# Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (National Authority)

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Hall No. 1, 4th Floor, Block No. 3, CGO Complex Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 Dated the 7th May, 2021

### OFFICE MEMORANDUM

The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of the minutes of the 12th meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority held on 27th April 2021, at 1100 hrs through video-conferencing under the Chairmanship of Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for information and necessary action.

Encl: As above.

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**Assistant Inspector General of Forests** 

#### Distribution:

- 1. Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India- Chairperson;
- 2. Special Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India - Member;
- 3. Additional Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India - Member;
- 4. Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India - Member;
- 5. Mission Director, National Mission for Green India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India – Member;
- 6. Head of all Integrated Regional Offices (IRO) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India – Member;
- 7. Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India - Member;
- 8. Chief Executive Officer of National Authority Member Secretary;

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- 1. Chief Secretary, All States/ UTs
- 2. Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, Department of Forest, All States/ UTs.
- 3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), All States/ UTs
- 4. CEO, State Authority, All State/ UTs
- 5. Director General, FSI, Dehradun & Member Secretary, Monitoring Group.
- 6. IGF(NAEB)/ IGF(SU)/ IGF (FPD)/ IGF(WL)/ IGF(NTCA)/IG(ROHQ)

### Minutes of the Meeting

The 12th meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority of CAMPA was held on 27th April 2021 at 11.00 AM under the chairmanship of Director General of Forests and Special Secretary and Chairman Executive Committee (EC), through video conferencing. The List of members who attended the meeting are enclosed at Annexure-I.

Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, MoEFCC and Chairman, Executive Committee welcomed the members present in the meeting and requested Deputy CEO to make brief presentation on the different agenda items.

### Agenda Item No. 1

# Confirmation of Minutes of 11th meeting of the EC:

The Executive Committee confirmed the minutes of 11th Meeting of Executive Committee.

#### Agenda Item No. 2

# Confirmation of Action Taken Report on 11th meeting of the EC:

Dy. CEO informed that the minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of EC was communicated to all the states vide letter dated 07.04.2021. He further informed that so far sanction order for the Tripura state has been issued and for other states it is under process. The EC directed that sanction order for balance states to be issued at the earliest.

### Agenda Item No. 3 to 8:

### **Approval of Annual Plans of Operation 2021-2022**

Dy CEO informed that APOs from 18 states has been received in the National Authority so far, out of which APOs of twelve states were considered in the previous meeting and the essential and time bound works were approved. APOs from remaining six states namely Goa, Haryana, Rajasthan, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand were considered for approval in the present meeting. The details of APOs of six states are mentioned below:

(Rs. in Crore)

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Name of State	Total Cost of	Cost of APO	Cost of APO	Cost of APO
	APO	under	under NPV	under Interest
		Mandatory	component	component
		activities		
Goa	32.70	15.68	11.77	5.25
Haryana	319.66	136.71	168.22	14.73
Rajasthan	284.92	68.19	213.18	3.55
Telangana	600.00	140.40	447.60	12.00
Uttar Pradesh	600.00	38.17	547.20	14.63
Uttarakhand	950.80	218.20	703.10	29.50

Deputy CEO informed that all the six APOs are received within this month and some of the components of the APOs could not be examined properly due to paucity of time. The Executive Committee discussed the matter and decided to approve the plantation and other essential activities on the lines of the approval given in the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting so that time bound activities could be undertaken by the State Forest Departments. The detailed lists of approved activities are mentioned below:

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# Site-specific activities (Condition Compliance)-

Compensatory Afforestation (CA), additional CA, penal CA, Catchment area treatment plan and any other site specific scheme submitted by the state along with approved proposals for diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation)Act, 1980 referred to in clause (a) of section 6 of the CAF Act.

