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To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Government of Meghalaya,
Shillong.

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

Reference:

1. Meghalaya letter no. CAMPA/APO/2024-25/Pt-I/475 dated 23rd February, 2024
2. National Authority file no. NA-15/9/2020-NA dated 23rd April, 2024
3. Meghalaya letter no. CAMPA/2021/NA/Vol-IV/895 dated 29th April, 2024
4. Meghalaya letter no. CAMPA/APO/2024-25/Pt-I/1970 dated 17th May, 2024
5. National Authority file no. NA-15/9/2020-NA dated 24th May, 2024

Sir,

The Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2024-25 of Meghalaya was considered in 28th and 29th meeting of Executive Committee. During the 28th meeting only mandatory and seasonal activities was considered and approved for an amount of **Rs. 11.40 crore** for carrying out the mandatory/seasonal activities in view of Model Code of Conduct, which was communicated vide NA-15/9/2020-NA dated 23rd April, 2024. In 29th meeting of EC an amount of **Rs. 1.80 crore** approved which was communicated vide letter no. NA-15/9/2020-NA dated 24th May, 2024. The remaining deferred items/ activities were considered by Executive Committee in its 30th meeting, which was held on 07th June 2024, where an additional amount of **Rs. 11.55 crore** (Rs. Eleven crore and fifty five lakh only) for the deferred activities was approved (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 24.75 crore** (Rupees Twenty four crore and seventy five lakh only) against the proposed outlay of **Rs. 24.75 crore** (Rupees Twenty four crore and seventy five 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 29th and 30th EC are as follows:

A. List of Mandatory / Seasonal / Committed activities approved in the 28th & 29th EC are given below:

(Area in ha and Rs. in crore)

S. No.	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Remarks/Decision
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
1.	Site-specific activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016				
		Compensatory Afforestation			
		i. Nursery raising	286 Beds Nursery (Maintenance)	0.03	Approved
		ii. New plantation	66.54 Ha (New)	0.77	Approved
		iii. Maintenance of existing/older plantation	808.037 Ha (Maintenance)	5.76	Approved
		Nursery raising	220 Beds Nursery (New)	0.27	Approved
		Any Other (Biodiversity Conservation Programme Lafarge)	3 Ha (New)	0.01	Approved
		Any Other (Biodiversity Conservation Programme Lafarge)	100 Ha (maintenance)	0.23	Approved
2.	Activity as per 5(2) of CAF Rules, 2018				
	5(2)a	ANR			
		i. Maintenance (Plantation)	108 Ha (maintenance)	0.27	Approved
		ii) Nursery raising	410 Beds Nursery (Maintenance)	0.04	Approved
		iv. Nursery raising	90 Beds Nursery (New)	0.10	Approved
	5(2)b	AR			
		i. New plantation	22 Ha (New)	0.10	Approved
		ii. Maintenance (Plantation)	1520.06 Ha (maintenance)	3.52	Approved
		iii. Nursery raising	156 Beds (maintenance)	0.01	Approved
	5(2)f	Forest fire prevention and control operations			
		i. Fire line (creation & maintenance)	134.58 (Km/Rkm)	0.17	Approved
		ii. Fire watchers	93 Nos.	0.22	Approved
	5(2)g	Soil and Moisture Conservation works			
		Any other relevant activities	512.08 ha. (maintenance)	1.33	Approved
			50 Beds Nursery New	0.06	Approved
			5 No. Salt licks/water holes	0.03	Approved
3.	Activities as per Rule 6 (a) of CAF Rules, 2018				
	6 (a) iv	For disbursement of salary and allowances State CAMPA Authority & staff	9 Nos. (payment for contractual staff)	0.25	Approved
4.	Activities as per Rule 6 (b) of CAF Rules, 2018				

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S. No.	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Remarks/Decision
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
	6 (b)i	Management of office establishment State CAMPA CEO with detail	-	0.03	Approved
Total Approved			Rs. 13.20 crore		

