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दिनांक \Dated: 15th May, 2025

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Government of Sikkim
Gangtok.

Sub: Approval letter for the financial year 2025-26 of Sikkim State CAMPA-reg.

Ref: Sikkim letter no. 66/SA-CAMPA/S/F&ED dated 18th March, 2025

Sir,

Apropos the matter cited above and in reference to above-mentioned letter dated 18th March, 2025. It is to convey that the Annual Plan of Operation of Sikkim State for the financial year 2025-26 was considered by the Executive committee of the National Authority in its 34th meeting held on 23rd April, 2025.

2. After due deliberations, approval of the Executive Committee of National Authority is hereby conveyed under section 15 (1) (i) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 for Annual Plan of Operation 2025-26 of Sikkim State for an amount of **Rs.74.56 crore** (Rupees Seventy-four crore and fifty-six lakh only) and spill over for an amount of **Rs. 3.94 crore** (Rupees Three crore and ninety-four lakh only) against the proposed outlay of **Rs. 95.92 crore** (Rupees Ninety-five crore and ninety-two lakh only) for carrying out approved activities.

3. In addition, Executive Committee accorded approval for an **additional amount of Rs. 14.95 crore** (Rupees Fourteen crore and ninety-five lakh only) against the proposed outlay of **Rs. 14.95 crore** (Rupees Fourteen crore and ninety-five lakhs only) for financial year 2025-26.

4. The **cumulative total approval** accorded by National authority during financial year 2025-26 is **Rs. 93.45 crore** (Rupees Ninety-three crore and forty-five lakh only) against the cumulative proposed outlay of **Rs. 114.81 crore** (Rupees One hundred fourteen crore and eighty-one lakh only) including spill over activities.

5. The details of component wise activities considered in 34th EC are as follows:

(Area in Ha and Amount in

(Crore)

Sl. No.	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed Outlay		Decision of EC	
Phy Target	Fin Target					
1	Site-specific activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016					
	Mandatory Activities	Compensatory Afforestation				
		iii	Maintenance of existing / older plantation	863.98	3.97	Approved
		iv	New plantation	234.91	25.20	Approved
		v	Spill over work/committed liabilities	-	1.20	Approved
		Catchment Area Treatment Plan				
		1	Diversion of 89.4266 Ha. of forest land for construction of 500 MW Teesta Stage-VI HEP by LANCO Energy Pvt. Ltd.	As per programme	2.35	Approved
		2	Spill over work/committed liabilities	-	0.57	Approved
			Integrated Wildlife Management Plan (IWMP)			
		1	Diversion of 52.70 ha of reserve forest land for the construction/improvement of Flaghill-Madhubala-Dokala Road in Latuui RF within the Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary in East Sikkim by 130 RCC (BRO)	As per programme	0.38	Approved
		3	Diversion of 18.098 ha. of forest land for construction / improvement of road from Dokala, PT 3777 to bp 10, op track to nh sl specification in pangolakha wildlife sanctuary by 130 rcc, BRO (GREF)	As per programme	4.25	Approved
		4	Diversion of 3.12 ha (1.04 ha. of wls + 2.08 ha. of khasmal) of forest land for laying of 132 kv D/C Dikchupool - Perbing transmission line in Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary	As per programme	0.24	Approved
		2	Diversion of 2.10 Ha. of forest land for development of Skywalk for Promotion of Wildlife Tourism at Bhaleydhunga, Maenam Wildlife Sanctuary, South Sikkim.	As per programme	0.87	Approved
		5	Diversion of 119.92 ha. of forest land for construction of rehabilitation and upgrading to 2 lane with paved shoulders configuration of section from rolep to menla section of NH-717 b in East district of Sikkim by NHIDCL.	As per programme	10.08	Approved
			Diversion of 8.3801 ha. of forest land for laying of 132 kv d/c dikchupool to perbing tl under comprehensive scheme for			

