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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Authority
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Dated the 14th March, 2023

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary,
Department of Forest and Wildlife Preservation
Government of Punjab,
Mini Secretariat, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

Sub: Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2023-24 of Punjab State CAMPA.

Sir,

With reference to the letter no. State Authority/2022-23/24292 dated 27.01.2023 of Government of Punjab on the above-mentioned subject, it is to convey the approval of the Executive Committee of the National Authority under Section 15 (1) (i) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Act, 2016 for the mandatory and time bound activities of the Annual Plan of Operation – 2023-24 at total outlay of **Rs.259.39 crore** [Rupees two hundred fifty nine crore and thirty nine lakhs only]. During 21st meeting of Executive Committee (EC) of the National Authority, EC has approved an amount of **Rs. 257.10 crore** [Rupees two hundred fifty seven crore and ten lakhs only]

2. The Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2023-24 has been received from the Punjab State CAMPA Authority. The State Steering Committee of State CAMPA has approved the Annual Plan of Operation (APO) for an outlay of Rs.259.39 crores only for the year 2023-24.

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| i. | Date of Receipt in NA | : | 20-01-2023 |
| ii. | Date of approval of EC of State/UT | : | 20-12-2022 |
| iii. | Date of approval of the Steering Committee | : | 16-01-2023 |
| iv. | Total Amount/Outlay | : | Rs. 259.39 crores |
| v. | Total amount approved by National Authority | : | Rs. 257.10 crores |

3. The details of component-wise activities approved in the APO are as follows:

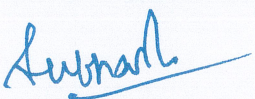
(Amount Rs. in Crore and Area in ha.)

S.No	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Outlay		Remarks
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target (Rs. In Crore)	
1	Site Specific activities under CA				
	Mandatory Activity	Compensatory Afforestation	Advance work (2024- 25) 770 ha, Plantation of 993.873 Ha (983.981 ha. CA, 8.985 Ha. Penal CA and 0.907 NFL) and	43.78	Approved

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			Maintenance of 9630.317 ha.(CA + PCA+NFL) and New plantation of 158599 Tall plants, maintenance of Tall plants 436444 under ACA and raising of 27.72 lakh Plants in Nursery (Annexure- 1A, 1-AA, 1-AB, 1B, 1C,1D, 1E & 1i)		
		Other	As per APO Annexure- 1F, 1G, 1H	16.63	Approved
		Total approved site-specific activities under CA		60.41	
2.					
	5(2)a	ANR	Advance work (2024-25) 2900 ha, Plantation of 2257 Ha and Maintenance of 5835 ha. Annexure- 3,3A,3B	38.86	Approved
	5(2)b	AR	Advance work (2024-25) 1735 ha, Plantation of 2374 Ha and Maintenance of 8115.50 ha., Raising of 2.40 lakh Plants in Nursery. maintenance of existing nursery 94500 plants, Plantation of Tall plants 157000 and maintenance of Tall plants 532500 Raising of Nursery and maintenance of replacement of plants 118.83 lakh (Annexure- 2,4,5,6,7, 12)	73.91	Approved
	5(2)c	Silvicultural Operations	77 plots (Annexure- 8)	0.93	Approved
	5(2)d	Protection of Plantations and forests	As per APO (Annexure- 9)	13.58	Approved
	5(2)f	Forest fire prevention and control operations	As per APO (Annexure- 9)	2.59	Approved
	5(2)g	Soil and moisture	As per APO	14.47	Approved



		conservation works	(Annexure- 8)		
	5(2)i	Improvement of wildlife habitat	As per Annexure 15-16	12.15	Approved
	5(2)k	Establishment, maintenance of animal rescue centre and veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals	As per APO Annexure 15	2.79	Approved subject to CZA/NTCA guidelines.
		Total approved activities under 80% NPV		159.28	
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	5(3)a	Establishment, Maintenance of modern nurseries	Raising of Nursery Stock (Tall Plant) 2.30 lakh, Maintenance 1.00 lakh and vermicompost unit (32 No.s) and seed store (19 Nos.) etc. (Annexure 12-A)	4.35	Approved
	5(3)c	Purchase and maintenance of equipment of devices for communication, information and technology	As per APO Annexure-13	4.52	Approved
	5(3)d	Construction, upgradation and maintenance of inspection paths, forest roads in forest areas, fire line, watch towers, check posts and timber posts	Creation and maintenance of fire lines (Annexure-10)	2.73	Approved
	5(3)e	Construction of residential and official buildings for frontline staff	Range office, Forester & Forest Guard house and Toilet in forest nurseries (Annexure-10)	5.66	Approved
	5(3)f	Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff of State Forest Department	As per Annexure-16	1.53	Approved
	5(3)g	Survey and mapping	As per Annexure-11	1.00	Approved
	5(3)h	Independent concurrent monitoring and evaluation and third party monitoring	As per Annexure-11	2.70	Approved. All CA and CAMPA activities carried out to be monitored.
	5(3)i	Publicity cum awareness programme	As per Annexure-14	2.17	Approved
		Total approved activities under 20% NPV		24.66	
		Total NPV		183.94	
4.	6(a)i	To offset incremental cost of	As per Annexure-17	11.00	Approved

