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To,

The Principal Secretary (Forest),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Raipur

Sub: Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2024-25 of Chhattisgarh State CAMPA- reg.

Ref: Chhattisgarh letter no. CAMPA/S.O./400/2024/1803 dated 16.04.2024

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 29th 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 deliberation 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 199.59 crore** (Rupees One hundred ninety nine crore fifty nine lakh only) against the proposed outlay of **Rs. 737.08 crore** (Rupees Seven hundred and thirty seven crore and eight lakh only) for carrying out activities which are of mandatory/seasonal/committed in nature. The details of considered component-wise activities are as follows:

(Area in Ha. Amount in Rs. crore)

S. No	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Remark/Decision
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
1.		Site-specific activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016			
	Mandatory Activity	Compensatory Afforestation			
		i. Advance soil work	2907.993 ha.	109.29	Approved
		ii. Nursery raising			
		Penal Compensatory Afforestation	5.08 ha.	0.09	Approved
		i. New plantation	20436.61 ha.	19.74	Approved
		ii. Maintenance of existing/older plantation			
		Catchment Area Treatment Plan			
	i. Watershed management	43 works	12.05		

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		ii. Plantation to check erosion			Approved for Rs. 3.00 crore to carry out plantation. Remaining deferred
		Integrated wildlife Management plan			
		i. Habitat management for flora and fauna (Food/cover/water management)	509 works	56.09	Approved for Rs 14.00 crore for taking up seasonal works.
		ii. Weed removal			
		iii. Human wildlife Conflict management			
		Any Other			
		Plantation below Transmission Line	187.986	3.23	Approved
		Creation of Safety Zone	34.938 ha.	1.29	Deferred
		Soil & water conservation	36 works	1.96	Deferred
		Avi-fauna plan	17 works	2.90	Deferred
2.	Activity as per Rule 5(2) of CAF Rules, 2018				
	5(2)b	AR			
		iii. Maintenance	50939.603 ha.	37.33	Approved
	5(2)h	Voluntary relocation of villages from protected areas			
		i. Name of the village (Barnawapara)			
		ii. Population	1 work	2.00	Deferred
		iii. No. of eligible families willing			
		iv. Availability of Land for relocation (mention in annexure)			
	5(2)i	Improvement of wildlife habitat			
		i. Habitat management for flora and Fauna pertaining to	4518.00 ha.	5.94	Deferred
		a. Food (Grass land/pasture Development)			
		b. Cover			
		c. Water management			
		d. Weed removal			
		i. Habitat management for flora and Fauna pertaining to	265.00 ha.	2.80	Deferred
		a. Food (Fruit Bearing plantation)			
		b. Cover			
		c. Water management			
		d. Weed removal			
		i. Human wildlife conflict management (Wildlife habitat improvements other works (Territorial and wildlife protected areas))	All Divisions	15.79	Deferred
		ii. Any other relevant activities (Trap Camera for wildlife Monitoring)	550 No.	1.38	Deferred
		i. Water bodies (name & size)	85 No.	22.04	Deferred
		a. Ponds			
		b. Trenches			
		c. Check Dams			
		d. Spur			
		iii. Retaining wall/Breast wall			
3.	Activities as per Rule 5(3) of the CAF Rule, 2018				
	5(3)e	Construction of residential and office buildings for front line staff			
		i. R.O. Office Building	12 Nos.	3.66	Deferred

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	ii.	R.O. Residential Building	18 Nos.	4.03	Deferred
	iii.	Forester/Dy.R.O. Residential	30 Nos.	3.26	Deferred
	iv.	Forest guard.-Residential	60 Nos.	4.28	Deferred
	v.	Development of staff amenities	42 Division	10.00	Deferred
5(3)f		Casual engagement of local people or labors to assist regular staff of State Forest Department	42 Divisions/ 10 labours each Division	6.35	Approved
5(3)i		Publicity cum awareness programmes			
	i.	Training for staff	All Ranges	2.00	Deferred
	ii.	Publicity and exhibition	All Divisions	1.00	Deferred
4.	Activities as per Rule 6(a) of the CAF Rule, 2018				
6(a)iv		For disbursement of salary and allowances of State CAMPA Authority & staff	43 Staff	4.95	Approved
6(a)v		For disbursement of sitting fees and allowances to nominated list of members	For one year	0.02	Approved
6(a)vi		Activities referred to in sub rule-(2) and (3)of Rule 5			
	i.	Irrigated Mixed Plantation	257.10 ha.	6.22	Deferred for details
	ii.	Unirrigated Mix Plantation	910.00 ha.	13.36	
	iii.	Irrigated Bamboo Plantation	45.00 ha.	0.78	
	iv.	Unirrigated Bamboo Plantation	245.00 ha.	2.48	
	v.	River Bank Plantation	20.00 ha.	0.28	
	vi.	Assisted Natural Regeneration	4261.804 ha.	9.96	
	vii.	Rehabilitation of Existing degraded Bamboo Plantation & RDBF Areas	7548.72 ha.	12.88	
	viii.	Improvement of growing stock in orange area (RDF)	1119.01 ha.	3.41	
	ix.	Soil & Moisture Conservation works	168 No.	129.31	
	x.	Maintenance of Soil & Moisture conservation works of previous APO 2021-22 & 2022-23	3477 Streams	31.56	
	xi.	Salary and other Expenditure for staff of Regional Office (MoEF & CC)	As per requirement	0.20	Deferred
5.	Activities as per Rule6 (b)of CAF Rules, 2018				
6(b)i		Management of office establishment State CAMPA CEO with detail	For one year	0.55	Approved
6(b)ii		Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance	For one year	0.27	Deferred
6(b)iii		Hiring of staff cars for the use only for CEO office	07 Vehicle	0.75	Approved
6(b)v		Other contingencies for management of State Authority	For one year	0.55	Deferred
6(b)vi		Any other activity for management of forests and wildlife with the approval of Steering committee and included in the APO			
	i.	Fire Watcher (Fire Protection during fire Season 15 Feb. To 15 June by Engagement of local villager as Fire Watcher)	4129 Fire watchers	16.85	Deferred for details
	ii.	Fire fighting equipment Fire blower etc.	615 Nos.	3.67	Deferred for details
	iii.	Patrolling in forest area by Territorial & Wildlife staff to prevent illicit felling,	290 Nos. vehicles	10.15	Deferred for details

