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To,

The Secretary,  
Department of Environment and Forests  
Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Port Blair

**Sub: Approval of Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2024-25 of Andaman & Nicobar Islands CAMPA- reg.**

Ref: Andaman & Nicobar letter no. APCCF/STATECAMP/24/Vol-I/86

Sir,

With reference to the above-mentioned letter, the Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2024-25 was discussed in detail by the Executive Committee of the National Authority during its 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. In view of Model Code of Conduct in force due to ensuing Lok Sabha Election it was decided to consider only the activities in the APO which are of mandatory/seasonal/committed in nature.

2. After due deliberations approval of the Executive Committee of the National Authority is conveyed under section 15 (1) (i) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 for the State Annual Plan of Operation 2024-25 for an amount of **Rs. 9.21 crore** (Rupees nine crore and twenty one lakh only) against the proposed outlay of **Rs. 11.02 crore** (Rupees eleven crore and two lakh only) for carrying out the approved activities which are of mandatory/seasonal/committed in nature. The details of considered component wise activities are as follows:

(Rs. in Crore and Area in Ha)

S. No	CAF Act/ Rules	Division and Activity to be undertaken	Proposed outlay		Remarks
			Physical Target (in ha)	Financial Target (in crore)	
<b>New Creation of Compensatory Afforestation</b>					
1	6(a) of CAF Act, 2016	Raising of 11330 Nos. of seedlings under CA in uplifted Degraded Mangroves Forest at Khalgoda, Shyam Nagar Beat under Diglipur Range in lieu of diversion of 5.6652 Ha Forest land for rehabilitation of section from Km 298.00 to Km 330.662 (Kalara junction to Lamiya Bay) of NGH-4.	11.33	0.76	Approved
2		Raising of 5800 Nos of seedlings on the Degraded land 5.8 Ha at Radhanagar, Diglipur in lieu of Diversion of 2.9 Ha of Deemed Forest including removal of 508 trees for construction of Radar	5.8	0.30	Approved

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		Infrastructure at Laxmipur (Diglipur) village.			
3		Raising of 3420 Nos of seedlings under CA in uplifted Degraded Mangroves area at Elizabeth Bay, Diglipur Range, Diglipur Forest Division in lieu of Diversion of 3.072 Ha (1.709 Ha diversion & 1.363 Ha re-diversion for laying of underground OFC from Baratang to Diglipur).	3.42	0.13	Approved
4		Raising of 310 Nos of seedlings in 0.3 Ha DFL identified in Bahadur Tikrey in lieu of diversion of 1 Ha of forest land for installation of coastal surveillance Radar Station at Vikas Nagar, Kamorta.	0.30	0.05	Approved
5		Raising of 2770 Nos of seedlings on DFL area identified in Bahadur Tikrey, Diglipur in lieu of diversion of 1 Ha of forest land for installation of CSR Station at Alurong Village, Teressa Island.	2.77	0.14	Approved
6		Raising of CA in 25.88 Ha at Baskat Nallah for diversion of 12.7608 ha Forest Land for rehabilitation and up-gradation of NH-4 (Package - IV).	25.88	0.84	Approved
7		Raising of CA in 13.44 Ha at Baskat Nallah for diversion of 11.725 Ha Forest land for rehabilitation and up-gradation of NH-4 (Package-III).	13.44	0.31	Approved
8		Raising of CA in 86 ha of CA at Baskat Nallah, Mayabunder against the diversion of 100 ha of forest land at NAS Shibpur for extension of runway, Diglipur ( <b>New CA approved under 2023-24 but not taken up</b> ).	86	1.10	Approved
9		Raising of CA in 1.30 Ha in degraded forest land a Panchwati under Betapur Range in lieu of diversion of 1.0 Ha of Deemed Forest land for construction of Radar station and allied infrastructure at Panchwati under Rangat Range during the year 2024-25.	1.3	0.09	Approved
10	6(a) of CAF Act, 2016	Raising of CA in 12.02 Ha in Long Island Range during the year 2024-25.	12.02	0.47	Approved
11		Raising of CA in 10.014 Ha at North Passage Island, Long Island Range during the year 2024-25.	10.014	0.20	Approved
12		Raising of CA in 3.44 Ha of CA land under use of project for 4G Mobile coverage in uncovered village in Rutland for South Andaman.	3.44	0.12	Approved
13		Raising of CA in 0.90 Ha of CA land at Hasmatta Bad in Manglutan diverted for construction of rural road for a length of 375 mtr from	0.9	0.09	Approved

