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राष्ट्रीय प्रतिपूरक वनरोपण निधि प्रबंधन एवं योजना प्राधिकरण
National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority
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दिनांक/ Dated: 27th July 2026

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Government of Kerala,
Thiruvananthapuram

Sub: Approval of Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2026-27 of Kerala.

Ref: APO ID: **FC/CP/IAPO/104902/2026** & Minutes of 39th Meeting of the Executive Committee.

Sir,

In the 39th Meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) dated 8th June 2026, the Annual Plan of Operation (**APO ID: FC/CP/IAPO/104902/2026**) for the financial year 2026-27 of Kerala State CAMPA was considered by the Executive Committee of the National Authority.

2. After due deliberation, 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 Annual Plan of Operation 2026-27 of Kerala State CAMPA. The approved amount is Rs. **6,12,32,600.00** (Rupees Six Crore Twelve Lakh Thirty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Only.) against their proposed outlay of Rs. **8,43,60,000.00** (Rupees Eight Crore Forty-Three Lakh Sixty Thousand Only)
3. The chapter wise summary of the activities considered and approved in the 39th Meeting of the EC are as follows: (Please read with the Minutes of Meeting issue vide this Authorities letter no. NA-5/1/2020-NA dated 7th July, 2026.

Chapter 1 : Approval Summary of Activities as per Section 6 of CAF Act, 2016	
EC Decision	**Amount (Rs.)**
Proposed	**1,33,00,600.00**
Considered & Approved	**1,33,00,600.00**
Considered & Deferred	**0.00**
Not Considered	**0.00**
Total	**1,33,00,600.00**

Chapter 2: Summary of Activities as per Rule 5(2) of CAF Rules, 2018	
EC Decision	**Amount (Rs.)**
Proposed	5,01,32,000.00
Considered & Approved	4,04,32,000.00
Considered & Deferred	97,00,000.00
Not Considered	0.00
Total	5,01,32,000.00

Chapter 3: Summary of Activities as per Rule 5(3) of CAF Rules, 2018	
EC Decision	**Amount (Rs.)**
Proposed	40,78,000.00
Considered & Approved	0.00
Considered & Deferred	40,78,000.00
Not Considered	0.00
Total	40,78,000.00

Chapter 4: Summary of Activities as per Rule 6(a) of CAF Rules, 2018	
EC Decision	**Amount (Rs.)**
Proposed	43,45,000.00
Considered & Approved	0.00
Considered & Deferred	43,45,000.00
Not Considered	0.00
Total	43,45,000.00

Chapter 5 : Summary of Activities as per Rule 6(b) of CAF Rules, 2018	
EC Decision	**Amount (Rs.)**
Proposed	0.00
Considered & Approved	0.00
Considered & Deferred	0.00
Not Considered	0.00
Total	0.00

Chapter 6 : Approval Summary of Activities proposed at the State Level	
EC Decision	**Amount (Rs.)**
Proposed	1,25,00,000.00
Considered & Approved	75,00,000.00
Considered & Deferred	50,00,000.00
Not Considered	0.00
Total	1,25,00,000.00

Approval Summary of Kerala APO ID: FC/CP/IAPO/104902/2026 for FY 2026-27	
EC Decision	**Amount (Rs.)**
Proposed	8,43,60,000.00
Considered & Approved	6,12,32,600.00
Considered & Deferred	2,31,27,400.00
Not Considered	0.00
Total	8,43,60,000.00

[Note: Some works/activities in the proposed Digital APO were deferred during the 39th Meeting of the Executive Committee due to the non-submission of KML files and geospatial coordinates and other relevant documents for the proposed works and activities. These items will be considered in the next meeting of the Executive Committee only after the concerned States or Union Territories upload the requisite KML files and geospatial coordinates and other relevant documents in their Digital APO FY 2026-27 with respect to their proposed works and activities.]

4. Accordingly, the State Government is requested to release the CAMPA fund to the CEO of the State CAMPA/State Forest Department with immediate effect to carry out these approved activities in accordance with the APO 2026-27 approved by the National Authority.
5. The Governing Body Steering Committee and Executive Committee of the State CAMPA are requested to monitor the progress of implementation of approved CAMPA activities. Further, it is expected that the respective Member Secretary of these bodies will convene their meetings in accordance with the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Act 2016.

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 on the approved sites as per the forest diversion approval granted by the Central Government as per the approved KML files/shape files/geo-location coordinates (as the case may be) of those proposed sites.

   ii. All afforestation efforts under the CA, ANR, AR, Catchment Area Treatment Plans and Wildlife Habitat improvement should primarily aim for comprehensive ecological restoration on a sustainable basis. Preference should be given to local and native species, particularly fruit and fodder species, in all afforestation, regeneration and plantation projects. There should be no attempt to create monocultures or plant saplings of non-endemic species.

   iii. The KML files of CA and other plantations (AR and ANR etc.) should be compulsorily uploaded to the e-Green Watch portal and emailed to FSI, Dehradun. The same datasets must be shared to the National CAMPA official Digital APO portal while updating the progress report on the execution of the works and activities approved in the APO of that year.

   iv. The approved activities shall be carried out in accordance with 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 approved activities under Rule 5(2) and 5(3) should strictly adhere to the specified limits as outlined in those rules. It should not be less than 80 per cent and not more than 20 per cent respectively.

