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National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

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दिनांक \Dated: 19th May, 2025

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Government of Himachal Pradesh,
Shimla.

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

Ref: 1. Himachal Pradesh State CAMPA letter no. FT.
CAMPA/2021/National Authority/Vol. IV dated 24th March 2025

Sir,

Apropos the matter cited above and in reference to above-mentioned letter dated 24th March 2025, it is to convey that the Annual Plan of Operation of Himachal Pradesh 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 the due deliberations, the approval of the Executive Committee of National Authority is hereby conveyed under section 15 (1) (i) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 for the State Annual Plan of Operation 2025-26 for an amount of Rs. **143.35 crore** (Rupees one hundred forty-three crore and thirty-five lakh only) against the proposed outlay of Rs. **267.65 crore** (Rupees two hundred sixty-seven crore and sixty-five lakh only) for carrying out approved activities.

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

(Amount Rs. in crore and Area in Ha.)

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 Activity	Compensatory Afforestation			
		i. Advance soil work	890.767 Ha.	4.15	Approved
		ii. Nursery raising	2183924 Plants	8.21	Approved
		iii. New Plantation	886.5454 Ha.	5.98	Approved
		iv. Maintenance of existing/order plantation	8976.91 Ha.	6.66	Approved
		Catchment Area Treatment Plan			
		i. Watershed management			
		ii. Plantation to check erosion	520 Ha.	3.81	Approved
		iv. Maintenance of existing/order plantation	1771 Ha.	1.11	Approved

			C/dam, c/walls, SMC works etc = 2581 No., Trenches = 74898 Rmt, Diversion drains = 240 Rmt, Silt Detention dam = 478 Rmt. Live hedge 19910 Rmt, Brushwood = 3488 Rmt, Gully Plugging = 297 No. Bio-Engineering works = 126 Ha. WHS / Ponds = 11 No. Land Slides & Slips, Stream bank Protection=782 Rmt	10.25	Approved
		v. Soil and moisture conservation works			
		vi. Research, Training & Capacity Building	-	0.70	Approved
			C/o & R/o B/pillar = 1186 No. R/o Paths 19 No. C/o Fgd hut = 1No. C/o B.O. Qtr = 1 No. C/o T/hut = 1No. R/o of Buildings = 14 No., Fencing = 150 Rmt.	3.29	Approved
		vii. Infrastructure Dev. & Forest Protection			
			Habitat Planation = 40 Ha. Computer=6No. Printer, Scanner = 9 No. Photocopier=1 No. GPS=6 No., Camera = 5 No. UPS=7 No. Removal of Lantana=231 Ha., SSO=30 Ha. Distribution of plants = 2800 No. Purchase of new vehicle= 2 No. Eco-tourism activity = 2 No. Silt monitoring station=1 No.	4.62	Approved
		viii Others (Wild life activity / others activity)			
			Raising of Plants = 1013054 No., Dev. Of Nury = 7 No.	4.22	Approved
		ix Raising of Nursery / Infrastructure			
		Integrated wildlife Management Plan			
		i. Habitat management for flora and fauna (Food/cover/water management)	Targets as per approved plans	30.65	Approved
		Any Other (Site Specific activities in accordance with FC proposal)			
		Soil and moisture conservation Plan	-	1.06	Approved
		Green Belt Plan	-	0.94	Approved
		Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 2		85.65	
		2 Activity as per Rule 5 (2) of CAF Rules, 2018 (NPV)			
		5(2)b AR			
		i. Advance soil work		-	
		ii New plantation	726 Ha	4.78	Approved
		iii Maintenance		3.33	Approved
		iv. Nursery raising	2981122 plants	8.74	Approved
		5(2)c Silvicultural Operations	LS	10.00	Deferred
		5(2)d Protection of Plantation and forests			
		Protection of plantation and forest involving local community-based organization	2500 Ha.	5.00	Deferred

