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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: 20th May, 2025

To,

The Addl Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary (Forests)
Government of West Bengal,
Kolkata.

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

Ref: 1. West Bengal letter no. 06/CAMPA/2C-04/25-26 dated 3rd April, 2025

Sir,

Apropos the matter cited above and in reference to above-mentioned letter dated 3rd April, 2025, it is to convey that the Annual Plan of Operation of West Bengal 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 conveyed under section 15 (1) (i) of the Compensatory Afforestation fund Act, 2016 for the State Annual Plan of Operation 2025-26 of West Bengal State CAMPA for an amount of **Rs. 63.72 crore** (Rupees Sixty-three crore and seventy-two lakh only) against the proposed outlay of **Rs. 109.59 crore** (Rupees One hundred nine crore and fifty-nine lakh only) for carrying out approved activities.

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

(Rs. in crore, Area in Ha.)

CAF Act/rules	Activity	Sub- activities	Unit	Physical Target	Financial Target	Decision of EC
Mandatory Activity	Compensatory Afforestation	1. Pre Plantation Activities (Survey and Demarcation of Sites as per kml file of CA and FC approved, Fencing)	Block (ha.)	125.21	0.0186	Approved
			Number	700	0.0002	Approved
		2. Essential Infrastructure (Approach	Block (ha.)	125	0.0346	Approved

	Road/Inspection path/Fire lines, Labour sheds, Watering arrangements as per requirements, Site office/(Beat) check post, Signboards, Watch towers, Any other relevant activities)	Number	500	0.0007	Approved
	3. Preparation of site (Removal of invasive species, Soil and Moisture Conservation works, Digging of Pits and Soil Working, Any other relevant activities)	Block (ha.)	125	0.3321	Approved
		Number	700	0.0013	Approved
	4. Nursery	Number	4.1	0.0252	Approved
	5. Plantation Activities (Transportation of saplings/Planting stocks, Plantation of sapling and refilling of pits, Watering, Watch and Ward, Inspection)	Block (ha.)	295.3	0.7081	Approved
		Number	1567	0.029	Approved
	6. Post Plantation (Maintenance Works) (Watering, Casualty/Mortality Replacement, Weeding and Soil Working around saplings, Tending and Cultural operations, Any other relevant activities)	Block (ha.)	827.99	1.501	Approved
		Number	767	0.0016	Approved
	7. Inspection Record Keeping	Block (ha.)	0.04	0.0037	Approved
	8. Others	Block (ha.)	1731.47	0.9558	Approved
		Linear (k.m.)	22.5	0.45	Approved
		Number	255417	0.4572	Approved
		RMT	800	0.0205	Approved
Additional Compensatory Afforestation					
Compensatory Afforestation	Preparation of site (Removal of invasive species, Soil and Moisture Conservation works, Digging of Pits and Soil Working, Any other relevant activities)	Block (ha.)	0.31	0.0029	Approved
	Plantation Activities (Transportation of saplings/Planting stocks, Plantation of sapling and refilling of	Block (ha.)	0.31	0.0018	Approved

	pits, Watering, Watch and Ward, Inspection)				
Penal Compensatory Afforestation					
Compensatory Afforestation	6. Post Plantation (Maintenance Works) (Watering, Casualty/Mortality Replacement, Weeding and Soil Working around saplings, Tending and Cultural operations, Any other relevant activities)	Block (ha.)	16.52	0.0355	Approved
Catchment Area Treatment Plan					
Compensatory Afforestation	1. Watershed management structures (Percolation tank, Rock Filled Dams, Check dams, Contour Trenches, Others (Please Specify))	Linear (k.m.)	2	0.02	Approved
		Number	11	0.31	Approved
		RMT	897	0.3466	Approved
		Cubic-Meter	1723	0.8205	Approved
	2. Plantation to check erosion (Fuel wood plantation, Silvipastoral plantation, Others (Please Specify))	Block (ha.)	37	0.264	Approved
		Linear (k.m.)	2	0.013	Approved
	3. Any other relevant activities (Peripheral trench, Rough stone packing at canal, Establishment of nurseries, Procurement of Hiring vehicles, Others (Please Specify))	Number	504	0.273	Approved
	4. Others	Linear (k.m.)	16	0.1	Approved
		Number	1619	0.835	Approved
		RMT	799	0.22	Approved
		Cubic-Meter	599	0.343	Approved
Integrated Wild Life Management Plan					
Compensatory Afforestation	2. Wildlife Habitat Management (Grassland Pasture management, Removal of invasive Species, Others (Please specify))	Block (ha.)	8863	7.569	Approved
		Linear (k.m.)	150	0.144	Approved
	3. Water Resource Management	Number	9	1.21	Approved
	4. Strengthening Infrastructure Protection	Linear (k.m.)	10	0.25	Approved
		Number	3805	13.35	Approved
	5. Human wildlife conflict management	Linear (k.m.)	10	0.24	Approved
		Number	19178.1	11.46	Approved
	6. Any other relevant activities	Linear (k.m.)	146.5	0.59	Approved