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		poaching, encroachment, illegal mining, illegal transportation of forest produce			
		iv. Major Repairing of Strike force vehicles	146 vehicles	2.30	
		v. Replacement of old strikes force vehicles (Purchase of New vehicles) Mahindra Bolero/ camper/ etc as per guidelines.	115 Vehicles	11.50	
		vi. Construction of Munara inside forest area	21139 Nos.	27.12	
		vii. Eco-Tourism Activities	2 Nos.	6.50	Deferred for details
		viii. Protection of sacred groves	158 Nos.	7.90	Deferred for details
		ix. Covering Open Wells around forest areas for safety of wildlife	4196 wells	16.48	Deferred for details
		x. Running expenditure for Geomatic Centers	6 Circles	1.24	Deferred for details
		xi. Development of I.T. infrastructure in Forestry	42 Division	2.00	Deferred for details
		xii. Wildlife Rescue Equipment (Polycarbonate shield, reflective jacket, handheld torch, walkie-talkie, trap cage, bait cage, throw net, extendable ladder, gloves, traffic cones, megaphone, Binoculars etc.)	36 Divisions	2.19	Deferred for details
		xiii. Wildlife protection Equipment (Smart Stick)	1500 Nos.	4.35	
		xiv. Forest protection Equipment (Polycarbonate Stick)	4000 Nos.	0.28	
		xv. Plant Production for Govt. Land (distribution at Subsidised Rate)	9.20 Lakh	2.15	Deferred for details
		xvi. Establishment/upgradation of Hi-tech Barrier	17 Nos.	3.89	Deferred for details
		xvii. Maintenance of Hi-tech Nursery	24 Nos.	0.72	Deferred for details
		xviii. Up-gradation of existing inspection path in Protected Areas (Murum Road)	160.20 Km.	13.75	Deferred for details
		xix. Up gradation of Forest Road in Forest areas as mentioned in the working plan (WBM) road in territorial forest areas	69.20 Km.	18.06	
		xx. Construction of Causeway/Culvert on forest road mentioned in the working plan in territorial areas	250 Nos.	21.85	
		xxi. Construction of Causeway/Culvert on forest road mentioned in the working plan in protected areas	175 Nos.	14.21	
		xxii. Monitoring & Evaluation (External)	42 Divisions	2.00	Deferred for details
		xiii. Construction of Watch Towers	8 Nos.	1.20	Deferred for details
		xiv. Study of Indian Grey Wolf (Canis lupus pallipes) Population and Habitat in Kanger Valley National Park Chhattisgarh.	1 Work	0.03	Deferred for details
		xv. Evaluation of Ecosystem Services of Kanger Valley National Park, Chhattisgarh.	1 Work	0.03	
		xvi. Study on diversity of fresh Water fishes in Kanger river of Chhattisgarh.	1 Work	0.03	

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	xvii.	Study on habitat ecology of Otters in Kanger Valley National Park, Chhattisgarh.	1 Work	0.03	
	xviii.	Assessing geospatial distribution and conservation threats of King Cobra (Ophiophagus hannah) and other reptile species in Central India Chhattisgarh,	1 Work	0.25	
	xix.	Diet ecology of large carnivores in selected protected areas of Chhattisgarh.	1 Work	0.03	
	xx.	Study on impact of river side works on biodiversity in Shankini Dankini river.	1 Work	0.03	
	xxi.	Running expenditure of CAMPA vehicles	02 Vehicle	0.04	Approved
	xxii.	Audit & Accounts (Hiring of Consultant for Account preparation)	For one year	0.25	Approved
Total Approved			Rs. 199.59 crore		

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

4. The EC in view of the limit of 10% prescribed from the funds available in the interest component with state CAMPA decided to restrict the work proposed under the head. The approval indicated in the Remarks/Decision 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.

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

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- monitoring, State should 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 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 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 the loss of green cover/ecosystem services.
 - xii. 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.
 - 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 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.
 - 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 State CAMPA Authority shall keep sufficient budgetary provisions for monitoring by IRO, in the State APOs under

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monitoring head. IRO should submit the Monitoring and Evaluation reports within three to four months to National Authority.

- 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 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.
- 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 State/UT 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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2. The Chief Executive Officer, Chhattisgarh State CAMPA, Raipur.
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4. The Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
5. The Accountant General, Chhattisgarh.

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