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		Mamyo junction to Loha Barrek under South Andaman Division.			
14		Raising of CA in 0.0450 Ha at Beach dera diverted for construction of Lighted Beacon at Sister Island.	0.045	0.02	Approved
15		Raising of CA in 0.0450 Ha at Beach dera diverted for construction of Lighted Beacon at Patrie Island.	0.045	0.02	Approved
16		Raising of CA in 2.82 Ha in RF at Potatang under Jhirkatang Range in lieu of diversion of 1.41 a of forest land for laying of OFC for a length of 47 Km from Jirkatang Check post to Middle Strait Jetty under South Andaman division	2.82	0.11	Approved
17		Raising of CA in 2.0491 Ha in RF at Rutland, South Andaman in lieu of diversion of 1.02455 Ha of forest land for installation of 4G Tower at Afra Bay, Ca Nicobar, L/Andaman, M/Andaman, Mayabunder and Diglipur.	2.0491	0.11	Approved
18		Raising of CA in 22.70 Ha of DFL at Baratang in lieu of diversion of 11.20 Ha of Reserve Forest for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of NH4 Road in favour of NHIDCL.BSNL	22.70	0.59	Approved
19	6(a) of CAF Act, 2016	Raising of CA in 0.9302 Ha of DFL in lieu of diversion of 0.4651 Ha at Car Nicobar, Katchal, Kamorta, Bambooka, Teresa, Little Andaman, Middle Andaman for 4G Station Project in A & N Islands, BSNL	0.9302	0.10	Approved
20		Raising of 0.09 Ha of DFL at Jhaw Nallah, GNI in lieu of diversion of 0.045 ha of forest land (0.02 Ha at Indira Point and 0.025 Ha at Chingham Village) for 4G saturation by BSNL.	0.09	0.03	Approved
		<b>Total</b>		<b>5.58</b>	
<b>Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation</b>					
1	6(a) of CAF Act, 2016	2nd Year Maintenance of 14 ha of CA at Milan Gram, Diglipur Division against the diversion of 100 ha of forest land at NAS Shibpur for extension of runway, Diglipur and including the spillover work for procurement of 1 No. Engine Dinghy for an amount of Rs. 6,00,000/-. ( <b>Total 5.56 + 6.00 + 11.56 Lakh</b> ).	14	0.12	Approved
2		2nd Year Maintenance of 40.44 ha of CA at Burmachad, Diglipur against the diversion of 20.22 ha of forest land for creation of infrastructure facilities of DRDO for strategic surveillance system at Rutland Island under South Andaman Forest Division and	40.44	0.43	Approved

		including the spill over work for procurement of 1 No. Pick Up (LMV) for an amount of Rs. 10,00,000/-, 1 No. Motor Cycle (Rs. 80,000/-) and 1 No. Engine Dinghy for an amount of Rs. 3,50,000/- ( <b>Total 10.00 + 0.80 + 3.50 + 28.77 = 43.07 Lakhs</b> ) against the 1st year operation of the work.			
3		2nd Year Maintenance of 41.03 ha of CA at Diglipur (38.02 in Burmachad, Diglipur and 3.01 in Radha nagar, Diglipur), against the diversion of 20.42875 ha of forest land for construction of N-S road sector Shastri Nagar to Indira Point fro Km 46.610 to 60.385 (Phase-IV).	41.03	0.27	Approved
4		2nd Year Maintenance of 19.029 ha of CA at Burmachad, Diglipur against the diversion of 9.514 ha of forest land for construction of N-S road sector Shastri Nagar to Indira Point from KM 43.450 to KM 48.610 in Great Nicobar Islands. (Phase-III). (CA Plantation at Burmachad).	19.029	0.59	Approved
5	6(a) of CAF Act, 2016	3rd Year Maintenance of 2.00 ha of CA at Nabagram, Diglipur against the diversion of 2.00 ha of deemed forest land and felling of 317 number of trees at Naval Air Station, Shibpur, Diglipur in favour of Lt. Col, NAS Shibpur.	2.00	0.05	Approved
6		Maintenance of 100 Nos. saplings on diversion of 0.00021 Ha of Forest Land for establishment for laying Submarine Optical Fiber Cable connectivity between Port Blair to Swaraj Dweep in favour of BSNL at Radhanagar, Swaraj Dweep.	0.0021	0.002	Approved
7		Maintenance and casualty replacement (3rd Year Maintenance) required at 0.945 ha of CA plantation at Badmas Pahad, Chouldhari.	0.945	0.005	Approved
8		Maintenance and casualty replacement (3rd Year Maintenance) required at 5.605 ha of CA plantation at Badmas Pahad, Chouldhari including the spillover work for fencing of CA land for an amount of <b>Rs. 11,97,599/-</b> against the 1st year operation of work.	5.605	0.15	Approved
9		6th year Maintenance and casualty replacement of CA plantation in 0.56 ha at Tapu Basti, Bambooflat against the diversion of 0.28 ha of forest land for laying of 11 KV	0.56	0.007	Approved