	6	strengthening of transmission & distribution system in Sikkim in Gangtok district of Sikkim by Energy & Power department, govt. of Sikkim	As per programme	0.34	Approved
	7	Diversion of 7.6195 ha. of forest land for laying of 220 kv DC Dikchu to Singhik transmission line under North and East district of Sikkim by Energy & Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim.	As per programme	1.95	Approved
	8	Spill over work/committed liabilities		0.13	Approved
	Any Other (Site specific activities in accordance with FC proposal)				
	1	Diversion of 19.36 Ha. of forest land for construction of ITBP Phse II road from Muguthang to 20R Link Point under Lachen (T) Range in Mangan district of Sikkim by CPWD	As per programme	12.29	Approved
	2	Diversion of 119.92 ha. of forest land for construction of rehabilitation and upgrading to 2 lane with paved shoulders configuration of section from Rolep to Menla Section of NH-717 B in East district of Sikkim by NHIDCL.	As per programme	7.02	Approved
	3	Diversion of 1.0935 ha. of forest land for construction of Kissan Bazar-cum-Car Parking Plaza at Gyalshing in Gyalshing district of Sikkim by Urban Development & Housing Department, Govt. of Sikkim	As per programme	0.16	Approved
	4	Spill over work/committed liabilities	-	0.0050	Approved
	Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 1			69.10	
	Approved spill over activities shown in Sr. No. 1			1.905	
2	Activity as per Rule 5(2) of CAF Rules, 2018				
5(2)b	Artificial Regeneration				
	i	Artificial Regeneration (Creation)	200.00	1.37	Approved
	ii	Maintenance	200	0.35	Approved
	iii	Maintenance of nursery for production of seedlings for Artificial Regeneration	-	0.20	Approved
	iv	Avenue Plantation with bamboo basket	20	0.21	Approved
	v	Maintenance	20	0.02	Approved
	vi	"Mero Rukh Mero Santati" plantation and programme		0.50	Approved
	vii	Mulberry plantation	10	0.18	Approved
	viii	Intensive roadside plantation under "Mero Bato Mero Bot"	10	1.51	Approved

		initiative			
5(2)c		Silvicultural operations in forests			
	i	Thinning of exotic <i>Cryptomeria japonica</i> trees	-	0.20	Deferred
	ii	Thinning of small bamboos in Barsey, Soreng District	-	0.25	Deferred
	iii	Thinning of bamboo thickets in Yambong, Bakhim, Sachen, Tsoka, Dhupi & Kasturi at KNP	-	0.25	Deferred
5(2)d		Protection of plantations and forests			
	i	Construction of Dry Stone Wall Fencing	2 Km	0.30	Deferred
			8 Km	0.94	Deferred
	ii	Vegetative fencing under Soreng SF	15 Km	0.12	Deferred
	iii	Chain link fencing at Pentong RF, Mangan district	-	0.10	Deferred
5(2)e		Pest & disease control in forest			
	i	Removal of Invasive Alien species by mechanical means and replacement with wild edible fruit tree species at Bulbuley RF		0.10	Deferred
5(2)f		Forest fire prevention & control operations			
	i	Forest Fire Management and Mitigation measures		0.20	Approved
	ii	Ground water recharge and fire fighting through Water Harvesting structures in drought prone areas		0.05	Deferred
5(2)g		Soil and Moisture Conservation in forests			
	i	SMC works within forest areas		0.16	Deferred
	ii	Broom Grass Plantation		0.08	Deferred
	iii	Construction of Catch Water Drain in different locations for soil conservation and protection of forests		0.29	Deferred
	iv	Construction of CCM Wall in land slide in forest areas		0.53	Deferred
	v	Construction of Sausage Wall/Crate Wall in land slide areas		0.30	Deferred
	vi	Construction of DRSM Wall in land slide areas		0.20	Deferred
5(2)k		Establishment, operation & maintenance of animal rescue centre and veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals			
	(a)	Maintenance of animal rescue Centre at Bulbulay		0.20	Deferred
	(b)	Veterinary treatment of wild animals		0.05	Deferred
5(2)m		Management of biological diversity and biological resource			
	i	Plantation (introduction) of Agarwood (<i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>) species at suitable location in		0.10	Not Approved

