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National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority  
पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय  
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दिनांक \Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests)  
Government of Maharashtra  
Mumbai

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

Ref: 1. Maharashtra CAMPA Authority letter No. Desk-CAMPA/C.R.07(2024-25)/290 dated 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2025

Sir,

Apropos the matter cited above and in reference to above-mentioned letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, it is to convey that the Annual Plan of Operation of Maharashtra State for the financial year 2025-26 was considered by the Executive committee of the National Authority in its 35<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 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 for an amount of **Rs. 531.24 Crore** (Rupees Five hundred thirty-one crore and twenty-four lakh only) against the proposed outlay of **Rs. 1202.91 Crore** (Rupees One thousand two hundred two crore and ninety-one lakh only) for carrying out approved activities.

3. The details of component wise activities considered in 35<sup>th</sup> EC are as follows:

Sr. No.	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	(Rs. in Crore and area in Ha.)		Decision of EC
			Proposed Outlay		
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target (in Crore)	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Mandatory Activity	Site-specific activities as per Section 6 (a) of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016			
		<b>Compensatory Afforestation</b>			
		i. Advance soil work	3899.20	141.33	Approved
		ii. New Plantation	1131.44	19.61	Approved
		iii. Maintenance of existing /older plantation	8398.49	25.32	Approved
		<b>Catchment Area Treatment Plan</b>			
		i. Watershed management	-	1.02	Approved. Subject to furnishing



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			Phy. Target	Fin. Target (in Crore)	
1	2	3	4	5	6
					details of physical target and geo coordinates
		ii. Plantation to check erosion	401.33	4.07	Approved
		<b>Integrated wildlife Management Plan</b>			
		i. Habitat management for flora and fauna (Food/cover/water management) / Human wildlife Conflict management	-	3.80	Approved
		ii. Spill over work / committed liabilities	-	14.82	Approved
		<b>Any Other (Site Specific activities in accordance with FC proposal)</b>			
		i. Conditional Works (Plantation Activity)	803.26	16.89	Approved
		ii. Conditional Works (Others)	-	34.83	Approved. Subject to furnishing physical targets.
		<b>Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 1</b>		<b>261.69</b>	
2	<b>Activity as per Rule 5 (2) of CAF Rules, 2018</b>				
	5(2) a	<b>Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR)</b>			
		i. Advance soil work	315	9.18	Rationalised/ dropped in consultation with State
		ii. New Plantation	365	2.92	Approved
		iii. Maintenance	1040	4.86	Approved
	5(2) b	<b>Artificial Regeneration (AR)</b>			
		i. Advance soil work	1191	38.93	Rationalised/ dropped in consultation with State
		iii. Maintenance	255	1.31	Approved
	5(2) c	<b>Silviculture Operations (Fodder Development Works)</b>			
		i. Advance soil work	389.60	10.07	Rationalised/ dropped in consultation with State
		ii. New Plantation	2219.50	28.54	Approved
		iii. Maintenance	1715	15.60	Approved
	5(2) d	<b>Protection of Plantation &amp; Forests</b>			
		i. Demarcation of forest boundary (Boundary Pillars)	11064	10.14	Rationalised/ dropped in consultation with State
		ii. Patrolling (Purchase of vehicle)	50	7.50	Approved for Rs. 2.50 crore



