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**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Authority**  
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To,  
The Secretary,  
Department of Environment and Forests,  
Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Port Blair

**Sub: Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2023-24 of UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands CAMPA - regarding**

Ref: The letter No. APCCF/State CAMPA/15/75 dated 26.04.2023

Sir,

With reference to the above-mentioned letter, it is to convey the approval of the Executive Committee of the National Authority under section 15 (1) (i) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 for the UT Annual Plan of Operation 2023-24 received on 26.04.2023 for an amount of **Rs. 6.70 crores\*** (Rupees Six crores seventy lakhs only) against the proposed outlay of **Rs. 6.70 crores** (Rupees Six crores seventy lakhs only) for carrying out CAMPA activities including the mandatory and time bound. The amount under NPV has been restricted to 25% of the NPV funds available with the State. (Note for \* Please refer para 6 &7 at page 5)

2. As per the decision taken in the Executive Committee meeting, the NPV component of CAMPA fund has been rationalized to less than 25% for continuation and sustainability of CAMPA activities aimed for improvement of quality of forest and wildlife habitat and essential measures required for forest fire prevention and control.

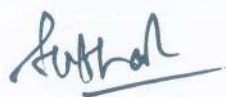
3. The Andaman & Nicobar Islands Annual Plan of Operation 2023-24 was discussed in detail by the Executive Committee of the National Authority during the 23<sup>rd</sup> Executive Committee meeting of the National Authority. The details of considered component-wise activities are as follows:

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

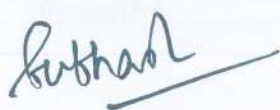
Sl.No	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Green Employment to be generated (in Man-days)	Remarks
			Physical Target	Financial Target		
1	Site Specific activities as per 6(a) of CAF Act, 2016					
	Compensatory Afforestation (CA)					
a	New CA					
i	Raising of 14 ha of CA at Milan Gram, Diglipur Division against the diversion of 100 ha of forest land at NAS Shibpur for extension of runway,		14	0.2982	3505	Approved

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	Diglipur (14 Ha CA in Diglipur Division) (New CA)				
ii	Raising of 40.44 ha of CA at Burmachad, Diglipur against the diversion of 20.22 ha of forest land for creation of infrastructure facilities of DRDO for strategic surveillance system at Rutland Island under South Andaman Forest Division. (New CA)	40.44	0.77245	5485	Approved
iii	Raising of 41.03 ha of CA at Diglipur(38.02 in Burmachad, Diglipur and 3.01 in Radha nagar, Diglipur), against the diversion of 20.42875 ha of forest land for construction of N-S road sector Shastri Nagar to Indira Point from Km 46.610 to 60.385 (Phase-IV) (New CA)	41.03	0.7034	6746	Approved
iv	Raising of 19.029 ha of CA at Burmachad, Diglipur against the diversion of 9.514 ha of forest land for construction of N-S road sector Shastri Nagar to Indira Point from KM 43.450 to KM 48.610 in Great Nicobar Islands. (Phase-III). (CA Plantation at Burmachad) (Part 1st Year CA)	19.029	0.4031	3223	Approved
v	Raising of 86 ha of CA at Baskat Nallah, Mayabunder against the diversion of 100 ha of forest land at NAS Shibpur for extension of runway, Diglipur (New CA)	86.00	1.1049	14534	Approved
vi	Raising of 100 Nos. of saplings on diversion of 0.00021 Ha of Forest Land for establishment for laying Submarine Optical Fibre Cable connectivity between Port Blair to Swaraj Dweep in favour of BSNL at Radhanagar, Swaraj Dweep. (New CA)	0.0021	0.023	50	Approved
vii	Maintenance of 2.00 ha of CA at Nabagram, Diglipur against the diversion of 2.00 ha of deemed forest land and felling of 317 number of trees at Naval Air Station, Shibpur, Diglipur in favour of Lt. Col, NAS Shibpur.	2.00	0.0464	808	Approved
<b>B</b>	<b>Maintenance of Plantation</b>	<b>29.30</b>	<b>0.56</b>		
i	Maintenance of CA Plantation in 4.637 ha of land at Nayagarh village, Baratang.	4.637	0.1386	15	Approved
ii	Maintenance and casualty replacement (2nd Year Maintenance) required at 0.0146 ha of CA plantation at Indira Nagar, Wandoor.	0.0146	0.0047	88	Approved
iii	Maintenance and casualty replacement (2nd Year Maintenance) required at 0.945 ha of CA plantation at Badmas Pahad, Chouldhari.	0.945	0.0158	298	Approved
iv	Maintenance and casualty replacement (2nd Year Maintenance) required at 5.605 ha of CA plantation at Badmas Pahad, Chouldhari.	5.605	0.2098	5463	Approved
v	4th year Maintenance and casualty replacement of CA plantation in 0.56 ha at Tapu Basti, Bamboo flat against the diversion of 0.28 ha of forest land for laying of 11 KV ABC Transmission line from Shoal Bay - 14 to 19.	0.56	0.0056	105	Approved
vi	4th year Maintenance and casualty replacement of CA plantation in 0.05 ha for diversion of forest land for installation of 10 KW wind solar hybri system at Mount Harriet	0.05	0.0003	5	Approved