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		CA/PCA/ NPV at increased wage rate			
6(a)iv		For disbursement of salary and allowances of members and staff	As per Annexure-17	0.90	Approved
6(a)v		For disbursement of sitting fee and allowances to nominated members	As per Annexure-17	0.25	Approved
6(a)vi		Activities referred to in sub rule-(2) and (3) of Rule 5	As per Annexure-17	0.05	Not approved
6(b)i		Management of office establishment	As per Annexure-18	0.40	Rs. 10 lakh approved
6(b)ii		Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance	As per Annexure-18	0.20	Approved
6(b)iii		Hiring of staff cars for the use of officers and officials	As per Annexure-18	0.30	Approved
6(b)v		Other contingencies for management of State Authority	As per Annexure-18	0.10	Not approved
6(b)vi		Any other activity for management of forests and wildlife with the approval of Steering Committee and included in the APO	As per Annexure-18-A	1.84	Not approved
		Total approved out of interest		12.75	
		Approved G. Total of APO 2023-24 (60.41+183.94+12.75)		257.10	Approved

4. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- i. 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.
- ii. Utilization of State Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) shall be done in such a manner that at least 80% is used for afforestation, forest development and wildlife habitat improvement and up to a maximum 20% amount is to be used for infrastructure/capacity building related items.
- iii. 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 with Range, Division office and CEO State CAMPA in prescribed formats and placed on their websites.
- iv. The construction and maintenance of Rescue Centre should only be taken up after vetting of Central Zoo Authority (CZA) and when funds.
- v. 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. In respect of CA, plantations/ regeneration activities before and after photographs should be uploaded.

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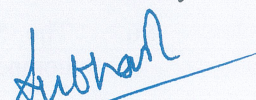
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- vi. If required and approved by National Authority, casual engagement of only local people may be hired to assist regular staff of State Forest Department for works for protection of forest and wildlife to be undertaken from State fund as per rule 5(3)(f).
- vii. Monitoring and evaluation of the works undertaken shall be the highest priority for the State Authorities. 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 State Government.
- viii. The monitoring and evaluation report of the works done up to the year 2021-22 must be made available to National Authority (NA). Similarly report on CAMPA activities taken up in 2022-23 should be made available to the NA.
- ix. 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 State legislature as per requirements of section 29 of the CAF Act 2016, shall be invariably submitted with the proposal for approval of the APO by the EC of NA.
- x. 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. 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.
- xi. 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.
- xii. 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.
- xiii. The State EC shall also ensure that there is no overlapping of activities / funding with other schemes and may provide a certificate to that effect.
- xiv. Local and indigenous species, especially fruit and fodder species should be given preference in afforestation/ regeneration to be carried out; monoculture and planting of exotic species should be avoided.
- xv. 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 to labour intensive activities for regeneration and development of forests and wildlife habitat.
- xvi. 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.
- xvii. There should not be any reduction in allocation for forestry sector in the regular State Budget due to flow of CAMPA funds to the states. In addition, the State Government shall also make timely and adequate budget provision as per approved APO and release money so that approved activities could be implemented in time.

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- xviii. Works related to Eco-tourism and Eco-development should be taken up following relevant rules and guidelines after taking necessary approvals.
- xix. Purchase of vehicles 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.
- xx. IRO shall also 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.
- xxi. The States/UTs CAMPA Authority shall complete for completing 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 utilise the released funds for maintenance of CAMPA activities under NPV & Interest components before starting new activities.
- xxii. The States/UTs Authority are proposing engagement of Casual labours for protection of Forests for the entire State. It 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.
- xxiii. The validity of APO (2023-24) shall expire on 31.03.2024. Further continuation of the incomplete activities shall be permissible only if they are included in the APO (2024-25) and are approved by NA.
- xxiv. The States/UTs 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 State/UT. Priority shall be given to the mandatory activities including commitment on maintenance of previous years.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive Officer

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2. Chief Executive Officer, Punjab CAMPA
3. Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Punjab
4. Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Punjab
5. Accountant General, Punjab
6. Deputy Director General of Forests/ IGF, IRO, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Chandigarh
7. Sanction Folder/ Guard File
8. NIC Cell with a request to upload the sanction order on the official website of MoEF&CC.

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