		ABC Transmission line from Shoal Bay - 14 to 19.			
10		7th year Maintenance and casualty replacement of CA plantation in 0.122 ha at Potatang against the diversion of 0.0061 ha of forest land for Construction of Repeater Station with 100 ft high Aerial Mast at Potatang, Jirkatang.	0.0122	0.005	Approved
11		2nd Maintenance of CA plantation in 4.637 ha of land at Nayagarh village, Baratang Division.	4.637	0.07	Approved
12		3rd year Maintenance of Plantation of 70 Nos of Trees at Nanjappa Nagar in lieu of diversion of 0.08 Ha Forest land diverted for fish landing centre at V.K. Pur.(CA)	0.08	0.008	Approved
13		Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation raised on 4.425 Ha of forest land in lieu of 4.425 Ha land diverted for NS road in Great Nicobar.	4.425	0.08	Approved
14		Maintenance of trees in lieu of 0.025 Ha of forest land diverted for lighted deacon at Tries Island.	0.025	0.003	Approved
15	6(a) of CAF Act, 2016	Maintenance of 100 Trees raised in lieu of 0.09 Ha Forest land diverted for re-construction of NS road at Joginder Nagar.	0.10	0.003	Approved
16		Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation raised on 0.75 Ha of forest land in lieu of 0.75 Ha land diverted for construction of road linking NS road to Chingham.	0.75	0.001	Approved
17		Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation raised on 0.46 Ha of forest land in lieu of 0.46 Ha land diverted for construction of road 27 Km NS Road to Laxmi Nagar.	0.46	0.002	Approved
18		Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation raised on 3.5 Ha of forest land diverted for the construction of infrastructure, Police Department at Katchal.	3.5	0.004	Approved
19		Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation raised in 1.6 Ha DFL in lieu of 0.8 Ha of forest land diverted for construction of Power House and other infrastructure of Electricity at Katchal.	1.6	0.002	Approved
20		Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation raised in 2.6 Ha DFL in lieu of 0.9375 Ha of forest land diverted for construction of 1.25 Km long rural road by APWD Katchal.	2.6	0.002	Approved
21		Maintenance of Penal Compensatory Afforestation raised on 1.75 HA DFL in lieu of 0.825 Ha of land diverted for construction of 0.75 Km long link	1.75	0.002	Approved

		road from main road to intermediate shelter Cluster No-II (E, Wall, Kappanga) at Katchal.			
22		Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation of 170 Trees in lieu of 0.9 Ha of forest land diverted for construction of Helipad at Indira Point.	0.9	0.001	Approved
23		Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation of 70 Trees in lieu of 0.05 Ha of forest land diverted for construction of pedestal for erection of statue of former Prime Minister (Late) Indira Gandhi at Indira Point.	0.05	0.001	Approved
		<b>Total</b>		<b>1.80</b>	
	<b>5(2)(b)</b>	<b>Artificial Regeneration (AR)</b>			
1		Maintenance of 100000 Nos Fruit Bearing Seedlings including replacement of casualties.	100000 Seedlings	0.05	Approved
2		Maintenance, transportation and distribution of Fruit bearing seedlings	25000 Nos	0.05	Approved
3		Maintenance of 50000 Nos Fruit Bearing Seedlings including replacement of casualties.	50000 Seedlings	0.20	Approved
4		Maintenance of Edible Fruit bearing species under "EACH ONE PLANT ONE" Campaign.	65000 Nos	0.15	Approved
5		Maintenance of Fruit Bearing Seedlings including replacement of casualties.	LS	0.02	Approved
		<b>Total</b>		<b>0.47</b>	
	<b>5(2)(d)</b>	<b>Protection of Plantation and Forests</b>			
1		Work of Repair and maintenance of Chain link fencing with live hedges along the CA area of Jogger's Park/ City Forest at Aberdeen Bazaar Village, Port Blair.	2 Km Length	0.20	Deferred
2		Spill over work for construction of Protection Camp at Karen Basthi taken up during 2022-23.	-	0.15	Approved
3		Spill over work for construction of Protection Camp at Packet Bay taken up during 2022-23.	1 No	0.02	Approved
		<b>Total</b>		<b>0.17</b>	
	<b>5(2)(i)</b>	<b>Improvement of wildlife habitat</b>			
1		Boundary marking within Territorial waters for Loha Barrack Wildlife Sanctuary by laying Buoys at regular interval.	-	0.6000	Deferred
2		Boundary marking within Territorial waters for Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park by laying Buoys at regular interval.	-	0.6000	Deferred