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			Phy. Target	Fin. Target (in Crore)	
1	2	3	4	5	6
		iii. Construction of Protection camps/Protection Hut	39	7.02	Rationalised/ dropped in consultation with State
	<b>5(2) f</b>	<b>Forest fire prevention and control operations</b>			
		i. Fire line (creation & maintenance)	38101.04	16.86	Approved
		ii. Fire watchers	3713	19.09	Approved
	<b>5(2) g</b>	<b>Soil and moisture conservation works (SMC)</b>			
		i. Water bodies (Name & size) a. Gabiyan Bandhara - 1078 Nos. b. Cement Bandara - 73 Nos. c. Earthan/Mati Nala Bunds - 127 Nos.	1278	32.26	Approved for <b>Rs. 25.00 crore</b>
	<b>5(2) h</b>	<b>Voluntary relocation of villages from Protected Areas</b>			
		i. Name of village ii. Population iii. No. of eligible families willing iv. Availability of land for relocation (Mention in annexure)	-	150.00	Approved for <b>Rs. 100.00 crore</b> . Subject to furnishing of detailed information regarding eligible families, details of relocated sites and state fund convergence/ dovetailing (if any)
	<b>5(2) i</b>	<b>Improvement of wildlife habitat</b>			
		i. All wildlife Management works will be carried out as per approved Management plan	-	50.00	Rationalised/ dropped in consultation with State
		ii. Meadow development	1217	2.78	Rationalised/ dropped in consultation with State
		iii. Creation & maintenance of water sources/water holes for wildlife	117	4.40	Rationalised/ dropped in consultation with State
		iv. Eradication of invasive species	5093	9.92	Rationalised/ dropped in consultation with State
	<b>5(2) k</b>	<b>Establishment, operation and maintenance of animal rescue centre and veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals</b>			

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			Phy. Target	Fin. Target (in Crore)	
1	2	3	4	5	6
		i. Establishment, operation and maintenance of animal rescue centre/ Transit treatment Centre	-	21.04	Approved for Rs. 2.00 crore
		ii. Veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals	-	4.59	Approved for Rs. 2.89 crore
		iii. Animal seizing & capturing devices	-	4.01	Approved
		iv. Rescue emergency operations	-	4.38	Approved for Rs. 4.00 crore
		v. Strengthening of Rapid rescue teams	-	3.38	Approved for Rs. 3.00 crore
	5(2) m	Management of biological diversity and biological resource			
		i. New research projects and Maintenance of Ongoing Project by research wing of Maharashtra Forest Department	-	3.00	Approved for Rs. 1.00 crore
		ii. Base studies for forestry and wildlife related subjects	-	1.00	Rationalised/ dropped in consultation with State
		iii. Conservation of Wildlife like GIB, Wild buffalo, Turtle, Vultures, Owl, Sparrow, Elephant etc.	-	6.00	Approved for Rs. 0.50 crore
		iv. Establishment of Honey Bee Park (providing bee boxes, etc.) (BTR & PTR)	2	1.00	Rationalised/ dropped in consultation with State
		v. Carbon Assessment & Eco System Services	-	1.00	Approved for Rs. 0.50 crore
	<b>Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 2</b>			<b>234.58</b>	
3	<b>Activity as per Rule 5 (3) of CAF Rules, 2018</b>				
	5(3) a	Establishment and maintenance of modern nurseries	133	33.22	Approved for Rs. 0.67 crore
	5(3) b	Promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of biological diversity			
		i. Documentation	-	0.50	Approved
		ii. Conference/Workshop	-	24.00	Approved for Rs. 14.00 crore
		iii. Effective Communication training of Master Trainers & Trainees. (Field Staff)	-	5.00	Approved for Rs. 1.00 crore
		iv. Livelihood training of local peoples/EDCs (Value addition of Lantana crop in Pas) (Palghar & Gadchiroli District)	-	4.00	Approved for Rs. 1.00 crore
	5(3) c	Purchase and maintenance of equipment or devices used for communication and information technology			
		iii. Others	-	1.00	Deferred for want of details