			Number	10219.4	5.186	Approved
		7. Others	Linear (k.m.)	118	0.545	Approved
			Number	10662	7.559	Approved
	Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 1				56.23	
2. Activity as per Rule 5(2) of CAF Rules, 2018						
5(2)a	ANR	1. Site Preparation/Pre-Plantation Activity (Demarcation, Fencing, Essential Infrastructure, Watering Arrangements, Soil Moisture Conservation Work, Removal of Invasive Species, Digging of Pits, Fire line Creation/Maintenance)	Block (ha.)	10	0.02	Approved
		2. Post Plantation Works (Weeding and Soil Working, Tending and Cultural Operations, Watering, Maintenance of Fire Line)	Block (ha.)	50	0.035	Approved
		3. Others	Block (ha.)	150	0.42	Approved
5(2)b	AR	1. Preparation of nurseries (Headquarter (Main) nurseries, Field (Site) Nurseries)	Number	50	0.053	Approved
		2. Maintenance of Nurseries (Weeding, Watering, Shifting/Transportation of Saplings)	Number	6250	0.016	Approved
		3. Field Activities (Survey and Demarcation of Sites as per kml file of FC clearance)	Block (ha.)	10	0.001	Deferred
		4. Fencing (Stone Wall, Ditch, Chain Link, Barbed wire)	RMT	6250	0.015	Deferred
		5. Preparation of Site (Removal of invasive species, Digging of Pits, Application of fertilizer and manure)	Block (ha.)	60	0.432	Deferred
		6. Basic infrastructures (Approach Road, Internal Inspection Pathway, Fire lines, Labour sheds)	Number	10	0.002	Deferred
		7. Signboards	Number	1	0	Deferred for want of financial

		8. Plantation Activities (1st to 5th Year) (Transportation of Saplings to the Plantation site, Planting and refilling of pits, Casualty replacement, Watering, Repairing of SMC works as per requirement, Pruning of Tree species to boost up growth, Maintenance of fire lines, Weeding, Tending operations, Watch and Ward, Any other relevant activities)	Block (ha.)	277.4	0.779	outlay Approved
			Linear (k.m.)	20	0.175	Approved
		9. Others	Block (ha.)	412	0.828	Approved
			Linear (k.m.)	48	0.421	Approved
5(2)c	Silvicultural Operations	Others	Block (ha.)	5	0.015	Deferred
5(2)d	Protection of Plantations and Forests	1. Construction/ upgradation and maintenance (Protection camps, Protection huts, Forest custody, Labour Sheds, Construction of concrete walls, Construction of watch towers)	Number	2	0.015	Deferred
		2. Patrolling (Hiring of vehicles, Purchase of equipments relevant to patrolling, Formation of forest protection task force, Maintenance of patrolling paths)	Linear (k.m.)	2	0.01	Deferred
			Number	19492	1.363	Approved
		5. Others	Number	10051	0.381	Deferred
5(2)f	Forest Fire Prevention and Control Operations	1. Fire lines (Fire line creation, Fire line maintenance)	Linear (k.m.)	1120	0.377	Approved
		2. Hiring of fire watchers.	Number	24975	0.8	Approved
		3. Purchase of fire prevention/ fighting equipment(s)	Number	8	0.054	Approved
		4. Awareness campaign for fire prevention	Number	24	0.008	Approved
		5. Others	Linear (k.m.)	3	0.001	Approved
			Number	744	0.038	Approved
5(2)g	Soil and Moisture Conservation Works	1. SMC structures (Ponds, Trenches, Check Dams, Spur, Retaining walls/ Breast	Block (ha.)	100	0.1	Deferred
			Number	14	0.293	Deferred

