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दिनांक \Dated: ~~17th~~ January, 2025

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Government of Arunachal Pradesh
Itanagar.

Sub: Approval letter for the financial year 2024-25 of Arunachal Pradesh State CAMPA-reg.

Ref: 1. Arunachal Pradesh letter no. FOR.132/STATE AUTHORITY/2023/9237 dated 06.12.2024

Sir,

With reference to the above-mentioned letter, the Annual Plan of Operation of Arunachal Pradesh State for the financial year 2024-25 (Vol II) was discussed during the 33rd meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority, held on 18th December 2024.

2. The Executive Committee reviewed the progress of works approved in the APO of 2024-25 in the State. The Committee noted that no CAMPA funds were released by the State Government to the State Forest Department against the approved APO for carrying out the works till date. The progress of compensatory afforestation and other site-specific activities has not been received alongwith kml files and inspection reports including third party monitoring specifying survival percentage. The information is required to be submitted of each plantation in the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the I.A. 5891 of 2019 listed to be heard in the month of March, 2025.

3. The Executive Committee noted that kml files of the polygons of the works proposed in various forest divisions in the additional APO are not received.

4. After due deliberations, the Executive Committee of National CAMPA approved Additional State Annual Plan of Operation- 2024-25 of Arunachal Pradesh State CAMPA under section 15 (1) (i) of the Compensatory Afforestation fund Act, 2016 for an amount of ₹22.52 crore (Rupees twenty two crore and fifty two lakh only) against the proposed outlay of ₹92.34 crore (Rupees Ninety two crore and thirty four lakh only) for carrying out approved activities. The NPV activities should be implemented in accordance with the prescriptions of approved Working Plans in forest areas and the activities related to Wildlife Habitat improvement in accordance with the approved Wildlife Management Plans in Protected Areas.

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5. The details of component wise activities considered and decision taken in 33rd EC are as follows:

I. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN (Mandatory activity as per section 6(a) of CAF Act 2016)

(₹ in crore)

Abstract of the activities (liabilities) under Wildlife Management Plan component for the year 2024-25 Vol-II				
S. No	Activities	Unit	Fin. (₹ in Crore)	Decision of EC
1	C/o of Check gate	1No	0.06	Approved
2	Maintenance of Check gate	7 Nos	0.04	Approved
3	Maintenance of vehicle/cycle i/c POL	24 Nos	0.16	Approved
4	Engagement of Protection Squad/Drive/Salary wages for Wildlife Conservation	59 Nos	0.69	Approved
5	Maintenance of Signage	LS	0.23	Approved
6	Monitoring & evaluation (TA/DA, OE etc)	LS	0.08	Approved
7	Rescue & Treatment	LS	0.06	Approved
8	Awareness camp in school and villages	LS	0.18	Approved
9	Printing of brochures	LS	0.02	Approved
10	Maintenance of fence @5% & Maintenance of awareness shed @10% of erection cost and by adding escalation cost	LS	0.08	Approved
11	Training of forest field officer/staff in wildlife Rescue & Management WII	LS	0.12	Not Approved
12	Ex-Situ conservation of wildlife species	LS	0.03	Approved
13	Renovation of animal enclosures at rescue centre	LS	0.44	Approved
14	Hiring of Veterinarian (VS) & VFA	LS	0.04	Approved
15	Erection of night vision vinyl signage	LS	0.04	Approved
16	Creation of Avenue Plantation along Highway (200 plant per Km for 30 Km @1000/-)	30 km	0.06	Approved
17	Contingency	LS	0.01	Approved
18	Creation of Plantation (Bamboo, Fodder, Fruit bearing trees)	12 Ha	0.02	Approved
Total Approved				₹2.23 crore

(II) NET PRESENT VALUE (NPV) [Under rule 5(2) and 5(3) of CAF Rule 2018]

(Rs. in crore)

Abstract of the liabilities activities under of NPV component for the year 2024-25				Decision of EC	
Sl. No.	Rule	Activities	Unit (area in Ha.)	Amount (₹ in crore)	
		Artificial Regeneration			
		i. New Creation			
1	5(2)b	Creation of Artificial Plantation	1486 ha	10.335	Deferred. KML files duly approved by PCCF & HoFF to be provided.

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		Raising of Seedlings at Modern Nursery	669933 Nos	1.24	Approved
		Strip Plantation	13200.00	1.32	Approved subject to furnishing of KML files
		SUB TOTAL of New Creation	1289.89		
		ii. Maintenance	26 Ha	0.06	Approved
2	5 (2) C	Silvicultural Operations in forests			
		i. Cultural Operation of old plantation	1000 Ha	0.24	Not approved
		ii. Eradication of Obnoxious Weeds /Invasive species	400 Ha	0.43	Not approved
3	5(2) (d)	Protection of plantation and forests			
		i. Purchase of Vehicle	40 Nos	6.00	Approved for ₹ 2.0 crores
		ii. Purchase of Drones	30 Nos	0.30	Approved for Rs. 0.10 crores
		iii. C/o Protection Watch Tower	2 Nos	0.15	Approved
		iv. Animal Intrusion detection & repellent System	8 Nos	0.03	Approved
		v. Protection Infrastructure at VVK	40 Rmt	0.07	Approved
		vi. Cost of POL & Maint. Of Vehicle	4 Nos	0.04	Approved
		vii. Purchase of Mechanised Country Boat	1 No	0.04	Approved
		viii. Fire Fighting Equipment	6 sets	0.075	Not approved as it is also proposed in the next item.
		ix. Purchase of Inverter	3 Nos	0.045	Approved
		x. Making of Signage	20 Nos	0.05	Approved
		xi. Procurement of Logistic Support	3 Nos	0.02	Approved
4	5(2)(f)	Forest fire prevention and control operation			
		i. Procurement of Fire fighting equipment	L/s	0.10	Approved
		ii. Controlled Burning at river bank	130 Ha	0.045	Approved
		iii. Cost of rescue of animals and feed of rescued animals	L/s	0.05	Approved