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3		Procurement of Pick up (Mahindra Camper) for protection activities of Manipur Parvat National Park.	1	0.1000	Deferred
	5(2)(k)	<b>Establishment and maintenance of animal rescue centre and veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals</b>			
1		Procurement of Rescue ambulance for resource and rehabilitation of Wild Animals under Protection Range.	1	0.1500	Deferred
3	<b>Activities as per Rule 5 (3) of CAF Rules, 2018</b>				
	5(3)(h)	<b>Expense for Third Party Monitoring works</b>	LS	0.0200	Deferred
	5(3)(i)	<b>Publicity-cum-awareness activities</b>			
1		Organizing publicity-cum-awareness camps/programmes/ conducting campaigns in educational institutions involving Eco-clubs, Eco-tourism spots and Tourists places on conservation of forests and marine wealth of the islands.	LS	0.0100	Deferred
2		Organizing publicity-cum-awareness camps/ programmes/ conducting campaigns in educational institutions involving Eco-clubs, Eco-tourism spots and Tourists places on conservation of forests and marine wealth of the islands.	LS	0.0100	Deferred
3		Organizing publicity-cum-awareness camps/ programmes/ conducting campaigns in educational institutions involving Eco-clubs, Eco-tourism spots and Tourists places on conservation of forests and marine wealth of the islands.	LS	0.0100	Deferred
4		Organizing publicity-cum-awareness camps/ programmes/ conducting campaigns in educational institutions involving Eco-clubs, Eco-tourism spots and Tourists places on conservation of forests and marine wealth of the islands.	LS	0.0050	Deferred
5		Organizing publicity-cum-awareness camps/ programmes/ conducting campaigns in educational institutions involving Eco-clubs, Eco-tourism spots and Tourists places on conservation of forests and marine wealth of the islands.	LS	0.0100	Deferred
6		Organizing publicity-cum-awareness camps/ programmes/ conducting campaigns in educational institutions involving Eco-clubs, Eco-tourism spots and Tourists places on conservation of	LS	0.0050	Deferred



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7		Organizing publicity-cum-awareness camps/ programmes/ conducting campaigns in educational institutions involving Eco-clubs, Eco-tourism spots and Tourists places on conservation of forests and marine wealth of the islands.	LS	0.0050	Deferred
8		Organizing publicity-cum-awareness camps/ programmes/ conducting campaigns in educational institutions involving Eco-clubs, Eco-tourism spots and Tourists places on conservation of forests and marine wealth of the islands.	LS	0.0700	Deferred
9		Conducting of Scuba Diving Training Programme for frontline staff under R & S Range.	1	0.0200	Deferred
10		Organizing publicity-cum-awareness camps/ programmes/ conducting campaigns in educational institutions involving Eco-clubs, Eco-tourism spots and Tourists places on conservation of forests and marine wealth of the islands.	LS	0.0050	Deferred
	5(3)(j)	<b>Production and distribution of quality planting material</b>			
		Expansion of existing nursery with facility for raising of bio-fencing seedlings	LS	0.6000	Approved
		<b>Total</b>		<b>0.6000</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Activities as per Rule 6 (a) of CAF Rules, 2018</b>				
1	6(a)(i)	To offset the incremental cost for Raising of 11330 Nos. of seedlings under CA in uplifted Degraded Mangroves Forest at Khalgoda, Shyamnagar Beat under Diglipur Range in lieu of diversion of 5.6652 Ha Forest land for rehabilitation of section from Km 298.00 to Km 330.662 (Kalara junction to Lamiya Bay) of NGH-4 at the increased wage rates.	-	0.008	Approved
2		To offset the incremental cost for Raising of 5800 Nos of seedlings on the Degraded land 5.8 Ha at Radhanagar, Diglipur in lieu of Diversion of 2.9 Ha of Deemed Forest including removal of 508 trees for construction of Radar Infrastructure at Laxmipur (Diglipur) village at the increased wage rates.	-	0.002	Approved
3		To offset the incremental cost for Raising of 3420 Nos of seedlings under CA in uplifted Degraded Mangroves area at Elizabeth Bay,	-	0.002	Approved





