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दिनांक \Dated: 1st July 2024

To,

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

**Sub: Consolidated approval of Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2024-25 of
Himachal Pradesh State CAMPA- reg.**

Ref: 1. Himachal Pradesh letter No. FT. CAMPA/2021/National Authority/Vol. II dated 27th February 2024
2. National Authority file no. NA-15/19/2020-NA dated 19th April 2024

Sir,

The Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2024-25 of Himachal Pradesh was considered in 28th and 30th meetings of Executive Committee. During 28th meeting, only the mandatory and seasonal activities were considered and approved for an amount of **Rs 111.59 crore (Rupees one hundred eleven crore and fifty-nine lakh only)** to carry out the mandatory/seasonal activities in view of Model Code of Conduct, which was communicated vide letter No. NA-15/19/2020-NA dated 19th April 2024 (Table A). The remaining deferred items/activities were considered by Executive Committee in its 30th meeting, which was held on 7th June 2024, where an additional amount of **Rs 72.93 crore (Rupees seventy-two crore and ninety-three lakh only)** was approved for the deferred activities (Table B).

2. In view of approval accorded during 30th meeting of Executive Committee the cumulative total approval accorded by National Authority during financial year 2024-25 is **Rs. 184.52 crore (Rupee one hundred and eighty-four crore and fifty-two lakh only)** against the proposed outlay of **Rs. 185.71 crore (Rupees one hundred and eighty-five crore and seventy-one lakh only)**. The Executive Committee directed all the States/Union Territories to create pending compensatory afforestation and other mandatory activities till 2022 at the earliest and all efforts should be made in this direction to complete these mandatory activities in a time bound manner in compliance of the conditions mentioned in the approval granted by the Central Government.
3. The details of component wise activities considered in 28th and 30th EC are as follows:



A. List of Mandatory / Seasonal / Committed activities approved in the 28th EC are given below:

(Area in ha & Rs. in crore)

S. No	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Decision of 28 th EC
			Phy. Target	Fin Target	
Site-specific activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016					
1	Mandatory Activity	Compensatory Afforestation			
		i. Advance soil work	930 Ha.	11.51	Approved
		ii. New Plantation	1014 Ha.	6.27	Approved
		iii. Maintenance of existing/older plantation	12632 Ha.	7.22	Approved
		Catchment Area Treatment Plan			
		i. Plantation to check erosion	974 Ha.	8.26	Approved
		ii. Maintenance of existing/order plantation	1705 Ha.	0.8	Approved
		v. Soil and moisture conservation works	Bio Engineering Measures (Raising & Planting) =96 Ha., Trenches = 28560 Rmt		
		ix Raising of Nursery / Infrastructure	Protection works, Live hedge, drainage line treatment/ wire creates, Gully Plugging, Stream Bank Protection, Brushwood C/dam= 26725, Farm Pond, RRWHS, WHS = 17 No., Sild mentoring Station=1	9.05	Approved
		Integrated wildlife Management Plan			
		i. Habitat management for flora and fauna (Food/cover/water management)	Targets as per approved plans	13	Approved
Activity as per Rule 5 (2) of CAF Rules, 2018					
2	5(2)b	AR			
		i.New plantation	3049 Ha.	23.43	Approved
		ii Maintenance	4457 Ha	7.57	Approved
		iii. Nursery raising	23.24 Lac Plants	11	Approved
	5(2)d	Protection of Plantation and forests			
		ii. Patrolling (hiring of vehicle)	12 No. Hiring of vehicle & 20 no. purchase of new vehicle	3.29	Approved for Rs. 2 crores for hiring of vehicle & deferred for purchase of vehicle.
	5(2)f	Forest fire prevention and control operation			
		i. Fire line (creation & maintenance)	Main. of Fire line = 522.25 Km.		
			New fire line = 9.5 Km		
		ii. Fire watchers	58539 MD	6	Approved
		iii. Any other relevant activities	Control Burning = 12400 Ha., ponds = 6. No Cleaning of		