B. List of activities deferred in the 28th EC & 29th EC and considered in the 30th EC are as follows:

(Area in ha. & Rs. in crore)

S. No.	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Proposed Outlay		Decision of 28 th & 29 th EC	Proposed outlay for 30 th EC		Remarks/D ecision
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target		Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
2. Activity as per 5(2) of CAF Rules, 2018								
5(2) d		Protection of plantations and forests						
		Demarcation of forest boundary	54.56 Kms	0.07	Deferred	54.56 Kms	0.07	Approved
		ii. Any other relevant activities including details of plantation	1920.7 (Rm/Kms) (boundary wall, foot path, chainlink fencing, boundary fencing)	1.06	Deferred	1920.7 (Rm/Kms) (boundary wall, foot path, chainlink fencing, boundary fencing)	1.06	Approved
			55 Nos. (tent, GPS, solar inverters, solar street light)	0.17	Deferred	55 Nos. (tent, GPS, solar inverters, solar street light)	0.17	Approved
			621 Nos. (boundary pillars, brick wall, watch tower, road, quarter, retaining wall, approach road, checkpoint)	1.28	Deferred	621 Nos. (boundary pillars, brick wall, watch tower, road, quarter, retaining wall, approach road, checkpoint)	1.28	Approved
			64 ft (fencing)	0.03	Deferred	64 ft (fencing)	0.03	Approved

S. No.	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Proposed Outlay		Decision of 28 th & 29 th EC	Proposed outlay for 30 th EC		Remarks/Decision
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target		Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
			450 sq metres (construction of plinth protection works including drain and footpath)	0.08	Deferred	450 sq metres (construction of plinth protection works including drain and footpath)	0.08	Approved
5(2)f	Forest fire prevention and control operations							
		iii. Any other relevant activities	1 LS (construction of camp hut and inspection paths)	0.27	Deferred	1 LS (construction of camp hut and inspection paths)	0.27	Approved
			32 Km (maintenance of footpath)	0.25	Deferred	32 Km (maintenance of footpath)	0.25	Approved
5(2)g	Soil and moisture conservation works							
	a.	Ponds	2 Nos.	0.03	Deferred	2 Nos.	0.03	Approved
	c.	Check dams	11 Nos.	0.72	Deferred	11 Nos.	0.72	Approved
	e.	Retaining wall/Breast wall	1 No Retaining wall	0.01	Deferred	1 No Retaining wall	0.01	Approved
		ii. Any other relevant activities	1 LS (construction of water reservoir)	0.06	Deferred	1 LS (construction of water reservoir)	0.06	Approved
			Awareness Programme on Environmental activities	0.02	Deferred	Awareness Programme on Environmental activities	0.02	Approved
5(2)i	Improvement of Wildlife habitat							
		Any other relevant activities	757 Rmt/Km (construction/maintenance of foot path, approach road, fencing)	0.58	Deferred	757 Rmt/Km (construction/maintenance of foot path, approach road, fencing)	0.58	Approved



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			Phy. Target	Fin. Target		Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
			285 Nos. (signboar d, signages, torch light, solar street light, bee box)	0.30	Deferred	285 Nos. (signboard, signages, torch light, solar street light, bee box)	0.30	Approved
			19 Nos. (waterholes, saltlick)	0.21	Deferred	19 Nos. (waterholes, saltlick)	0.21	Approved
			13 Nos. (construction of rain shelter, community hall, drinking water supply, view point, retaining wall)	1.13	Deferred	13 Nos. (construction of rain shelter, community hall, drinking water supply, view point, retaining wall)	1.13	Approved
			27400 Nos. (plantation of fruit, orange sapling)	0.08	Deferred	27400 Nos. (plantation of fruit, orange sapling)	0.08	Approved
			209 Nos. (engagem ent of wages)	0.27	Deferred	209 Nos. (engagement of wages)	0.27	Approved
			3.814 Ha (maintena nce)	0.01	Deferred	3.814 Ha (maintenanc e)	0.01	Approved
			1 No (renovatio n of buildings)	0.17	Deferred	1 No (renovation of buildings)	0.17	Approved
			8 Nos. (awarenes s/training program)	0.05	Deferred	8 Nos. (awareness/t raining program)	0.05	Approved
			3 LS (boundary pillars, maintenance of vehicle, POL)	0.02	Deferred	3 LS (boundary pillars, maintenance of vehicle, POL)	0.02	Approved