# Activities as per Rule 5 of CAF Rules, 2018-

- a. All activities related to Assisted natural regeneration as per rule 5(2)(a)/ Artificial regeneration as per rule 5(2)(b)/ Silvicultural operations as per rule 5(2)(c)/ Soil and moisture conservation works as per rule 5(2)(g)/ improvement of availability of food, water and shelter for wildlife habitat as per management plan as per rule 5(2)(i).
- b. Nursery works for the above activities
- c. Forest fire prevention and control operations as per rule 5(2)(f)
- d. Maintenance of modern nurseries and other planting stock facilities for production of quality planting materials on a perpetual basis as per rule 5(3)(a).
- e. Independent (third party) monitoring/ evaluation of various works undertaken from State fund as per rule 5(3)(h)
- f. Production and distribution of quality planting material through certified nurseries at subsidized price for promoting of tress outside forest on Government lands as per rule 5(3)(j)

# Activities as per Rule 6 of CAF Rules, 2018-

For disbursement of salary and allowances of members and staffs, both regular and contractual [Rule 6(a)(iv) and 6(a)(v)], management of office establishment, office equipment, hiring of vehicles for State Authority [Rule 6(b)(i) and 6(b)(iii)]

In addition to above following decisions were taken:

- a. The EC also decided to approve casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff of State forest department for protection of forest and wildlife undertaken from State fund as per rule 5(3)(f) subject to the limit of 25% of total cost under the component. These will be standalone and monitorable items of work, and there shall be no mixing of funding for the same work.
- b. The EC decided that for third party monitoring state shall immediately engage agency/agencies which are working independently; these should not be local NGOs/ organizations which are attached/ working with the forest department.
- c. Those States, who have not submitted their APOs for the year 2021-2022 to National Authority, shall submit the same urgently and latest by 13.05.2021 with the approval of the State Steering Committee.
- d. CEO Odisha requested for approval of the component under protection of forests where casual labourers are engaged. EC decided to approve the wages of the casual labour engaged under the component subject to the limit of 25% of the total cost with the condition mentioned in clause (a) above.
- e. CEO Rajasthan requested for approval of the component for provision of drinking water for animals in wildlife areas. EC discussed the matter. It was appreciated that this activity, being the primary responsibility of the State, could

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be primarily funded by the State's own scheme or under other Central/ CSS scheme, e.g. Development of Widlife Habitat scheme. The EC did not approve the proposal, and requested the CEO Rajasthan to make provision of water augmentation in wildlife areas from other sources as suggested.

f. PCCF, Goa requested for allowing them to take up backlog of 1600 ha of CA Plantation and informed that Madhya Pradesh (MP) has been requested for taking up the backlog of CA Plantation. He further informed that MP has made provision for 300 ha of CA Plantation in the current year and state will transfer fund to MP for taking up such plantation. DGF requested PCCF Goa to seek approval of competent authority for change of CA areas.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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# Annexure-I List of members who attended the 12th Executive Committee meeting

Sl. No.	Name of Officer	Designation	Name of State
1	Shri Sanjay Kumar	DG Forests & Special secretary	MoEFCC
2	Shri Praveen Garg	Special Secretary & FA	MoEFCC
3	Shri Pankaj Asthana	CEO, CAMPA, National Authority	MoEFCC
4	Shri Pankaj Agrawal	DG FSI & DDG IRO Dehradun	MoEFCC
5	Smt. R. Shobha	PCCF & HoFF	Telangana
6	Shri Subhash Chandra	PCCF & HoFF	Goa
7	Shri Lokesh Jayswal	PCCF, CAMPA	Telangana
8	Smt. Uma Nanduri	CEO CAMPA	Odisha
9	Smt. Shikha Mehra	CEO CAMPA	Rajasthan
10	Shri Pankaj Goel	CEO CAMPA	Haryana
11	Shri Sanjay Srivastav	CEO CAMPA	Uttar Pradesh
12	Shri Jaber Suhag	CEO CAMPA	Uttarakhand
13	Shri Lokesh Jayswal	CEO CAMPA	Telangana
14	Shri S. A. Nongsiej	CEO CAMPA	Meghalaya
15	Shri Dinesh Chandra Nepal	CEO CAMPA	Sikkim
16	Shri Rajesh Ravindra	CEO CAMPA	Kerala
17	Shri Jerome Minz	Director, IFD	MoEFCC

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Shri A K Prabhakar