Authorised

S. No	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Decision of 28 th EC
			Phy. Target	Fin Target	
			pine needles = 450 Ha.		
			4. Hiring of vehicles, Tools and equipment's, fire awareness etc.		
5(3)h	Independent concurrent monitoring and Third-Party monitoring and evaluation				
	i Third party monitoring and evaluation			0.5	Approved
3	Activities as per Rule 6(a) of the CAF Rule, 2018				
	6(a)iv	For disbursement of salary and allowances State CAMPA Authority & staff	Salary for persons deployed in CEO office	2	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	0.1	Approved
4	Activities as per Rule 6(b) of the CAF Rule, 2018				
	6(b)i	Management of office establishment State CAMPA CEO with details		0.29	Approved
	6(b)iii	Hiring of staff cars for the use only for CEO office		0.45	Approved
	6(b)iv	Hiring of buildings on lease for office establishment and residences only for CEO		0.36	Approved
	Total Approved			111.59 Crore	

B. List of activities deferred in the 28th EC and considered in the 30th EC are as follows:

(Area in ha & Rs. in crore)

S. No	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Original Proposed outlay in APO by State Authority		Decision of 28 th EC	Amount proposed by State Authority for 30 th EC		Remarks/ Decision of 30 th EC	
			Physical Target	Financial Target		Physical target	Financial target		
1.	Site-specific activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016								
Mandatory Activity	Catchment Area Treatment Plan								
	vi. Research, Training & Capacity Building	-	0.63	Deferred	-	0.63		Approved	
	vii. Infrastructure Dev. & Forest Protection	R/o of Paths = 23 Km, B/Pillars = 505 No. R/o of Buildings 22 no. Watch towers = 1 No. Energy saving devices = 74 No. Equipment's	2.7	Deferred	R/o of Paths = 29.67 Km, B/Pillars = 505 No. R/o of Buildings 51 no. Watch towers = 1 No. Energy saving devices = 74 No. Equipment's	2.7		Approved	

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			Physical Target	Financial Target		Physical target	Financial target	
		firefighting, computers and GPS Device = 56 No.				firefighting, computers and GPS Device = 56 No.		
		viii Others (Wild life activity / others activity)	-	4.78	Deferred	-	4.78	Approved
		Green Belt Plan	Lantana Removal = 70 Ha., SMC works 1880 No.	0.94	Deferred	Lantana Removal = 70 Ha., SMC works 1880 No.	0.94	Approved
Activity as per Rule 5 (2) of CAF Rules, 2018								
2	5(2)c	Silvicultural Operations						
		i. Tending operations (Weeding, cleaning, thinning, pruning & climber cutting)	2437 Ha.	1.00	Deferred	2437 Ha.	1.00	Approved
	5(2)d	Protection of Plantation and forests						
		i. C/o Boundary Pillars	1531 No.	0.93	Deferred	1531 No.	0.93	Approved
		Lantana removal by CRS Method	1000 ha.	6.45	Deferred	1000 ha.	6.45	Approved
		Fencing of forest areas	780 Rmt	0.29	Deferred	780 Rmt	0.29	Approved
		Rehabilitation of Encroachment area	44.4 Ha. Maint.	0.04	Deferred	44.4 Ha. Maint.	0.04	Approved
	ii. Patrolling (hiring of vehicle)	12 No. Hiring of vehicle & 20 no. purchase of new vehicle		3.29	Approved for hiring of 12 vehicles for patrolling and fire control for Rs. 2 crores. The proposal purchase of multi-utility vehicles	12 vehicle for the Hiring and 20 vehicles for purchase	1.29	Approved for purchase of 20 vehicles in addition to hiring of 12 vehicles already approved and already communicated letter vide NA-15/19/2020-NA dated 19 th April 2024.



