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To,

The Additional Chief Secretary,
Department of Forest & Wildlife,
Government of Uttar Pradesh
Lucknow

Sub: Consolidated approval of Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2024-25 of Uttar Pradesh State CAMPA- reg.

Ref: 1. Uttar Pradesh letter No. 751/2-37-2 dated 18th March, 2024
2. National Authority file no. NA-15/24/2020-NA dated 19th April 2024
3. Uttar Pradesh letter No. 976/2-37-2 dated 16th May 2024

Sir,

The Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2024-25 of Uttar Pradesh was considered in 28th and 30th meetings of Executive Committee. During 28th meeting, only the mandatory and seasonal activities were considered and approved for an amount of **Rs. 57.06 crore (approved amount after 30th EC ratification placed at Table A)** to carry out the mandatory/seasonal activities in view of Model Code of Conduct, which was communicated vide letter No. NA-15/24/2020-NA dated 19th April 2024. The remaining deferred items/ activities were considered by Executive Committee in its 30th meeting, which was held on 07th June 2024, where an additional amount of **Rs 98.51 crore (Rupees ninety-eight crore and fifty-one lakh only)** was approved for the deferred activities (Table B).

2. In view of approval accorded during 30th meeting of Executive Committee the cumulative total approval accorded by National Authority during financial year 2024-25 is **Rs. 155.57 crore (Rupee one hundred and fifty-five crore and fifty-seven lakh only)** against the proposed outlay of **Rs. 219.29 crore (Rupees two hundred and nineteen crore and twenty-nine lakh only)**. The Executive Committee directed all the States/Union Territories to complete all pending compensatory afforestation and other mandatory activities till 2022 at the earliest and all efforts should be made in this direction to complete these mandatory activities in a time bound manner in compliance of the conditions mentioned in the approval granted by the Central Government.

3. The details of component wise activities considered in 28th and 30th EC are as follows:

A. List of Mandatory / Seasonal / Committed activities approved in the 28th and 30th EC are given below:

(Area in ha. Rs. in crore)

S. No	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Decision of 28 th EC	Remarks/ Decision of 30 th EC
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target		
1	Site-specific activities as per Section 6 (a) of the CAF Act, 2016					
		Compensatory Afforestation				
	Mandatory Activity	Advance Soil Work for planting 2025 rains	1833.2756 ha.	11.3024	Approved	
			60763 No. of Plants			
			(Other than ha.)			
		Advance Soil Work for planting 2025 rains -Dwarf species plantations (mainly medicinal plants)				
		a) Normal/barbed wire fencing plantation	18.91 ha.	0.2128	Approved	
		b) No. of plants (other than ha.)	1937 No. of Plants	0.0553	Approved	
		Compensatory Afforestation during 2024 rains	2796.6134 ha.	18.9392	Approved	
			137781 No. of Plants			
			(Other than ha.)			
		Maintenance (Year 2015 to 2023)	14219.4228 ha.	15.0023	Approved	
			486669 No. of Plants			
			(Other than ha.)			
		Catchment Area Treatment Plan	LS	0.21	Approved for maintenance of plantation for Rs 0.063 crore	
		Afforestation during 2024 rains- (i) Dwarf species plantations (mainly medicinal plants)				
	a) Normal/barbed wire fencing plantation	47.85 ha.	0.3814	Approved		
	b) No. of plants (other than ha.)					
	(ii) Road side plantations	19096 No. of Plants	0.3009	Approved		