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5	5(2)(g)	Soil & Moisture conservation works in the forests			
		i. Bio Sand bag water Blocker	3043 Sqm	0.05	Approved
		ii. C/o RCC Porcupine System for river Bank	900 Nos	0.096	Approved
		iii. Improvement & Upgradation of Sateng Lake	LS	0.50	Approved
		iv. SMC Gabion Structure with wire netting	948 Nos	8.19	Not approved as KML Files not furnished
6	5(2)i	Improvement of wildlife habitat			
		i. Creation			
		a. Habitat improvement through ANR Plantation	692 Ha	1.32	Not approved as KML files not furnished
		b. Elephant proof Trench Cutting	33200 Rmt	17.82	Not approved. Study by Wildlife Institute of India may be conducted on technical feasibility and management requirement for sustainable nature and utility of the project and proposal may be submitted with KML files.
		c. Construction of Rhino enclosure & C/o Modern State of art walk through Aviary	8000 Sqm	6.29	Deferred. Comments of CZA not furnished
		d. Labelling of Flora & Tall tree plantation	4000 Nos	0.23	Approved
		e. Creation of artificial Saltlicks & Waterholes	50 Nos	0.27	Approved
		f. Creation of Wild Edible Fruit Nursery	1 Ha	0.15	Approved
		g. Weed eradication	40 Ha	0.024	Approved
		h. Const. of Anti Poaching Camp including providing solar light	2 Nos	0.295	Approved

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		i. Construction of species conservation	3 Km	0.30	Approved
		Subtotal of new work Imp. wildlife habitat	2670.27306		
		ii. Maintenance of Saltlicks & Waterholes	28 Nos	0.04	Approved
7	5(2) (k)	Establishment, operation and maintenance of animal rescue centre and veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals	8 Nos	0.405	Approved. Subject to guidelines of CZA/NTCA.
8	5(2)(m)	Management of biological diversity and biological resources			
		i. New Creation			
		a. Management of biological diversity and biological resources, Ayurvedic Park, Rhododendrum Conservation Bombusetum etc.	120.5 Ha	6.30	Approved for ₹ 2.0 crore as limited time available during Current Financial years. The location and KML files to be furnished.
		b. C/o Orchid Park, Nature Interpretation Centre & Aquatic ecosystem	1650 Sqm	1.05	Approved
		c. Establishment of Biodiversity Park, nature interpretation centre & Visitors Education and Facilitation Centre	3 Nos	3.75	Not approved as KML files not furnished
		d. Collection of IUCN endangered herb Coptis teeta from the wild	500 Nos	0.05	Approved subject to necessary approvals from Competent Authority
		ii. Maintenance			
			17Ha/4 Nos	0.645	Approved
3. Activities as per Rule 5(3) of the CAF Rule, 2018					
9	5(3)(a)	i. Establishment, upgradation and maintenance of modern nurseries and other planting stock production facilities for production of quality planting materials	7 Nos	1.30	Approved

		ii. Maintenance	44 Nos	1.26	Approved
10	5(3) (b)	Promoting conservation, sustainable use, documentation of biological diversity including preservation of habitat, conservation of land and folk varieties and cultivars, domesticated stocks, and breed of animals and micro-organism and chronicling of knowledge relating to biological diversity	14	0.29	Approved
11	5(3) C	Purchase and maintenance of equipment or devices used for communication and information technology for the purpose of protection of forest and wildlife.	L/S	2.285	Deferred for want of details.
12	5(3)(d)	Construction, upgradation and maintenance of inspection paths, forest roads in forest area, firelines, watch towers, check posts and timber depots			
		a. New Check Gate	9 Nos	0.48	Approved
		b. Maintenance	10 Nos	0.06	Approved
		a. New Watch Tower	12 Nos	0.51	Approved
		b. Maintenance	3 Nos	0.025	Approved
		a. New Inspection/patrolling path	233.434 KM	0.605	Approved
		b. Maintenance	459.6 Km	0.19	Approved
13	5(3) e	i. Construction of residential and official buildings in forests for front line staff deployed for protection of forest and wildlife	65Nos	11.59	Approved for ₹ 3.00 crores subject considering limited time for execution during CFY.
		ii. Maintenance	121Nos	0.99	Not approved. Requisite details not furnished.
14	5(3)(f)	Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff of	12 Nos	0.194	Approved

		State Forest Department for works for protection of forest and wildlife undertaken from State Fund			
15	5(3)(h)	Independent concurrent monitoring and evaluation and third party monitoring of various works undertaken from State Fund	LS	0.27	Approved
16	5(3)(i)	Net Present Value (NPV) & Interest: Capacity Building / Awareness Activities	LS	1.39	Approved for ₹ 0.50 crore
		Total Approved		₹20.289 crore	

3. The 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 2024-25 approved by the National CAMPA.

4. The Governing Body and the Steering Committee of the State CAMPA are requested to monitor the progress of implementation of approved CAMPA activities.

5. 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.

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- 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, 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

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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,



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Chief Executive Officer

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and HoFF, Department of Forest, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
2. The Chief Executive Officer of Arunachal Pradesh State CAMPA, Itanagar.
3. The Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
4. The Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
5. The Accountant General, Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
6. The Director General, Forest Survey of India for information and necessary action.
7. The Deputy Director General of Forest (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shillong.
8. IFD/Sanction Folder/ Guard File.
9. NIC Cell with a request to upload the sanction order on the official website of MoEF&CC.