		wall, Others)				
5(2)h	Voluntary Relocation of Villages from Protected Areas	1. Number of families being relocated	Number	466	34.95	Deferred
5(2)i	Improvement of Wildlife Habitat	1. Habitat management of flora and fauna (Food resource management, Cover management, Water Resource management, Removal of invasive species)	Block (ha.)	632	1.31	Deferred
			Number	13	0.275	Deferred
		2. Human wildlife conflict mitigation	Number	1510	0.66	Deferred
		3. Protection activities (Patrolling, Prevent of illicit felling, Eco development work in peripheral villages)	Number	1043	1.707	Deferred
		4. Any other relevant activities	Block (ha.)	50	0.09	Deferred
		5. Others	Block (ha.)	67.26	0.02	Deferred
			Number	19	0.01	Deferred
5(2)k	Details of Rescue Centre/Veterinary treatment facility for wildlife animals, Maintenance	1. Details of rescue centre/veterinary treatment facility for wildlife animal', Maintenance	Number	1	0.08	Deferred
	Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 2				5.39	
3. Activity as per Rule 5(3) of CAF Rules, 2018						
5(3)e	Construction of residential and official buildings for front line staff	1. Quarters/offices for forest guards/range officers	Number	205	3.285	Deferred
		2. Others	Number	27	0.205	Deferred
5(3)f	Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff or State Forest Department	1. Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff or State Forest Department	Number	875	0.028	Deferred
5(3)h	Independent concurrent monitoring and Third party monitoring and evaluation	1. Internal/ Concurrent monitoring	Number	750	0.06	Approved
		2. Third Party monitoring and evaluation	Number	750	0.04	Approved
	Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 3				0.10	
4. Activity as per Rule 6(a) of CAF Rules, 2018						
6(a)i	To offset incremental cost of CA/PCA at increased wage rate	1. To offset incremental cost of CA/PCA at increased wage rate	Block (ha.)	50	0.1	Deferred

6(a)ii	To offset incremental cost of CAT at increased wage rate	1. To offset incremental cost of CAT at increased wage rate	RMT	200	0.05	Deferred
6(a)iii	To offset incremental cost of IWMP at increased wage rate	1. To offset incremental cost of IWMP at increased wage rate	Number	100	0.05	Deferred
6(a)iv	For disbursement of salary and allowances State CAMPA Authority and staff	1. For disbursement of salary and allowances State CAMPA Authority and staff	Number	10	2	Approved
6(a)v	For disbursement of sitting fees and allowances to normalised list of members	1. For disbursement of sitting fees and allowances to normalised list of members	Number	4	0.02	Deferred
6(a)vi	Activities referred to in sub Rule (2) and (3) of Rule 5	1. Activities referred to in sub Rule (2) and (3) of Rule 5	Block (ha.)	10	0.11	Deferred
			Number	323	0.45	Deferred
Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 4					2.00	
5. Activity as per Rule 6(b) of CAF Rules, 2018						
6(b)i	Management of office establishment State CAMPA CEO with detail	1. Management of office establishment State CAMPA CEO with detail	Number	20	0.5	Deferred
6(b)ii	Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance	1. Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance	Number	5	0.05	Deferred
6(b)iii	Hiring of staff cars for use only for CEO office	1. Hiring of staff cars for use only for CEO office	Number	5	0.4	Deferred
6(b)v	Other Contingencies for management of State Authority	1. Other Contingencies for management of State Authority	Number	10	0.02	Deferred
6(b)vi	Activities referred not in sub Rule (2) and (3) of Rule 5	1. Activities referred not in sub Rule (2) and (3) of Rule 5	Number	20	0.23	Deferred
Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 5					0.00	
Total Approved				Rs. 63.72 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 No..... .

Yours faithfully,

(Suveena Thakur)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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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 West Bengal, Kolkata
2. The Chief Executive Officer of West Bengal State CAMPA, Kolkata.
3. The Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
4. The Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
5. The Accountant General, West Bengal.
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, Kolkata.
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.