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S. No	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Decision of 28 th EC	Remarks/ Decision of 30 th EC
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target		
		(iii) Plantation in RCC Guard	5.044 ha	0.0642	Approved	
			1200 No. of Plants	0.3115		
		1st Year Maintenance of others component				
		(i) Plantation in number of plants (other than ha.)	2840 No. of Plants	0.0101	Approved	
		(ii) Brick guard plantations	2145 No. of Plants	0.0831	Approved	
		(iii) Nursery strengthening (established in 2023-24)	06 Nos.	0.3034	Approved	
			100000 Plants			
	5 (2) f	Forest Fire Prevention and Control Operation				
		iii. Purchase of Fire equipment	756 Nos.	1.00	Approved	Approved for Rs. 0.50 crore.
	5 (3) h	Independent concurrent monitoring and evaluation and Third party monitoring				
		ii. Third party monitoring and evaluation	LS	2.0117	Approved	Approved for Rs. 1.00 crore. Subject to actual
4	Activities as per Rule 6 (a) of CAF Rules, 2018					
	6 (a) iv	For disbursement of salary and allowances State CAMPA Authority & staff	LS	7.3985	Approved	
5	Activities as per Rule 6 (b) of CAF Rules, 2018					
	6 (b) i	Management of office establishment State CAMPA CEO with details	LS	0.98	Approved	
	6 (b) v	Other contingencies for management of State Authority	LS	0.15	Approved	
Total Approved					Rs. 57.06 crore	



B. List of activities deferred in the 28th EC and considered in the 30th EC are as follows:

(Area in ha. Rs. in crore)

S. No	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Original Proposed outlay in APO by State Authority		Remarks/ Decision of 28 th EC	Amount proposed by State Authority for 30 th EC		Remarks/ Decision of 30 th EC
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target		Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
1	Site-specific activities as per Section 6 (a) of the CAF Act, 2016							
		Compensatory Afforestation						
	Mandatory Activity	Catchment Area Treatment Plan. Plantation and enrichment under Bandai Dam Project	LS	0.21	Approved for maintenance of plantation for Rs 0.063 crore		0.147	Approved
		Advance Soil Work for planting 2025 rains -Dwarf species plantations (mainly medicinal plants)						
		Additional Charges for protected areas	LS	22.09	Not approved for want of details	LS	22.09	Approved
2	Activity as per Rule 5(2) of the CAF Rules, 2018							
	5 (2) a	ANR						
		i. Advance soil work	4100.00 Ha.	11.1443	Deferred	1525.00 Ha.	4.18	Approved
	5 (2) d	Protection of plantation and Forests						
		ii. Patrolling (hiring of vehicle)	(i) Purchase of four-wheel vehicles for frontline staff-Rs. 5.50 Cr.	7.5	Deferred	(i) Purchase of four-wheel vehicles for frontline staff-Rs. 5.50 Cr.	6.9725	Approved for Rs. 3.5 crore
			(ii) Purchase of Motorcycles for frontline staff. -Rs. 2.00 Cr.			(ii) Purchase of Motorcycles for frontline staff. -Rs. 2.00 Cr.		Approved for Rs. 0.5 crore
		iii. Purchase of equipment relevant to patrolling	Purchase of Solar Power System	2.4	Deferred	Purchase of Solar Power System		Dropped
	5 (2) g	Soil and moisture conservation works						
		i. Water bodies (name & size)	Survey area- 9162.00 ha.	0.4318	Deferred	Survey area- 9162.00 ha.	18.294	

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			Phy. Target	Fin. Target		Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
		a. Ponds	Ponds-405982 Cub. Mtr.	4.4965	Deferred	Ponds-405982 Cub. Mtr.		Approved for Rs. 8.90 crore
		c. Check dams						
			Construction of Bandhi-1680904 Cub Mtr.	16.6067	Deferred	Construction of Bandhi-1680904 Cub Mtr.		
			Pacca checkdams -3600 Cub Mtr.	3.4967	Deferred	Pacca checkdams -3600 Cub Mtr.		
			Contour checkdam-09939 Cubic Mtr.	1.0709	Deferred	Contour checkdam-109939 Cub Mtr.		
		e. Retaining wall/Breast wall	Dry checkdams -42489 Cub Mtr.	1.6665	Deferred	Dry checkdams -42489 Cub Mtr.		
			Seed sowing on different SMC structures & grass planting	0.9781	Deferred	Seed sowing on different SMC structures & grass planting		
	5 (2) i	Improvement of wildlife habitat						
		iii. Protection activities a. Patrolling b. Prevention of Illicit felling c. Eco-development work in surrounding village to reduce conflict	(i) Development/Maintenance of Dudhwa, Pilibhit Tiger Reserve, Katarniagh at, Sohagibara, Sohelwa, North Khiri and other wildlife sanctuaries . - LS	20.3419	Deferred	(i) Development/Maintenance of Dudhwa, Pilibhit Tiger Reserve, Katarniagh at, Sohagibara, Sohelwa, North Khiri and other wildlife sanctuaries . - LS	10.17	Approved for Rs. 8.0 crore
			(ii) Conservation of Jatayu.	1.3772	Deferred	(ii) Conservation of Jatayu.	0.6707	Approved