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			Phy. Target	Fin. Target (in Crore)	
1	2	3	4	5	6
	5(3) d	Construction, up-gradation and maintenance of:			
		ii. Watch towers	48	5.05	Approved
	5(3) f	Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff of State Forest Department	-	0.50	Approved for Rs. 0.20 crore
	5(3) h	Independent concurrent monitoring and evaluation and third-party monitoring		0.55	Approved
	5(3) i	Publicity-cum-awareness programme		4.29	Approved for Rs. 1.00 crore
	5(3) k	Forest certification and development of certification standards by agency		1.00	Rationalised/dropped in consultation with State
	<b>Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 3</b>			<b>23.97</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Activity as per Rule 6 (a) of CAF Rules, 2018</b>				
	6 (a) i	To offset incremental cost of CA/PCA at increased wage rate		1.00	Approved
	6 (a) ii	To offset incremental cost of CAT at increased wage rate		0.50	Approved
	6 (a) iii	To offset incremental cost of IWMP at increased wage rate		0.50	Approved
	6 (a) iv	For disbursement of salary and allowances of members and staffs		3.00	Approved
	6 (a) v	For disbursement of sitting fees and allowances to nominated members		0.50	Approved
	6 (a) vi	Activities referred to in sub rule-(2) and (3) of Rule 5			
	A	5(3)e: Construction of residential and official buildings for front line staff	230	78.82	Nor approved
	B	5(2) h: Voluntary relocation of villages from Protected Areas		300.00	Not Approved
	C	The incremental cost of activities referred to in sub-rules (2) and (3) of rule 5		2.00	Approved
	<b>Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 4</b>			<b>7.50</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Activity as per Rule 6 (b) of CAF Rules, 2018</b>				
	6 (b) i	Management of office establishment State CAMPA CEO with details	-	1.00	Approved
	6 (b) ii	Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance	-	1.00	Deferred
	6 (b) iii	Hiring of staff cars for the use of the officers and officials	-	0.50	Deferred
		Setting up of Van Vigyan Kendra (as per National CAMPA letter dated 10.03.2025)	-	2.50	Approved
	<b>Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 5</b>			<b>3.50</b>	
	<b>Total Approved</b>			<b>Rs. 531.24 Crore</b>	

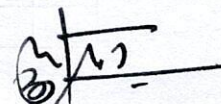


4. Accordingly, the State Government is requested to release the CAMPA fund to the CEO, State CAMPA/State Forest Department for carrying out approved activities in accordance with the APO 2025-26 approved by the National Authority.

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

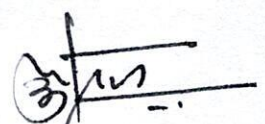
**6. The approval is subject to the following conditions:**

- 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.
- iii. 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 (As per Forest Conservation Division Guidelines dated 29.12.2023 and CAF Rules, 2018).
- iv. 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.
- v. 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.
- vi. 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.
- vii. 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.
- viii. 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 and are to be monitored.
- ix. 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 Office and CEO State CAMPA in prescribed formats and placed on the respective websites.
- x. 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.





- xi. 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).
- xii. 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 [(Rule 5(3)h) of CAF Rule, 2018]
- xiii. The monitoring and evaluation reports of all CAMPA works done upto the year 2024-2025 and all previous years along with 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 [CAF Act, 2016 (section 16)].
- xiv. 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.
- xv. 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).
- xvi. 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 proposed in forest fire prevention and control operations should be as per Integrated Fire Management Plan of the state.
- xvii. 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.
- xviii. 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.
- xix. 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.
- xx. 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

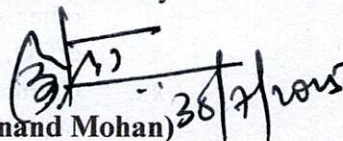




as non-forest lands. Priority should also be accorded for regeneration and development of forests and wildlife habitat.

- xxi. 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.
- xxii. 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.
- xxiii. Works related to Eco-development should be taken up following relevant rules and guidelines after taking necessary approvals.
- xxiv. 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.
- xxv. 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.
- xxvi. 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.
- xxvii. 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.
- xxviii. 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.
- xxix. 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.
- xxx. 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.
- xxxi. All wage payments should be made through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

Yours faithfully

  
(Anand Mohan)

Chief Executive Officer



**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
3. The Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra State CAMPA, Nagpur.
4. The Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
5. The Accountant General, Maharashtra, Mumbai.
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, Nagpur.
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.

