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Dated 23rd April, 2024

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forest),
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar

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

Ref: Odisha letter no. 3039/ 10F (CAMPA) – 57/2023 dated 16.02.2024

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 28th 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 495.28 crore** (Rupees Four ninety five crore twenty eight lakh only) against the proposed outlay of **Rs. 1044.47 crore** (Rupees One thousand forty-four crore forty seven lakh only) for carrying out activities as per list A below.

3. The details of considered activities are given in list A which are of mandatory/seasonal/committed in nature.

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

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A. List of Mandatory / Seasonal / committed activities:

(Area in ha. & Rs. in crore)

S. No.	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Remarks / Decision
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
1.	Site-specific activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016				
		Compensatory Afforestation			
		i. Advance soil work	5200 Ha	51.57	Approved
		ii. Nursery raising	5200 Ha		
		iii. New plantation	7278.538 + 61042 Nos Saplings+ 1.6 RKM Avenue Plantation	70.18	Approved
		iv. Maintenance of existing/older plantation	31503.884 + 48726 Nos Saplings + 42.17 RKM Avenue Plantation	11.13	Approved
		Catchment Area Treatment Plan			
	Mandatory Activity	ii. Plantation to check erosion	200 Ha	1.07	Approved
		iii. Microplanning & EPF		0.29	Approved
		iv. Maintenance of existing/older plantation		0.48	Approved
		Other Stipulations			
		i. New plantation	397.19 Ha, Avenue 1.6 RKM and 61042 Nos Tree Plantation	14.09	Approved
		iv. Maintenance of existing/older plantation		1.31	Approved
2.	Activity as per Rule 5(2) of CAF Rules, 2018				
	5(2)a	ANR including AJY			
		ii. New plantation	17197.0	59.97	Approved
		iii. Maintenance	158951.0	102.76	Approved
	5(2)b	AR			
		ii. New plantation	1672.5	26.27	Approved
		iii. Maintenance	9441	25.83	Approved
		v. Spill over work/committed liabilities		1.00	Approved
	5(2)d	Protection of Plantations and forests			
		ii. Patrolling (hiring of vehicle)	227 Nos	12.26	Approved
	5(2)f	Forest fire prevention and control operations			
		i. Fire line (creation & maintenance)	24507 KM (19500 KM+ 5007 KM)	8.62	Approved
		ii. Fire watchers	213 Nos + 48 Nos	19.65	Approved
		iii. Purchase of fire equipment	306 + 111 Nos Fire blowers	2.71	Approved

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S. No.	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Remarks / Decision
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
	5(3)h	Independent concurrent monitoring and Third party monitoring and evaluation			
		Independent concurrent monitoring & Third party monitoring and evaluation		1.50	Approved
3.	Activities as per Rule 6(a) of CAF Rules, 2018				
	6(a)vi	Activities referred to in sub rule-(2) and (3) of Rule 5	Raising of 1.5 Crores 18 months old seedling and maintenance of 2.83 crore Seedlings	81.99	Approved
4.	Activities as per Rule 6 (b) of CAF Rules, 2018				
	6(b)i	Management of office establishment State CAMPA CEO with detail		2.50	Approved
	6(b)iii	Hiring of staff cars for the use only for CEO office		0.10	Approved
		Total Approved		Rs. 495.28 crore	

B. List of activities under APO other than list A:

(Area in ha. & Rs. in crore)

S. No.	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Remarks / Decision
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
1.	Site-specific activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016				
		Integrated wildlife Management Plan			
		i. Habitat management	Habitat management for flora and fauna, Eco restoration, capacity enhancement, education awareness & Trans boundary Wildlife management (Food/cover/water management)	79.66	Deferred
		ii. Weed removal			
		iii. Human wildlife Conflict management		15.34	Deferred
		Any Other (Site Specific activities in accordance with FC proposal)	Site Specific WL Management in 243 Projects	164.10	Deferred
2.	Activity as per Rule 5(2) of CAF Rules, 2018				
		Silvicultural Operations			
	5(2)c	ii. Any other relevant activities SSO Bamboo, Silvicultural Research & maintenance of Research Garden etc	75000	22.62	Deferred