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			Phy. Target	Fin. Target		Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
			Kacchhua (Tortoise/ turtle). -LS				Kacchhua (Tortoise/ turtle). -LS	
			(iii) Development of bird sanctuaries - LS	1.3078	Deferred	(iii) Development of bird sanctuaries - LS	0.65	Approved
	5 (2) k	Establishment, maintenance of animal rescue center and veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals	4 Nos.	17.7165	Deferred	4 Nos.	17.72	Spill-over work of year 2023-24 Approved for Rs. 9.16 crore for two Rescue Centres of Pilibhit (Rs 4.38 crore) & Maharajganj (Rs. 4.78 crore) from NPV Fund under Rule 5 (2) k. Subject to compliance/ approval of CZA Guidelines and availability of funds
3	Activities as per Rule 5(3) of the CAF Rules, 2018							
	5 (3) a	Establishment, maintenance of modern nurseries						
		i. Detailed estimate of nursery	63 Nos.	4.41	Deferred	35 Nos.	2.45	Approved
	5 (3) e	Construction of residential and official buildings	137 Nos.	14.8147	Deferred	60 Nos.	5.51	Approved for Rs. 2.75 crore
	5 (3) i	Publicity cum awareness programme						
		i. Publicity for common people	LS	1	Deferred	LS	1	Not approved



S. No	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Original Proposed outlay in APO by State Authority		Remarks/ Decision of 28 th EC	Amount proposed by State Authority for 30 th EC		Remarks/ Decision of 30 th EC
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target		Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
	5 (3) k	Forest certification and development of certification standards.	LS	0.43	Deferred	LS	0.43	Not approved
4	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)	2nd year maintenance of 2022 Non-CA plantation-38212 Ha.	26.3012	Deferred for details	2nd year maintenance of 2022 Non-CA plantation-38212 Ha.	26.3012	Approved
	6 (a) vi	Activities referred to in sub Rule-(2) and (3) of Rule (5) Establishment, maintenance of animal rescue center and veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals	4 Nos.	17.7165	Deferred	4 Nos.	17.72	Two rescue centres at Ranipur (Rs. 4.17 crore) and Meerut (Rs 4.38 crore) for Rs. 8.55 crore under interest component subject to compliance/ approval of CZA Guidelines & availability of funds under the interest head.
5	Activities as per Rule 6 (b) of CAF Rules, 2018							
	6 (b) ii	Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance	LS	0.66	Deferred	LS	0.66	Approved for Rs. 0.66 crore for the permissible activities as per CAF Rules, 2018.
	6 (b) vi	Any other activity for management of forests and wildlife with the approval of steering Committee and included in the APO	LS	0.33	Deferred	LS	0.33	
		Interest				Rs. 35.51 crore		
	Total Approved					Rs. 98.51 crore		

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4. State/UT Government is requested to release the CAMPA fund to the CEO, State/UT CAMPA/State Forest Department immediately for carrying out approved activities in accordance with the APO 2024-25 approved by the National Authority.

5. The Governing Body and the Steering Committee of the State CAMPA are requested to monitor the progress of implementation of approved CAMPA activities and ensure timely release of funds to the Forest Departments.

6. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- i. State Forest Department must ensure that the Compensatory Afforestation and other site-specific activities are carried out in the approved sites as per the forest diversion approval granted by the Central Government.
- ii. All afforestation efforts under the CA, ANR, AR, Catchment Area Treatment Plans, wildlife Habitat improvement etc. should primarily aim for comprehensive ecological restoration of the area on sustainable basis. Preference of local and indigenous species, especially fruit and fodder species should be given in every afforestation/ regeneration/ plantation and monoculture and planting of exotic species should be avoided.
- iii. The KML files of CA and other plantation (AR and ANR etc.) should be uploaded on the e-Green Watch portal and emailed to FSI with copy to National CAMPA official e-mail (nationalcampa-moefcc@gov.in) before taking up the work.
- iv. 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.
- v. The ratio of expenditure on the approved activities under Rule 5(2) & 5(3) should strictly adhere as mentioned in the Rule 5 (2) & 5 (3) should not be less than 80 percent and not more than 20 percent respectively.
- vi. Please ensure that the annual interest accrued on State CAMPA Fund is credited into the State CAMPA fund so that the activities mentioned in the CAF Rule 6 are effectively implemented.
- vii. The activities towards maintenance of plantation should be implemented in such a way that the maximum survival of the saplings is finally achieved with desired growth parameters.
- viii. 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 at the level of Range, Division office and CEO State CAMPA in prescribed formats and placed on the respective websites.
- ix. 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 for effective monitoring and transparency. In respect of CA, plantations/ regeneration activities before and after photographs should be uploaded.
- x. If required and approved by National Authority, casual engagement of local people or local labours may be hired to assist regular staff of State Forest Department for works for protection of forest and wildlife undertaken from State fund as per rule 5(3)(f).
- xi. Monitoring and evaluation of all the afforestation and other CAMPA activities undertaken shall be the highest priority for the State Authorities. The 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.
- xii. The monitoring and evaluation reports of all CAMPA works done upto the year 2023-2024 and all previous years alongwith all the relevant records should be made available to the DG,

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- FSI & Member Coordinator, Monitoring Group annually as well as whenever required by him with copy to National CAMPA.
- xiii. 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 APO every year seeking approval of the National Authority.
 - xiv. 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 as required under the provision of the CAF Rule 5 (3).
 - xv. State should ensure that the 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.
 - xvi. 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.
 - xvii. 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.
 - xviii. The State EC shall also ensure that there is no overlapping of activities / funding from other schemes of the State or Central Government and provide a certificate to that effect.
 - xix. 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 for regeneration and development of forests and wildlife habitat.
 - xx. 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.
 - xxi. There should not be any reduction in allocation for forestry sector in the regular State Budget due to flow of CAMPA funds to the State.
 - xxii. Works related to Eco-tourism and Eco-development should be taken up following relevant rules and guidelines after taking necessary approvals.
 - xxiii. Purchase of vehicles for office use 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.
 - xxiv. Procurement of multi-utility vehicles for meeting the operational requirements of forest front line staff of State/UT Forest departments from the NPV component of State CAMPA is permissible as per approved APO complying the guidelines issued by the National CAMPA vide NA-16/2/2023-NA dated 12th January 2024.
 - xxv. IRO of the regional office of the Ministry shall 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.

- xxvi. 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.
- xxvii. The States/UTs Authority are proposing engagement of casual labours for protection of Forests for the entire State. It is 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.
- xxviii. The validity of APO (2024-25) is valid till 31.03.2025. Further continuation of the balance/ incomplete activities shall be permissible only if they are included in the approved APO.
- xxix. 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.
- xxx. All wage payments should be made through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

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 Uttar Pradesh.
2. The Chief Executive Officer, Uttar Pradesh State CAMPA, Lucknow.
3. The Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.
4. The Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.
5. The Accountant General, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.
6. The Deputy Director General of Forest (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Lucknow.
7. The Director General, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun, Member Coordinator, Monitoring Group of National Authority, CAMPA.
8. Principal Director (Audit), Scientific Department, AGCR Building, New Delhi.
9. IFD/Sanction Folder/ Guard File.
10. NIC Cell with a request to upload the sanction order on the official website of MoEF&CC.

Copy for kind information:

1. The DGF&SS, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, for kind information.