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			Phy. Target	Fin. Target		Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
	5(2) 1	Supply of wood saving, cooking appliance and other forest produce saving devices	200 Nos. (supply of energy saving cooking stove)	0.12	Deferred	200 Nos. (supply of energy saving cooking stove)	0.12	Approved
	5(2) m	Management of biological diversity and biological resource						
	iii. Any other relevant activities	2 LS (restocking and collection of diverse bamboo species, establishment of digital herbarium)	0.22	Deferred	2 LS (restocking and collection of diverse bamboo species, establishment of digital herbarium)	0.22	Approved	
		1 No (pond)	0.05		1 No (pond)	0.05	Approved	
		69 Nos. (inventory of growing stock and carbon stock, documentation of flora and important fauna and preparation of management plan)	0.60		69 Nos. (inventory of growing stock and carbon stock, documentation of flora and important fauna and preparation of management plan)	0.60	Approved	
3.	Activities as per Rule 5 (3) of the CAF Rules, 2018							
	Any other relevant activities	19 Nos.	0.19	Deferred	19 Nos.	0.19	Approved	
		180 Rm (retaining wall, approach road)	0.14	Deferred	180 Rm (retaining wall, approach road)	0.14	Approved	
	5 (3) c	Purchase and maintenance of equipment of devices for communication, information and technology (Details of equipment & devices)						
		Others	17 Nos. (GPS)	0.05	Deferred	17 Nos. (GPS)	0.05	Approved
	5 (3) d	Construction, up gradation and maintenance of inspection paths, forest roads in forest areas, fire line, watch towers, check post and timber posts						

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			Phy. Target	Fin. Target		Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
		Any other relevant activities	1 No (Renovation boundary brick wall)	0.10	Deferred	1 No (Renovation boundary brick wall)	0.10	Approved
			195Rm (construction boundary brick wall, side drain)	0.13	Deferred	195Rm (construction boundary brick wall, side drain)	0.13	Approved
5 (3) e	Construction of residential and official buildings	400 sqm plinth area	1.60	Deferred	400 sqm plinth area	1.60	Approved	
		7 Nos.	0.20	Deferred	7 Nos.	0.20	Approved	
	i. Spill over work/committed liabilities	16 Nos. Renovation (committed liabilities)	0.37	Deferred	16 Nos. Renovation (committed liabilities)	0.37	Approved	
5(3) g	Survey and mapping	2 LS (comprehensive forest inventory, digitization of reserve forest boundary)	0.62	Deferred	2 LS (comprehensive forest inventory, digitization of reserve forest boundary)	0.62	Approved	
4.	Activities as per Rule 6 (b) of CAF Rules, 2018							
	6 (b) ii	Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance	-	0.10	Deferred	-	0.10	Approved
	6 (b) vi	Any other activities for Management of forests and wildlife with the approval	-	0.22	Not approved	-	0.22	Approved for Rs. 0.19 cr.



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			Phy. Target	Fin. Target		Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
		of Steering Committee and included in the APO						
Total Approved						Rs. 11.55 crore		

4. State Government is requested to release the CAMPA fund to the CEO, State 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

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and (HoFF)-cum Chairperson, The Executive Committee of the State CAMPA, Department of Forest, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong.
2. The Chief Executive Officer, Meghalaya State CAMPA, Shillong.
3. The Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong.

4. The Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong.
5. The Accountant General, Meghalaya, Shillong.

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1. The DGF&SS, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, for kind information.
2. The Deputy Director General of Forest (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shillong.
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.


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