		Sikkim			
	ii	Development of eco-trails	10.00	0.50	Not Approved
	iii	Conservation & upgradation activities of Grooves at Zoom RF, Soreng District	-	0.50	Not Approved
	iv	Educational/Recreational activities at Chakung area, Soreng District	-	1.50	Not Approved
	v	Reclamation of degraded forest into nature park at Lingkhimtaar, Teesta River bank, Namchi district	-	0.30	Not Approved
	vi	Development of Kalikhola area for promotion of ecotourism at Lower Sudunglakha, Pakyong district	-	0.40	Not Approved
	vii	Construction of Tungkyong Bio diversity Heritage Park, Dzongu	-	0.70	Not Approved
	viii	Upgradation of Lingdem Hotspring Bio Diversity Park, Upper Dzongu	-	0.60	Not Approved
	ix	Conservation & Rejuvenation of Tingchim Lake, Upper Dzongu	-	0.60	Not Approved
	x	Upgradation of Saramsa Garden, Ranipool	-	0.30	Not Approved
	xi	Development of Botanical park at Tenjay, Mangshila, Mangan	-	0.40	Not Approved
	xii	Development of AR/VR based eco-tourism and biodiversity experience centre at Bulbulay, Gangtok District	-	0.30	Not Approved
	xiii	Development of Bio-diversity Park at Rangpo near Atal Setu	-	0.20	Not Approved
	xiv	Protection & Management of Barsey Rhododendron Sanctuary	-	0.44	Not Approved
	xv	Biodiversity Park at RDD Dara, Pakyong District	-	0.50	Not Approved
	xvi	Biodiversity Park at Pentok, Mangan	-	0.70	Not Approved
	xvii	Development of ecotourism around Lingzya waterfall area	-	0.35	Not Approved
	xviii	Spill over work/committed liabilities	-	1.01	Approved
	Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 2			4.54	
	Approved spill over activities shown in Sr. No. 2			1.01	
3	Activities as per Rule 5(3) of the CAF Rule, 2018				
	5(3)a	Establishment, maintenance of modern nurseries			
	i	Establishment, up-gradation and maintenance of modern nurseries and other planting stock production facilities for production of quality planting materials.	-	0.20	Approved
	ii	Species recovery through development of quality planting material	-	0.10	Approved
		Purchase and maintenance of equipment or devices used for			

	5 (3)c		wireless communication and information technology for the purpose of protection of forest and wildlife.	-	0.20	Deferred
	5(3)e	i	Construction/upgradation of residential quarters/barrack of Head Forest Guard/Forest Guard and official building in forests for frontline staff up the rank of Range officers.	-	1.00	Deferred
	5(3)d	ii	Construction, upgradation & maintenance of inspection paths	-	0.66	Deferred
		iii	Forest roads in forest area (Bulbuley RF)	-	0.30	Deferred
		iv	Construction of log bridges for patrolling in WLS	-	0.20	Deferred
		i	Upgradation & maintenance of Watch Tower at Chewabhanjyang, Upper Bhareng, Barsey Hilltop at Barsey	-	0.30	Deferred
		ii	Protection of forest land from erosion by river at Bharikhola timber depot, Namchi District	-	0.30	Deferred
		iii	Creation and development of by products using driftwood and other wastewood materials	-	0.20	Deferred
	5(3)f		Casual engagement of local people or labourers to assist regular staff of State Forest Department for protection of forest and wildlife.	-	0.10	Deferred
	5(3)h		Independent concurrent monitoring and evaluation and third party monitoring of works undertaken from State Fund of various works undertaken from state fund.	-	0.50	Approved
	5(3)i		Advertisement / awareness / IEC / publication / conference under State Authority	-	0.20	Deferred
	5(3)g		Demarcation of boundary for protection from encroachment in Wildlife Sanctuaries in Sikkim	-	2.00	Deferred
			Demarcation of boundary for protection from encroachment in Khangchendzonga National Park (Gyalshing & Mangan District)	-	1.00	Deferred
	5(3)g		Demarcation of boundary for protection from encroachment in Forest areas (RF/Khasmal/Gaucharan)	-	2.33	Deferred
			Spill over work/committed liabilities	-	1.03	Approved
	Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 3				0.80	
	Approved Spill over activities shown in Sr. No. 3				1.03	