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			Physical Target	Financial Target		Physical target	Financial target	
					is deferred.			
5(2)e	Pest and disease control in forests			0.25	Deferred		0.25	Approved
5(2)g	Soil and moisture conservation works							
	i. Dev. And Maint. Of RWH Structures in Forest Buildings	48 No.	1.48	Deferred	48 No.	1.48		Approved
	ii. Dev. And Maint. Of Natural Springs in Forest Areas	99 no.	1.17	Deferred	99 no.	1.17		Approved
	iii. Dev. Of Ponds/ Water Harvesting Structures	58084 Rmt	4.00	Deferred	58083.41 Rmt	4.00		Approved
	iv. Soil Conservation Works	4691 No.	14.00	Deferred	4691 No.	14.00		Approved
	v. Rehabilitation of Degraded Forest Areas (Barren land using plantation)	218 Ha.	5.00	Deferred	218 Ha.	5.00		Approved
	Treatment of degraded forest watersheds as per DPR prepared by using LiDAR Technology	-	2.00	Deferred	-	2.00		Approved
5(2)i	Improvement of wildlife habitat							
	i. Habitat management for flora and Fauna pertaining to	1 no. Butterfly Conservation Reserve Area	2.00	Deferred	1 no. Butterfly Conservation Reserve Area	2.00		Approved
	a. Water Management	15 no.		Deferred	15 no.			
5(2)k	Establishment and maintenance of animal rescue centre and veterinary		1.00	Deferred			1.00	Approved



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			Physical Target	Financial Target		Physical target	Financial target	
		treatment facility for wild animals						
	5(2)l	Supply of wood saving, cooking appliances and other forest produce saving devices.	-	1.00	Deferred	-	1.00	Approved
	5(2)m	Management of biological diversity and biological resource	10000 No. Monkey sterilization	1.02	Not approved	10000 No. Monkey sterilization	1.02	Dropped
3	Activities as per Rule 5(3) of the CAF Rule, 2018							
	5(3)a	Establishment Maintenance of modern nurseries						
		i. Detailed estimate of nursery	45	7.00	Deferred	45	7.00	Approved
	5(3)b	Promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of biological diversity						
		i. Documentation	0	0.1	Deferred	0	0.1	Approved
	5(3)c	Purchase and maintenance of equipment of devices for communication, information and technology (Details of equipment & devices)						
		iii. Others	0	0.5	Deferred	0	0.5	Approved
	5(3)d	Construction, up gradation and maintenance of inspection paths, forest roads in forest areas, watch towers, check posts and timber posts						
		Construction of forest roads	169 No.	6	Deferred	169 No.	7	Approved
	5(3)e	Construction of residential and official buildings for front line staff	33 No.	7	Deferred	33 No.	6	Approved
	5(3)g	Survey and mapping for APO making/ preparation	0	0.44	Deferred	0	0.44	Approved
	5(3)i	Publicity cum awareness programme	0	0.5	Deferred	0	0.5	Approved
	5(3)j	Production and distribution of quality planting material (A detailed plan) for Govt. land other than forest area	48001 No. of Plants	0.09	Deferred	48001 No. of Plants	0.09	Approved

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			Physical Target	Financial Target		Physical target	Financial target	
	5(3)k	Forest certification and development of certification standards by agency	0	0.05	Deferred	0	0.05	Approved
4	Activity as per Rule 6(b) of CAF Rules, 2018							
	6(b)ii	Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance	0	0.3	Deferred	0	0.3	Approved
Total Approved								Rs. 72.93 crore

4. State/UT Government is requested to release the CAMPA fund to the CEO, State/UT CAMPA/State Forest Department immediately for carrying out approved activities in accordance with the APO 2024-25 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 and ensure timely release of funds to the Forest Departments.

6. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

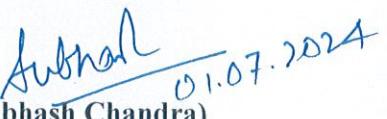
- i. State Forest Department must ensure that the Compensatory Afforestation and other site-specific activities are carried out in the approved sites as per the forest diversion approval granted by the Central Government.
- ii. All afforestation efforts under the CA, ANR, AR, Catchment Area Treatment 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 be uploaded on the e-Green Watch portal and emailed to FSI with copy to National CAMPA official e-mail (nationalcampamoefcc@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 should be implemented in such a way that the maximum survival of the saplings is finally achieved with desired growth parameters.
- 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, Division office 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 2023-2024 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 requirements of 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 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 /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.

- 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 (2024-25) is valid till 31.03.2025. 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).

Yours faithfully,


 (Subhash Chandra)
 Chief Executive Officer

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, 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.

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3. The Director General, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun, Member Coordinator, Monitoring Group of National Authority, CAMPA.
4. IFD/Sanction Folder/ Guard File.
5. NIC Cell with a request to upload the sanction order on the official website of MoEF&CC.



(Subhash Chandra)
Chief Executive Officer