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Dated: 3rd July, 2023

To,
The Principal Secretary,
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Government of Tripura,
Agartala

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

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

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 30.03.2023 for an amount of **Rs. 74.59 crores** (Rupees seventy four crores and fifty nine lakhs only) against the proposed outlay of **Rs. 87.80 crore** (Rupees eighty seven crores and eighty 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.

4. The details of considered component-wise activities are as follows:

(Rs. in Crore and Area in Ha)

Sl. No.	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Green Employment (in Man-days)	Remarks
			Phys. Target	Fin. Target		
		Site-specific activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016				
	Mandatory Activity	Compensatory Afforestation				
		i. Advance soil work	500.0	2.10	55,752	Approved

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		ii. Nursery raising	10.0 lakhs	1.40	37,168	Approved
		iii. New plantation	810.29	3.57	1,57,964	Approved
		iv. Maintenance of existing /older plantation	3742.62	1.89	89,150	Approved
		v. Spill over work/ committed liabilities	4552.91	5.46	2,47,114	Approved
		Catchment Area Treatment Plan				
		Integrated Wildlife Management Plan				
		i. Habitat management for flora and fauna (Food/ cover/ water management)	2 Nos.	0.71	30,000	Approved
		ii. Spill over work/ committed liabilities	2 Nos.	0.71	30,000	Approved
		Other (Site Specific activities in accordance with FC proposal) (Reclamation cost, Dwarf Species, Avenue plantation)	63.08 Ha plus 47.242 KM	2.67	15,764	Approved
		Total site specific activities under CA				
		Activity as per Rule 5(2) of CAF Rules, 2018				
	5(2)a	ANR				
		i. Advance soil work				
		ii. New plantation	60	0.26	5,525	Approved
		iii. Spill over work/ committed liabilities	60	0.26	5,525	Approved
	5(2)b	AR				
		i. Advance soil work	500.00	3.50	99,000	Approved
		ii. New plantation	819.0	3.60	1,30,000	Approved
		iii. Maintenance	849.28	0.68	31,603	Approved
		iv. Spill over work/ committed liabilities	1668.28 Ha	4.28	1,61,603	Approved
	5(2)c	Silvicultural Operations				
		i. Tending operations (Weeding, cleaning, thinning, pruning & climber cutting)	2000	5.00	1,76,991	Approved
	5(2)d	Protection of Plantations and forests				
		i. Demarcation of forest boundary	50.0 Km	6.00	1,13,000	Approved
		ii. Patrolling (hiring of vehicle)				
		iii. Purchase of equipments relevant to patrolling	-	0.60	-	Approved
	5(2)e	Pest and disease control in forests				
		Site specific measures for controlling pest and diseases per report of Technical Agency	11 Nos. SPA	0.70	13,207	Approved
	5(2)f	Forest fire prevention and control operations				
	5(2)g	Soil and moisture conservation works				
		i. Water bodies (name & size)				
		a. Ponds	-	4.00	1,40,200	Approved

		b. Trenches c. Check dams d. Spur e. Retaining wall/Breast wall				
		ii. Any other relevant activities		1.10	42,000	Approved
	5(2)i	Improvement of wildlife habitat				
		i. Habitat management for flora and Fauna pertaining to a. Food b. Cover c. Water management d. Weed removal		15.29	2,80,000	Not approved
		ii. Human wildlife conflict management	-	0.20	5,000	Approved
		iii. Protection activities a. Patrolling b. Prevention of Illicit felling c. Eco-development work in surrounding village to reduce conflict		0.06		Approved
		iv. Any other relevant activities		2.21	50,000	Not approved
		v. Spill over work/ committed liabilities	4 nos. WLS & 1 no. Zoo	15.29	--	Approved
	5(2)k	Establishment and maintenance of animal rescue centre and veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals		0.30	5,660	Approved
	5(2)l	Supply of wood saving, cooking appliances and other forest produce saving devices.	440 Nos.	1.00		Not approved
	5(2)m	i. Any other relevant activities	-	9.86	1,24,717	Not approved
		Activities as per Rule 5(3) of the CAF Rule, 2018				
	5(3)a	Establishment, Maintenance of modern nurseries				
		i. Detailed estimate of nursery	-	0.60	15,929	Not approved.
		i. Any other relevant activities	-	0.73	14,150	Not approved
	5(3)e	Construction of residential and official buildings for frontline staff	-	7.07	1,33,396	Not approved
		i. Spill over work/ committed liabilities	Range & Beat Office	7.07	--	
	5(3)f	Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff of State Forest Department	726	3.69	1,74,240	Approved for Rs. 1.845 crores

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	5(3)g	Survey and mapping for APO making/preparation	-	1.20		Approved for Rs. 0.6 crores
	5(3)h	Independent concurrent monitoring and Third party monitoring and evaluation				
		ii. Third party monitoring and evaluation	-	0.30		Approved
	6(a)iv	For disbursement of salary and allowances State CAMPA Authority & staff	24	2.0	7,920	Approved
	6(a)v	For disbursement of sitting fees and allowances to nominated list of members				
	6(a)vi	Activities referred to in sub rule-(2) and (3) of Rule 5		2.50		Approved
		Activities as per Rule 6 (b) of CAF Rules, 2018				
	6(b)i	Management of office establishment State CAMPA CEO with detail	-	3.0		Approved
Total Approved					74.59	

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.

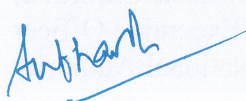
6. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- i. The approved activities shall be carried out as per Rule- 4 of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Rules, 2018 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. 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.
- v. If required and approved by National Authority, casual engagement of only 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).
- vi. 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 on regular basis. For third party monitoring, State should

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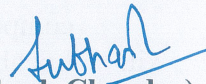
engage agencies, who are professionally/ technically competent and independent of the State Government.

- vii. The monitoring and evaluation report of the works done up to the year 2021-22 must be available to National Authority (NA). Similarly report on CAMPA activities taken up in 2022-23 should be made available to the NA.
- viii. 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.
- ix. 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 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.
- x. 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.
- xi. The State/UTs Authorities should make a detail record of total forest land transferred and compensatory afforestation carried out/ compensated loss of green cover/ecosystem services.
- xii. 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.
- xiii. 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.
- xiv. 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 that there is no overlapping of activities / funding with other schemes and provide a certificate to that effect.
- xv. 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.
- xvi. Works related to Eco-tourism and Eco-development should be taken up following relevant rules and guidelines after taking necessary approvals.
- xvii. 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.



- xviii. 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.
- xix. 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.
- xx. Engagement of casual labours for protection of Forests should be for the local communities around the forest areas where the land transfer has taken place and need special protection owing to the developmental activities.
- xxi. 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.
- xxii. 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

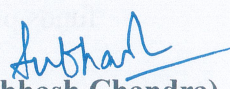

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3. The Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Tripura, Agartala
4. The Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Tripura, Agartala
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