	i. C/o Boundary Pillars	Ls	8.00	Deferred
	ii. Patrolling (hiring of vehicle)	15 No.	0.66	Deferred
	Purchase of new vehicle	20 No.	3.00	Deferred
	Lantana Removal By CRS Method	973 Ha.	3.77	Deferred
	Fencing of forest areas	4129 Rmt	0.80	Deferred
	Rehabilitation of Encroachment area	Ls	0.20	Deferred
5(2)e	Pest and disease control in forests	41 Ha.	0.32	Deferred
5(2)f	Forest fire prevention and control operation			
		115.8 km creation / 461.2 km maint of fire line	0.76	Approved
	i. Fire line (creation & maintenance)			
		68931 MD Fire Watchers & for fire protection & control measures in 2059 beat.	27.29	Approved
	ii. Fire watchers	11039 Ha.	0.88	Approved
	Control Burning	Ls	0.32	Approved
	iii. Purchase of fire equipment	1 G/hut	0.15	Approved
	iv. Any other relevant activities	37 No.	0.16	Approved
	v. Awareness Campaigning	18 No.	0.17	Approved
	Water ponds	37 no.	0.48	Approved
	Hiring of vehicle			
5(2)g	Soil and moisture conservation works			
	i. Dev. and Maint. of RRWH Structures in Forest Buildings	51 No.	1.00	Deferred
	ii. Dev. and Maint. of Natural Springs in Forest Areas	90 No.	0.93	Deferred
	iii. Dev. of Ponds/ Water Harvesting Structures	427 No. WHS / 35634 Rmt	10.97	Deferred
	iv. Soil Conservation Works	4372 No.	10.00	Deferred
		2500 Ha. New Plantation done through SHGs and 80 Ha. High density planation at Bankhandi	31.26	Deferred
5(2)i	v. Development of Degraded Forest Areas			
	Improvement of wildlife habitat			
		1 No. Butterfly Conservation area / 1 No. Identification of Damselfly Conservation Site and Management Plan, 1 No. Tazus Conservation area and protection Plan	0.64	Deferred
	i. Habitat management for flora and Fauna pertaining to			
5(2)k	Establishment and maintenance of animal rescue center a veterinary treatment facility for wild animals	1 No. C/o of animals rescue center, veterinary treatment for wild animals 49 No.	13.21	Deferred
5(2)l	Supply of wood saving, cooking appliances and other forest produce saving devices.	193 no. of solar light, induction cooker, solar geyser etc.	0.51	Deferred
Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 2			47.06	
3) Activities as per Rule 5(3) of the CAF Rule, 2018				
5(3)a	Establishment Maintenance of modern nurseries	-	5.10	Approved
5(3)b	Promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of biological diversity	Ls	0.20	Deferred
5(3)c	Purchase and maintenance of equipment of devices for communication, information and technology (Details of equipment & devices)	-	-	
		219 No. GPS , Printer, WIFI, Computer, Binoculars, UPS Camera Geo tagging etc.	1.48	Deferred
	iii. Others			
5(3)d	Construction, up gradation and maintenance of inspection paths, forest roads in forest areas, watch towers, check posts and timber posts.	Ls		
	i. Details of roads	171 No.	3.04	Deferred
	ii. Watch towers	2 No.		Deferred

	iv. Timber depot	34 No. Fgd Hut, 3 No. Gang hut 8 no. BO Qtrs 4 No. RO Res- offices		Deferred
5(3)e	Construction of residential and official buildings for front line staff		12.00	Deferred
5(3)g	Survey and mapping for APO making/preparation	-	0.82	Deferred
5(3)h	Independent concurrent monitoring and Third party monitoring and evaluation			
	i. Third party monitoring and evaluation	0	0.75	Approved
5(3)i	Publicity cum awareness programme			
	i. Publicity for common people	-	0.46	Deferred
	ii. Training for staff	5day Trg.	0.50	Deferred
5(3)j	Production and distribution of quality planting material (A detailed plan) for Govt. land other than forest area	40000	0.27	Deferred
5(3)k	Forest certification and development of certification standards by agency		0.05	Deferred
Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 3			5.85	
4. Activities as per Rule 6(a) of the CAF Rule, 2018 (Interest)				
6(a)iv	For disbursement of salary and allowances State CAMPA Authority & staff	salary for persons deployed in CEO office	4.79	Approved
6(a)v	For disbursement of sitting fees and allowances to nominated list of members	sitting fee for 6 nominated members of HP State Authority CAMPA	0.01	Deferred
6(a)vi	Activities referred to in sub rule-(2) and (3) of Rule 5	Purchase of accessories for supporting forest administration	1.20	Deferred
Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 4			4.79	
5 Activity as per Rule 6(b) of CAF Rules, 2018				
6(b)i	Management of office establishment State CAMPA CEO with details	0	1.00	Deferred
6(b)ii	Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance	0	1.00	Deferred
6(b)iii	Hiring of staff cars for the use only for CEO office	0	1.00	Deferred
6(b)iv	Hiring of buildings on lease for office establishment and residences only for CEO	0	1.00	Deferred
Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 5			0.00	
Total Approved Financial Outlay			Rs. 143.35 crore	

4. 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.

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

6. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- i. 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.
- 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

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.

- 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/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 Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Chief Executive Officer of Himachal Pradesh State CAMPA, Shimla
3. The Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. The Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
5. The Accountant General, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
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, Dehradun.
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.