   vi. It must be ensured that the annual interest accrued on the State CAMPA Fund is credited to the fund so that the activities outlined in Rule 6 of the CAF Rules 2018 are effectively implemented.

   vii. The activities for the creation and maintenance of the plantation should be implemented to maximize the survival of the saplings and achieve the desired growth parameters. These plantation sites should be monitored and evaluated periodically.

viii. All records of CAMPA activities including the amount sanctioned and expenditure incurred should be maintained by State CAMPA. These records should be properly maintained at the level of Range offices, Division offices and the CEO of State CAMPA in prescribed formats. The quarterly progress (physical & financial) of the execution of the works and activities approved in the APO of that year must be updated on the Digital APO portal on the National CAMPA website. On this portal, adequate provisions have been made to upload before and after photographs of all CA, plantations/ regeneration activities.

ix. The State Authorities shall prioritize the 'Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)' of all afforestation and other CAMPA activities. The Executive and Steering Committees of all State and Union Territory Authorities must ensure adequate measures for regular conduct of Internal and Third-party M&E of CAMPA activities. For Third-party M&E, the State should engage agencies as per the M&E Framework circulated by the National Authority (effective from the financial year 2026-27). These agencies should be professionally and technically competent and independent of the State Government.

x. The State and UT Authority should also utilize the services of the Integrated Regional Office of the Ministry to monitor the CAMPA works implemented. The State CAMPA Authority shall provide sufficient facilitation to these IROs to carry out this activity and ensure the submission of a report on a regular basis.

xi. The monitoring and evaluation reports of all CAMPA works completed up to the year 2025-26 and all previous years, along with all relevant records, should be made available to the National CAMPA.

xii. 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 annually for approval of the National Authority.

xiii. Prior to the implementation of approved APOs, the Executive Committee of the State Authority shall ensure that a certificate is available to this effect that the proposed activities are being undertaken after due consultation with the Gram Sabha and are in accordance with the provisions of the FRA 2006 as required under the provisions of the CAF Rule 5 (3).

xiv. State/UT Government must ensure that activities proposed in forest areas are in accordance with the approved working plan; and those proposed in protected areas (PAs) are in accordance with the approved State/UT Wildlife Management Plan. Activities proposed in forest fire prevention and control operations should be in accordance with the State's/UT's Integrated Fire Management Plan.

xv. Soil and moisture conservation works should be carried out in an integrated manner from ridge to valley in degraded forests. This should focus on the rejuvenation of rivers and achievements should be reported according to the Development Plans for the 13 major rivers recently released by the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC). APOs in the future must indicate the reference of the Development Plans being implemented. Data on afforestation, assisted forest regeneration and efforts to increase tree cover emanating out of the Development Plans must be shared with the Forest Survey of India for continuous assessment of green cover and evaluation. If not part of the above-mentioned Development Plans, the State should take it up as per the planned activity approved by the State Government or in the approved working plan.

xvi. The State and UT authorities should maintain a detailed record of total forest land transferred and compensatory afforestation carried out to compensate for the loss of green cover and the restoration of ecosystem services.

xvii. The State EC shall also ensure that there is no overlapping of activities or undertaking forest and wildlife conservation and other activities undertaken under other schemes of the State or Central Government for the purpose of part-financing the scheme for completing left-over works or complementary works of such schemes. Further the State/UT Government is required to provide a certificate to that effect.

xviii. The primary objective of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund is to compensate for the loss of ecological services resulting from forest diversion for non-forestry purposes. Regeneration and development of forests should therefore be prioritized in degraded forests and non-forest lands. Priority should also be given to the regeneration and development of forests and wildlife habitats.

xix. The Executive Committee of the State shall also ensure that approved APO activities are being implemented in accordance with the prevailing approved minimum wage rate schedule and model estimates.

xx. There should be no reduction in allocation for the forestry sector in the regular State Budget due to the flow of CAMPA funds to the State.

xxi. Works related to eco-tourism and eco-development should be undertaken in accordance with the relevant rules and guidelines after obtaining the necessary approvals.

xxii. The purchase of vehicles for office use is not permitted. Vehicles are to be hired as per approved APO. The repair and maintenance of vehicles shall be limited to those purchased from the CAMPA funds previously.

xxiii. Procurement of multi-utility vehicles to meet the operational requirements of forest front-line staff of State/UT Forest departments is permissible as per approved APO complying with the guidelines issued by the National CAMPA. The relevant document is NA-16/2/2023-NA dated 12th January 2024.

xxiv. The validity of APO (2026-27) is until 31 March 2027. The States/UTs CAMPA Authority shall complete the works approved in APO within the year and avoid any spillover for the following year. Further continuation of the balance, incomplete or spillover activities shall be permissible in the next financial year only if they are included in the approved APO. The State & UT Authority should ensure that liabilities are not passed over into the next financial year.

xxv. Where the proposal submitted by the States or UTs in their APO to engage casual labourers for forest protection is approved, it is clarified that such engagements are to be conducted only on compensated land parcels situated around forest areas. These parcels have undergone land transfer but have not been engaged for afforestation by creating plantation enclosures and require special protection from adjoining habitations and anthropogenic activities.

xxvi. All wage payments should be made through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

Yours faithfully

(Anand Mohan)
Chief Executive Officer, National Authority

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