

~~Ministry of Environment and Forests~~
~~(Ad-hoc CAMPA)~~

Paryavaran Bhawan,
CGO Complex Phase II,
Lodi Road, New Delhi 110 510.
Dated the 4th November, 2011.

To
The Principal Secretaries,
Forest Departments,
All States/ Union Territories.

Sub.: **Clearances under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 :
Deposition of funds with the Ad-hoc CAMPA :
Remittances to precede 2nd stage clearance.**

Sir,

Following deliberations in the meetings of the Ad-hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority, instructions were issued to all concerned vide circular letter No:12-2/2010-CAMPA dated 22nd October, 2010, 13th May, 2011 and 24th June, 2011 (copies enclosed) to the effect that before 2nd stage clearances for diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 are issued, it will be necessary to seek a confirmation from the Ad-hoc CAMPA that the funds have actually been deposited in the designated Savings Bank accounts.

2. While the arrangements are, by and large, working satisfactorily and are subserving the purpose of ensuring the proper deposition and accounting of funds in the State CAMPA accounts maintained by the Ad-hoc CAMPA, the following issues require yet to be addressed, viz. :

- i. In many cases, the funds received from different User Agencies as compensatory afforestation funds are clubbed together and then transferred to the State CAMPA accounts maintained by the Ad-hoc CAMPA. This presents difficulties in identification & location of the funds deposited by the individual User Agencies. It is necessary that funds are deposited in the designated accounts maintained by the Ad-hoc CAMPA, Project-wise immediately as they are received from the User Agencies. Clubbing of funds for different projects must not be done ;
- ii. where the funds have already been clubbed together, the Project-wise and component-wise break of the deposited compensatory levies will be a must. Without this break up, it will not be possible for the Ad-hoc CAMPA to certify the receipt of funds ;
- iii. compensatory levies are still being deposited in Current Accounts instead of the Savings Bank accounts of State CAMPAs. It should be ensured that the funds are deposited, preferably through the ITGS/ IFSC mode in the Savings Bank accounts of respective State CAMPAs. Where User Agencies have already been asked to make deposits in the Current Accounts, they may kindly be addressed individually to make the deposits instead, in the Savings Bank accounts ;
- iv. In some cases funds deposited with the Banks in the States remain with them for long periods, without transmission to the designated Banks/ accounts in New Delhi. This is not desirable. It should be ensured that the funds should be deposited directly with the designated Banks/ accounts, and in exceptional cases where the deposits

and in the Banks in the States, the immediate transmission of the [redacted] designated Banks' accounts in Delhi should be ensured.

3. It is requested that appropriate instructions may kindly be issued to all concerned to follow the above instructions scrupulously, so that the process of clearance under the FCRA 1980 is expedited.

Yours faithfully,

(A K Srivastava)
Inspector General of Forests &
Chief Executive Officer, Ad-hoc CAMPA

Copy for information & similar action to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservators of Forests, All States/ UTs ;
2. The Nodal Officers (FCA), All States/ UTs ;
3. The Chief Conservators of Forests, all Regional Offices of the MoEF.

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Copies also forwarded to the following, with the request that while making references to the OSD, Ad-hoc CAMPA, information may invariably be furnished in the prescribed proforma (copy enclosed), and the State Govts/ UTs may also be sensitized to follow the above instructions, strictly

AIGF(HCC)/ AIGF(SPS)/ AIGF(NCS)/ TO(FC)/ SO(FC).

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