4 Activities as per Rule 6(a) of the CAF Rule, 2018					
	6(a)iv	For disbursement of salary and allowances State CAMPA Authority & Staff.		0.12	Approved
	6(b)i	i	Management of office establishment:-		
		ii	Maintenance/strengthening of office of the State Authority	0.05	Deferred
	Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 4			0.12	
	6(b)iv		Hiring of staff cars for the use or the officers and officials of the State Authority	0.01	Deferred
	6(b)v	Other contingencies for management of State Authority			
		i	POL/HSD and maintenance of vehicles & machineries of state authority offices	0.02	Deferred
	Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 5			0.00	
	Total Approved			Rs. 74.56 crore	
	Total approved spill over activities			Rs. 3.95 crore	

5. The details for the Additional activities under Annual Plan of Operation (APO) 2025-26 of Sikkim CAMPA is as below:

A. ACTIVITIES PROPOSED FOR RESTORATION OF FLASHFLOOD / LANDSLIDE AFFECTED FOREST AREAS (2025-26) UNDER OTHERS COMPONENT OF MANDATORY ACTIVITIES.

Object head	Name of activities	Unit	Phy. Target	Rate (SoR) 2023	Fin. Target (Rs. in crore)	Remarks
1	RESTORATION OF FLASHFLOOD / LANDSLIDE AFFECTED FOREST AREAS					
Others, section 6(a) of CAF act 2016	Plantation of soil binding riparian species	Ha.	50	86,057	0.4303	Approved
	Construction of Catch Water Drain in different locations for soil conservation and protection of forests	cum	1000	5,838	0.5838	Approved
	Construction of CCM Wall in land slide in forest areas	cum	1000	10,642	1.0642	Approved
	Construction of Sausage Wall/Crate Wall in land slide areas	cum	4000	5,962	2.3848	Approved
	Construction of DRSM Wall in land slide areas	cum	4000	3,976	1.5904	Approved
	Bio civil restoration using Geo-matting and hydroseeding techniques etc. for stabilization of land slip areas	Lumpsum	100.00	-	1.00	Approved

	Dry stone wall	km	25	11,77,400	2.9435	
	Total (A)				9.9970	

B. ACTIVITIES PROPOSED FOR ECO-RESTORATION OF DEGRADED FOREST AREAS (2025-26) FROM COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION

Object Head	Name of activities	Unit	Phy Target	Rate	Object Head	Name of activities
1	ECO-RESTORATION OF DEGRADED FOREST AREAS					
Others, section 6(a) of CAF act 2016	Restoration of degraded high-altitude pastures with alpine vegetation	Ha.	250	1,25,955	3.1489	Approved
	Restoring Climate Sensitive Oak Forests	Lumpsum		LS	1.8000	Approved
	Total (B)				4.9489	
	Total Approved (A+B)				Rs. 14.95 crore	

Cumulative Total Approved financial out lay- Rs. 93.45 crore

6. Accordingly, the State Government is requested to release the CAMPA fund to the CEO, State CAMPA/State Forest Department at the immediate possible for carrying out approved activities in accordance with the APO 2025-26 approved by the National Authority.

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

8. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- The 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 whilst maintain the geo location co-ordinates.
- 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.
- The KML files of CA and other plantation (AR and ANR etc.) should compulsorily be uploaded on the e-Green Watch portal and emailed to FSI, Dehradun with copy to National CAMPA official e-mail (nationalcampa-moefcc@gov.in) before taking up the work.
- 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.
- 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/s should be implemented in such a way that the maximum survival of the saplings is finally achieved with desired growth parameters and are to be monitored.
 - 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 offices, Division offices 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 2024-2025 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 the cases, under 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 Government 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 /UT 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 (2025-26) is valid till 31.03.2026. 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).

7. This issues with the approval of the Chief Executive Officer, National Authority on the e-file.

Yours faithfully,

(Suveena Thakur)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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 Sikkim, Gangtok.
2. The Chief Executive Officer of Sikkim State CAMPA, Gangtok.
3. The Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
4. The Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
5. The Accountant General, Sikkim, Gangtok.
6. The Director General, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun, Member Coordinator, Monitoring Group of National Authority, CAMPA
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.

Copy also forwarded to:

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