e	Construction of residential and official buildings for front line staff			1.50	40240	Approved
	5(3)f	Casual engagement of local people or labourers to assist regular staff of State Forest Department for protection of forest and wildlife.			1.20	24000	Approved
	5(3)h	Independent concurrent monitoring and Third Party monitoring and evaluation					
		i	Third Party monitoring and evaluation		0.30	2400	Approved
4	Activities as per Rule 6(a) of the CAF Rule, 2018						
	6(a)i	To offset incremental cost of CA/PCA at increased wage rate			2.84	34038	Deferred for want of detailed estimates
	6(a)ii	To offset incremental cost of CAT at increased wage rate			8.48	84791	Deferred for want of detailed estimates
	6(a)iii	To offset incremental cost of IWMP at increased wage rate			0.02	173	Approved
	6(a)iii	To offset incremental cost of Others (BC Plan) at increased wage rate			0.03	320	Approved
	6(a)iv	For disbursement of salary and allowances State CAMPA Authority & Staff.			0.78	15622	Approved
	6(a)vi	Activities referred to in sub rule-2(2) and (3) of Rule 5					
		1	Management of biological resources of KNP World Heritage Site	As per programme	0.50	15000	Approved
		2	Construction, up-gradation and maintenance of inspection paths, forest roads in forest area, watch towers, check posts, timber depots	As per programme	1.00	12000	Approved
		3	Creation/augmentation of field protection camp at Rongong RF, Mangan district (Phase-II)	As per programme	0.20	10000	Approved
		4	Conservation, management and upgradation of 7 sisters water falls area at Phensang, North Sikkim	As per programme	0.20	8000	Approved
		5	Bio-diversity park, awareness centre and erosion control measures at Gyalshing district (Kalezkhola)	As per programme	0.20	6800	Approved

	6	Construction of Dry Stone wall fencing in forest areas for protection and demarcation of boundaries	5	0.76	4847	Approved
			26	3.06	32967	Approved
	7	Construction of DRSM wall in landslide forest areas	2213	0.88	13359	Approved
5	Activities as per Rule 6(b) of the CAF Rule, 2018					
	6(b)i	Management of office establishment State CAMPA CEO		0.40	800	Approved
	6(b)ii	Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance		0.10		Approved
	6(b)iii	Hiring of staff cars for the use only for CEO office		0.03		Approved
	6(b)v	Other contingencies for management of State Authority				
	(a)	CAG Audit Fees		0.04		Not approved
	(b)	POL/HSD and maintenance of vehicles & machineries of state authority offices		0.40		Approved
	(c)	Advertisement / awareness / IEC / publication / conference under State Authority/ other contingencies		1.00		Approved for 0.25 Cr
	6(b)vi	Any other activity for management of forests and wildlife with the approval of Steering Committee and included in the APO				
	(a)	Protection of community forest at Kabi Lungchuk, Mangan District		0.40	8000	Approved
	(b)	Management of wildlife habitat of Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary		0.40	8560	Approved
	(c)	Training and capacity building of frontline forest staff / officer on Human Wildlife Conflict, Forest Fires, Forest protection, Forest Diversion related matters and GIS tools for monitoring and evaluation		1.00	3400	Approved for Rs.0.30 crore
	(d)	Procurement of maps: ISFR 2019 & 2021, Digital copy of SOI maps		0.05		Approved
	(e)	Ground water recharge and firefighting through Water Harvesting structures in drought and fire prone forest areas		4.00	32000	Approved for Rs. 2.0 crores
	(f)	Management and reclamation of degraded forest land into Nature Park/Biodiversity Park at Labarbotey in North Sikkim (Phase III)		0.30	5600	Approved
	(g)	Stabilization and eco-restoration of erosion affected Alley Khasmal at Berthang in Gyalshing district		0.20	3820	Approved
	(h)	Conservation and management of temperate forest through soil and moisture works through allied activities at Sim Gaikhana RF at Labi Sardong.		0.05	4000	Approved
	(i)	Patrolling path and protective measures in fringe forest areas of Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary		0.28	6400	Approved
	(j)	Protection of plantation and forest				
		(i)Construction of catch water drain in different locations	500	0.29	7099	Approved
		(ii) Construction of CCM wall in landslide in forest areas	1000	1.06	23710	Approved
		(iii) Construction of Sausage wall/ crate wall in landslide areas	1525	0.91	15740	Approved
		(iv) Forest Protection, erosion and debris control in affected areas under Namchi district		0.10	4000	Approved
	(k)	Protective measures for eco-restoration of high risk slide prone areas at Tathangchen Khasaml		0.10	4800	Approved
	(l)	Eco-restoration of landslip and protected works at lower Pathing, Ramphukhola		0.05	2400	Approved

	(m)	Management of wildlife habitat of Shingba Rhododendron Sanctuary, North Sikkim	As per APO	0.10	2133	Approved
	(n)	Management of wildlife habitat of Barsey Rhododendron Sanctuary	As per APO	1.00	14400	Approved for Rs. 0.50 crore
	(o)	Conservation and management plan for Tingkyong Lake, Lower Dzongu, Mangan District		0.20	5600	
	(p)	Support to Sikkim Fire and emergency services for forest fire fighting		0.025	317	Not approved
		Total approved			47.22	

5. State Government is requested to release the CAMPA fund to the CEO, State CAMPA/State Forest Department immediately for carrying out approved activities in accordance with the APO 2023-24 approved by the National Authority.

6. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

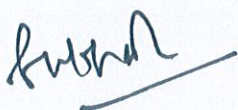
- i. The approved activities shall be carried out as per Rule- 4 of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Rules, 2018 and as per the provisions of the State Financial Rules or any such rules applicable from time to time in the State.
- ii. Utilization of State Compensatory Afforestation Fund shall 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 since its inception should be maintained by State CAMPA office with supporting documents and maps at Range, Division levels in prescribed formats and also to be placed on website.
- iv. 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 afforestation and other assets alongwith relevant photographs of various activities carried out under CAMPA. In respect of CA, plantations/ regeneration activities before and after photographs should also be uploaded.
- v. Local people should be preferred for casual engagement to assist regular staff of State Forest Department in CAMPA activities as per rule 5(3)(f).
- vi. The protection of forest and wildlife is primarily the responsibility of state Government and such works should be undertaken from the regular State budget.
- vii. The Monitoring and Evaluation of the CAMPA activities/ works should be the highest priority for the State Authorities. Steering Committee and Executive Committee of State/UT Authorities should ensure adequate measures for regular internal and third-party monitoring and evaluation of CAMPA activities on regular basis. For third party monitoring, State should engage agencies, which are professionally/ technically competent and independent of the State Government.
- viii. Monitoring and Evaluation Reports of the works done up to the year 2022-23 and previous years should be provided to National Authority before 30.09.2023 with a copy to Forest Survey of India.
- ix. 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.
- x. 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

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proposed in forest areas are in consonance with approved working plan; and activities proposed in protected areas (PAs) are in consonance with approved State Wildlife Management Plan, whereas activities proposed in forest fire prevention and control operations should be as per Integrated Fire Management Plan of the state.


- xi. 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. If not part of the above mentioned DPR, then state should take it up as per planned activity approved by State Government or in working plan.
- xii. The State /UTs Authorities should make a detail record of total forest land transferred and compensatory afforestation carried out/ compensated the loss of green cover/ecosystem services.
- xiii. The State EC shall.
- xiv. 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.
- xv. 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. Priority should also be accorded to labour intensive activities for regeneration and development of forests and wildlife habitat.
- xvi. The Executive Committee of the State shall 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. and also ensure that there is no overlapping of activities / funding with other schemes and provide a certificate.
- xvii. 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.
- xviii. Works related to Eco-tourism and Eco-development should be taken up following relevant rules and guidelines after taking necessary approvals.
- xix. 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.
- xx. IRO shall also monitor and evaluate CAMPA activities. The State CAMPA Authority shall keep sufficient budgetary provisions 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.
- xxi. The States/UTs CAMPA Authority shall complete the works approved in APO within the year and avoid any spill over for the next year. It is important to complete mandatory activities first and utilize the released funds for maintenance of CAMPA activities under NPV & Interest components before starting new activities.
- xxii. The States/UTs Authority are proposing engagement of casual labours for protection of Forests for the entire State. It clarified that such item can be considered only for around the forest areas



where the land transfer has taken place and need special protection owing to the developmental activities.

- xxiii. The validity of APO (2023-24) shall expire on 31.03.2024. Further continuation of the incomplete activities shall be permissible only if they are included in the APO (2024-25) and are approved by NA.
- xxiv. The States/UTs Authorities shall work out details of funds available with the State CAMPA head-wise under CA/ CAT Plan/ Wildlife Mitigation Plan, NPV and interest components etc. after deducting the expenditure incurred and prepare Annual Plan of operation for next year based on CAMPA funds available with the State/UT. Priority shall be given to the mandatory activities including commitment on maintenance of previous years.

Yours faithfully



(Subhash Chandra)
Chief Executive Officer

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and (HoFF)-cum Chairperson, The Executive Committee of the State CAMPA, Department of Forest, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok
2. The Chief Conservator Officer, Sikkim State CAMPA, Gangtok
3. The Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok
4. The Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Tripura, Gangtok
5. The Accountant General, Gangtok.

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1. The DGF&SS, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, for kind information.
2. The Deputy Director General of Forest (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shillong.
3. IFD/Sanction Folder/ Guard File.
4. NIC Cell with a request to upload the sanction order on the official website of MoEF&CC.


(Subhash Chandra)
Chief Executive Officer