		Diglipur Range, Diglipur Forest Division in lieu of Diversion of 3.072 Ha (1.709 Ha diversion & 1.363 Ha re-diversion for laying of underground OFC from Baratang to Diglipur) at the increased wage rates.			
4		To offset the incremental cost for Raising of 310 Nos of seedlings in 0.3 Ha DFL identified in Bahadur Tikrey in lieu of diversion of 1 Ha of forest land for installation of coastal surveillance Radar Station at Vikas Nagar, Kamorta at the increased wage rates.	-	0.0009	Approved
5		To offset the incremental cost for Raising of 2770 Nos of seedlings on DFL area identified in Bahadur Tikery, Diglipur in lieu of diversion of 1 Ha of forest land for installation of CSR Station at Alurong Village, Teressa Island at the increased wage rates.	-	0.0017	Approved
6		To offset the incremental cost for 2nd Year Maintenance of 14 ha of CA at Milan Gram, Diglipur Division against the diversion of 100 ha of forest land at NAS Shibpur for extension of runway, Diglipur (14 Ha CA in Diglipur Division) at the increased wage rates.	-	0.0042	Approved
7		To offset the incremental cost for 2nd Year Maintenance of 40.44 ha of CA at Burmachad, Diglipur against the diversion of 20.22 ha of forest land for creation of infrastructure facilities of DRDO for strategic surveillance system at Rutland Island under South Andaman Forest Division at the increased wage rates.	-	0.0418	Approved
8		To offset the incremental cost for 2nd Year Maintenance of 41.03 ha of CA at Diglipur (38.02 in Burmachad, Diglipur and 3.01 in Radha nagar, Diglipur), against the diversion of 20.42875 ha of forest land for construction of N-S road sector Shastri Nagar to Indira Point fro Km 46.610 to 60.385 (Phase-IV).	-	0.0314	Approved
9		To offset the incremental cost for 2nd Year Maintenance of 19.029 ha of CA at Burmachad, Diglipur against the diversion of 9.514 ha of forest land for construction of N-S road sector Shastri Nagar to Indira Point from KM 43.450 to KM 48.610 in Great Nicobar Islands. (Phase-III). (CA Plantation at	-	0.0767	Approved

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		Burmachad) at the increased wage rates.			
10		To offset the incremental cost for 3rd Year Maintenance of 2.00 ha of CA at Nabagram, Diglipur against the diversion of 2.00 ha of deemed forest land and felling of 317 number of trees at Naval Air Station, Shibpur, Diglipur in favour of Lt. Col, NAS Shibpur.	-	0.0050	Approved
11		To offset the incremental cost for Raising of CA in 1.30 Ha in degraded forest land a Panchwati under Betapur Range in lieu of diversion of 1.0 Ha of Deemed Forest land for construction of Radar station and allied infrastructure at Panchwati under Rangat Range during the year 2024-25 at the increased wage rates.	-	0.0099	Approved
12		To offset the incremental cost for Raising of CA in 12.02 Hs in Long Island Range during the year 2024-25 at the increased wage rates.	-	0.0464	Approved
13		To offset the incremental cost for Raising of CA in 10.014 Ha at North Passage Island, Long Island Range during the year 2024-25 at the increased wage rates.	-	0.0204	Approved
14		To offset the incremental cost for maintenance and casualty replacement (3rd Year Maintenance) required at 0.0146 ha of CA plantation at Indira Nagar, Wandoor.	0.0146	0.0055	Approved
15		To offset the incremental cost for 7th year maintenance and casualty replacement of CA plantation in 0.05 ha for diversion of forest land for installation of 10 KW wind solar hybrid system at Mount Harriet	0.05	0.00032	Approved
16		To offset the incremental cost in 10th year maintenance of CA plantation in 26.857 ha for diversion of 26.805 ha land for construction of 5 Nos of rural road in Baratang and 4 Nos rural road in Diglipur.	26.857	0.0300	Approved
17		Maintenance of Penal Compensatory Afforestation raised by planting 2500 Nos of Mangroves species at Great Nicobar Island in lieu of 0.46 Ha of forest land diverted for construction of road from 27 Km NS Road to Laxmi Nagar, Permanent Shelter.	2.5	0.0040	Approved
18	6(a)(iv)	Sitting Fees/ allowances for non-official members including wages	LS	0.0700	Approved