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S. No.	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Remarks / Decision
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
		Protection of Plantations and forests			
	5(2)d	i. Demarcation of forest boundary	20838 Km ² of Notified Forest and 4099 Km ² of Revenue and Deemed Forest	15.00	Deferred
		ii. Purchase of equipment relevant to patrolling	Anti-depredation Equipment and Tracking Devices	0.75	Deferred
		iv. Any other relevant activities including details of plantation	Boat Patrolling 80 units Solar Fencing 45 RKM Elephant Proof Trench 30 RKM	9.30	Deferred
	5(2)f	Forest fire prevention and control operations			
		iv. Any other relevant activities	Fire Watch Tower: 10 Logistics support	5.93	Deferred
	5(2)g	Soil and moisture conservation works			
		i. Water bodies (name & size) a. Trenches b. Check dams c. Spur Retaining wall/Breast wall	Treatment of Forest Over 12000 Ha	42.00	Deferred
	5(2)h	ii. Voluntary relocation of villages from protected areas			
		i. Name of village ii. Population iii. No. of eligible families willing iv. Availability of land for relocation (mention in annexure)	14 Nos villages (Bhrukundi, Gopalpur, Purunakote, Chhotkei, Salar, Majhipada, Dalki, Patanau, Junapasi, Gurguria, Khejuri, Badakasira, Kolha, Nuakua) & 1882 Nos of families	25.00	Deferred
	5(2)i	Improvement of wildlife habitat			
		Food	Plantation Fruit Fodder 10000 Nos, Maint. of old Fruit & Fodder plantation 8100 Nos Meadow 700 Ha, Bamboo Seed ball sowing 3.33 Lakhs Ficus Plantation 20 Ha Bamboo Clump improvement 1133.5 Ha	4.23	Deferred
		Cover			
		Water management, Weed removal	Creation & maintenance of Water bodies 100 Nos, WHS 10 Nos	4.41	Deferred

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S. No.	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Remarks / Decision
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
		Human wildlife conflict management			
		Protection activities a. Patrolling b. Prevention of Illicit felling Eco-development work in surrounding village to reduce conflict	RET Species Monitoring 87 Squads	19.92	Deferred
		Any other relevant activities	Black Buck Conservation Conservation Migratory Birds WL Health Management & Vaccination of cattle MISTI	0.25 0.40 0.38 0.26	Deferred
	5(2)m	Management of biological diversity and biological resource	Biodiversity in PA, Monitoring 5 nos PAs & Monitoring and Surveillance and protection of meta population through local community 90 nos	20.66	Deferred
3. Activity as per Rule 5(3) of CAF Rules, 2018					
	5(3)c	Purchase and maintenance of equipment of devices for communication, information and technology (Details of i) equipment & devices)			
		i. Wireless	55 Nos	1.30	Deferred
		VHF Installation etc.	30 Nos		
		ii. Phones			
		iii. Others	Procurement of GIS/MIS Software	1.20	Deferred
			Equipment for Monitoring of Wild animals and protection activities	0.75	Deferred
			Upgradation of IT Equipment	2.00	Deferred
	5(3)d	Construction, up gradation and maintenance of inspection paths, forest roads in forest areas, watch towers, check posts and timber posts			
		i. Details of roads (Maintenance of Forest Road)	725 KM	5.00	Deferred
		ii. Watch towers (WL)	10	2.50	Deferred
		iii. Check post			
		iv. Timber depot			
		v. Any other relevant activities	Anti-Poaching Barrak 10	3.0	Deferred
	5(3)e	Construction of residential and official buildings for front line staff RO, RO Resident, Forester quarter, Forest Guard Quarter	RO Office-5 Nos RO Res.-5 Nos Forester Qtr-60 Nos Forest Guard Qtr. 170 Nos	48.61	Deferred

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S. No.	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Remarks / Decision
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
		i. Spill over work/ committed liabilities		1.00	Deferred
	5(3)f	Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff of State Forest Department	2270 Nos	39.72	Deferred
	5(3)g	Survey and mapping for Creation of CA Landbank		1.00	Deferred
	5(3)i	Publicity cum awareness programme			
		i. Publicity for common people in forest and Wildlife area		2.00	Deferred
		ii. Training for staff & Capacity Building		0.50	Deferred
4.	Activities as per Rule 6(a) of CAF Rules, 2018				
	6(a)i	To offset incremental cost of CA/PCA at increased wage rate		1.0	Deferred
	6(a)ii	To offset increment cost of CAT at increased wage rate		0.25	Deferred
	6(a)iii	To offset incremental cost of IWMP at increased wage rate		0.75	Deferred
5.	Activities as per Rule 6 (b) of CAF Rules, 2018				
	6(b)ii	Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance		0.40	Deferred
	6(b)vi	Any other activity for management of forests and wildlife with the approval of Steering Committee and included in the APO	State Forest Academy	5.0	Deferred
			Installation of Solar Panel	2.0	Deferred
			LED Display board at Headquarters	1.0	Deferred

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

5. The approval indicated in the Remarks / Decision column in list A above for mandatory/seasonal/committed activities proposed in APO 2024 – 25 is subject to adherence by State to the Model Code of Conduct in force due to ensuing Lok Sabha Election.

6. 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.

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 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 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.

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- 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 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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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and (HoFF)-cum Chairperson, The Executive Committee of the State CAMPA, Department of Forest, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
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Yours faithfully,



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