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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: 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary,  
Department of Forest and Wildlife Preservation,  
Government of Punjab  
Mini Secretariat, Sector-9  
Chandigarh

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

Ref: 1. Punjab State CAMPA letter no. State Authority/2024-25/1439 dated 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2025

Sir,

Apropos the matter cited above and in reference to above-mentioned letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2025, it is to convey that the Annual Plan of Operation of Punjab State for the financial year 2025-26 was considered by the Executive Committee of the National Authority in its 34<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. 144.92 crore** (Rupees one hundred forty four crore and ninety two lakh only) against the proposed outlay of **Rs. 171.29 crore** (Rupees one hundred seventy one crore and twenty nine lakh only) for carrying out approved activities.

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

(Area in ha & Rs. in crore)

S. No	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Decision of EC
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
1.	<b>Site-specific activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016</b>				
	Mandatory Activity	Compensatory Afforestation	Advance work (2026-27) 750 ha, Plantation of 582.252 Ha (492.760 ha. CA, 1.302 Ha. Penal CA and 87.990 NFL) and Maintenance of 9518.31 ha.(CA + PCA+NFL) and New plantation of 81811 Tall plants, maintenance of Tall	61.21	Approved

			plants 340812 under ACA and raising of tall plant 1.45 lakh and 200.06 lakh Plants in Nursery (Annexure- 1A, 1-AA, 1-AB, 1B, 1C,1D, 1E ,1F & 1i)		
		Other activities	As per APO Annexure- 1G, 1H	6.10	Approved
		Additional Action Plan Under CA (Eco-restoration)	2600 Ha. Advance work 2026-27, raising of Nursery stock 27.85 lakh (Annexure-1,2,3,5)	24.02	Approved
		Additional Action Plan Under CA (Eco-restoration) Other Activities	As per APO Anenxure-4 , 6 & 7)	16.74	Approved
		Catchment Area Treatment Plan	As per APO Annexure 1 to 5	3.30	Approved
	<b>Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 1</b>			<b>111.37</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Activity as per Rule 5(2) of CAF Rules, 2018</b>				
	5(2)a	ANR	Advance work (2026-27) 1400 ha, Plantation of 1129 Ha and Maintenance of 5423 ha. Annexure- 3,4,5,6	16.36	Approved
	5(2)b	AR	Advance work (2026-27) 100 ha, Plantation of 100 Ha and Maintenance of 4650 ha. (Annexure- 2,7, 8, 9,)	9.33	Approved
	5(2)c	Silvicultural Operations	22 plots (Annexure- 10)	0.12	Deferred
	5(2)i	Improvement of wildlife habitat	As per Annexure 15-16	2.95	Deferred
	5(2)k	Establishment, maintenance of animal rescue centre and veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals	As per APO Annexure 15	1.03	Deferred
	<b>Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 2</b>			<b>25.69</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Activities as per Rule 5(3) of the CAF Rule, 2018</b>				
	5(3)a	Establishment, Maintenance of modern nurseries	Raising of Nursery Stock 37.56 lakh and 1.00 tall plant (Annexure 11, 12)	5.08	Approved
	5(3)c	Purchase and maintenance of equipment of devices for communication, information and technology	As per APO Annexure-14	1.10	Deferred
	5(3)f	Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff of State Forest Department	As per Annexure-16	1.03	Approved
	5(3)g	Survey and mapping	As per Annexure-13	0.40	Deferred

	5(3)h	Independent concurrent monitoring and evaluation and third party monitoring	As per Annexure- 13	1.00	Approved
	<b>Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 3</b>			<b>7.11</b>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Activities as per Rule 6(a) of CAF Rules, 2018</b>				
	6(a)i	To offset incremental cost of CA/PCA/ NPV at increased wage rate	As per Annexure-17	2.50	Deferred
	6(a)ii	To offset increment cost of CAT at increased wage rate	As per Annexure-17	0.10	Deferred
	6(a)iii	To offset incremental cost of IWMP/NPV at increased wage rate	As per Annexure-17	3.50	Deferred
	6(a)iv	For disbursement of salary and allowances of members and staff	As per Annexure-17	0.75	Approved
	6(a)v	For disbursement of sitting fees and allowances to nominated members	As per Annexure-17	0.25	Deferred
	6(a)vi	Activities referred to in sub rule-5 (3) ( i)	Publicity cum awareness programme As per Annexure-17-A	1.57	Deferred
	6(a)vi	Activities referred to in sub rule-5 (3) (a)	Supply of Free/subsidized rate of plants to Public etc. and Establishment, Maintenance of modern nurseries As per Annexure-17-B	4.35	Deferred
	6(a)vi	Activities referred to in sub rule-5 (3) ( e)	Construction of residential and official buildings in forest for front line staff as per Annexure-17-C	1.13	Deferred
	6(a)vi	Activities referred to in sub rule-5 (3) (d)	Creation of fire lines as per Annexure-17-C	0.92	Deferred
			Management of biological diversity and biological resource/ Biodiversity		
	<b>Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 4</b>			<b>0.75</b>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Activities as per Rule 6(b) of CAF Rules, 2018</b>				
	6(b)i	Management of office establishment	As per Annexure-18	0.30	Deferred
	6(b)ii	Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance	As per Annexure-18	1.00	Deferred

	6(b)iii	Hiring of staff cars for the use of officers and officials	As per Annexure-18	0.10	Deferred
	6(b)v	Other contingencies for management of State Authority	As per Annexure-18	0.05	Deferred
	6(b)vi	Any other activity for management of forests and wildlife with the approval of Steering Committee and included in the APO	Digitization /Demarcation of Forest boundaries, Forest Protection measures As per Annexure-18-A	5.00	Deferred
	<b>Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 5</b>			<b>0.00</b>	
		<b>Total Approved</b>	<b>Rs. 144.92 crore</b>		

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 maintain a detailed 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

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and (HoFF), Government of Punjab.
2. The Chief Executive Officer of Punjab State CAMPA.
3. The Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Punjab.
4. The Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Punjab.
5. The Accountant General, Punjab.
6. The Deputy Director General of Forest/IGF, IRO, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Chandigarh.
7. The Director General, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun, Member Coordinator, Monitoring Group of National Authority, CAMPA.
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.