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		for contractual staffs engaged under CAMPA.			
<b>5</b>	<b>Activities as per Rule 6 (b) of CAF Rules, 2018</b>				
1	<b>6(b)(i)</b>	Management of State Authority office expenses	LS	0.0300	Approved
2		Preparation of Annual Account through Outsourcing Agency/empaneled CA	LS	0.0200	Approved
3	<b>6(b)(iii)</b>	Hiring of vehicle for State Authority.	1	0.0800	Approved
4	<b>6(b)(iv)</b>	Hiring/ Leasing of Buildings for State authority.	-	0.1000	Deferred
		<b>Total</b>		<b>0.59</b>	
<b>Total Approved</b>			<b>Rs. 9.15 crore</b>		

4. The deferred activities will be placed in the next meeting of Executive Committee for further discussion & decision.

5. The approval indicated in the Remarks/Decision above for Mandatory/Seasonal/ Committed activities proposed in APO for financial year 2024-25 is subject to adherence by State to the Model Code of Conduct in force due to ensuing Lok Sabha Election.

6. States/UTs Government is requested to release the CAMPA fund to the CEO, State CAMPA/State Forest Department immediately for carrying out approved mandatory/seasonal/ committed nature in accordance with the APO 2024-25 approved by the National Authority.

**7. 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 States/UTs Financial Rules or any such rules applicable from time to time in the States/UTs.
- ii. Utilization of States/UTs 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 States/UTs CAMPA in prescribed formats and placed on their websites.
- iv. A website of the States/UTs 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 States/UTs 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 States/UTs Authorities. Executive Committee and Steering Committee of all the States/UTs Authorities should ensure adequate measures for regular internal and third-party monitoring and evaluation of CAMPA activities on regular basis. For third party monitoring, States/UTs should engage agencies, who are professionally/technically competent and independent of the States/UTs Government.

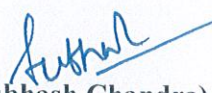
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- vii. The monitoring and evaluation report of the works done up to the year 2022-23 must be made available to National Authority (NA). Similarly report on CAMPA activities taken up in 2023-24 should be made available to the NA.
- viii. A statement 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 States/UTs 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 States/UTs 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 States/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.
- xii. The States/UTs EC shall also ensure that there is no overlapping of activities / funding with other schemes and may provide a certificate to that effect.
- xiii. 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.
- xiv. 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.
- xv. The Executive Committee of the States/UTs 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.
- xvi. 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.
- xvii. Works related to Eco-tourism and Eco-development should be taken up following relevant rules and guidelines after taking necessary approvals.
- xviii. 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.
- xix. IRO shall also monitor and evaluate CAMPA activities. The States/UTs CAMPA Authority shall keep sufficient budgetary provisions for monitoring by IRO, in the States/UTs APOs under monitoring head. IRO should submit the Monitoring and Evaluation reports within three to four months to National Authority.

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- xx. 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.
- xxi. The States/UTs Authority are proposing engagement of casual labours for protection of Forests for the entire States/UTs. 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.
- xxii. The validity of APO (2024-25) shall expire on 31.03.2025. Further continuation of the incomplete activities shall be permissible only if they are included in the APO (2025-26) and are approved by NA.
- xxiii. 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 States/UTs. Priority shall be given to the mandatory activities including commitment on maintenance of previous years.
- xxiv. All wage payments should be made through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

Yours faithfully,

  
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Chief Executive Officer

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