vii	5th year Maintenance and casualty replacement of CA plantation in 0.122 ha at Potatang against the diversion of 0.0061 ha of forest land for Construction of Repeater Station with 100 ft high Aerial Mast at Potatang, Jirkatang.	0.0122	0.0069	130	Approved
viii	Maintenance of Plantation of 70 Nos of Trees at Nanjappa Nagar in lieu of diversion of 0.08 Ha Forest land diverted for fish landing centre at V.K. Pur.(CA)	0.08	0.0078	15	Approved
ix	Maintenance of trees in lieu of 0.025 Ha of forest land diverted for lighted deacon at Tries Island.	0.31	0.0025	12	Approved
x	Maintenance of 100 Trees raised in lieu of 0.09 Ha Forest land diverted for re-construction of NS road at Joginder Nagar.	0.1	0.0029	14	Approved
xi	Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation raised on 0.75 Ha of forest land in lieu of 0.75 Ha land diverted for construction of road linking NS road to Chingam.	0.75	0.0254	30	Approved
xii	Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation raised on 0.46 Ha of forest land in lieu of 0.46 Ha land diverted for construction of road 27 Km NS road to Laxmi Nagar.	0.46	0.0072	15	Approved
xiii	Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation raised on 4.425 Ha of forest land in lieu of 4.425 Ha land diverted for NS road in Great Nicobar.	4.425	0.0500	45	Approved
xiv	Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation raised on 3.5 Ha of forest land diverted for the construction of infrastructure, Police Department at Katchal.	3.5	0.0500	45	Approved
xv	Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation raised in 1.6 Ha DFL in lieu of 0.8 Ha of forest land diverted for construction of Power House and other infrastructure of Electricity at Katchal.	1.6	0.0057	32	Approved
xvi	Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation raised in 2.6 Ha DFL in lieu of 0.9375 Ha of forest land diverted for construction of 1.25 Km long rural road by APWD Katchal.	2.6	0.0082	26	Approved
xvii	Maintenance of Penal Compensatory Afforestation raised on 1.75 HA DFL in lieu of 0.825 Ha of land diverted for construction of 0.75 Km long link road from main road to intermediate shelter Cluster No-II (E, Wil, Kapanga) at Katchal. <b>(Maintenance)</b> .	1.75	0.0037	12	Approved
xviii	Maintenance of Penal Compensatory Afforestation raised by planting 2500 Nos of Mangroves species at Great Nicobar Island in lieu of 0.46 Ha of forest land diverted for construction of road from 27 Km NS road to Laxmi Nagar, Permanent Shelter.	1.0	0.0104	18	Approved
xix	Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation of 170 Trees in lieu of 0.9 Ha of forest land diverted for construction of Helipad at Indira Point.	0.9	0.0005	2	Approved
xx	Maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation of 70 Trees in lieu of 0.05 Ha of forest land diverted for construction of pedestal for erection of statue of former Prime Minister (Late) Indira Gandhi at Indira Point.	0.05	0.0003	1	Approved
2	<b>Activities as per Rule 5(2) of the CAF Rules, 2018 (80% NPV)</b>				



<b>5(2)(b)</b>	<b>Artificial Regeneration (AR)</b>				
i	Maintenance of 1 Lakh Fruit Bearing Seedlings	1 Lakh Seedlings	0.0500	660	Approved
ii	Transportation of seedlings, fencing post, concrete material from Nursery to Plantation Site for planting of Fruit Bearing Seedlings.	-	0.0500	650	Approved
iii	Transportation of Stores, Seedling, FYM and labours for planting of Fruit Bearing Seedlings.	-	0.0500	650	Approved
iv	Planting of 1 Lakh Fruit Bearing Seedlings including replacement of casualties.	1 Lakh Seedlings	0.1000	1300	Approved
v	Planting of Edible Fruit bearing species under "EACH ONE PLANT ONE" Campaign.	600000 Seedlings	0.7700	4200	Approved
vi	Maintenance and Transportation of seedlings, fencing post, concrete material from Nursery to Plantation Site for planting of Fruit Bearing Seedlings.	-	0.3350	-	Approved
<b>5(2)(d)</b>	<b>Protection of Plantation and Forests</b>				
i	Protective Gears for Patrolling Staffs:	-	0.12		Approved
a	Life Jacket	30 Nos.			
b	Ring Buoy	30 Nos.			
c	Nylon Rope (16 MM)	7 Bdls.			
d	Industrial Helmet	32 Nos.			
e	Gum Boot	30 Nos.			
f	Rain Coat	30 Nos.			
g	7. Commando Search Light 10 Nos.	-			
ii	Construction of Chain link fencing along with live hedges at CA land.	1 KM	0.50	-	Approved
<b>3</b>	<b>Activities as per Rule 5(3) of the CAF Rules, 2018 (20% NPV)</b>				
<b>5(3)(a)</b>	<b>Establishment, up-gradation and Maintenance of Modern Nurseries</b>				
i	Procurement of Agro shed net (75%) for Nursery.	500 R. Mts	0.0100	-	Approved
ii	Procurement of tools and equipments for Nursery:		0.0150	-	Approved
a	Cross cut Saw	4 Nos.			
b	Spade	5 Nos.			
c	Water Hose Pipe (120 Mts)	4 Nos.			
d	Rose Can	10 Nos.			
e	Poly bag	400 Nos.			
f	Water Sintex (1000 Lts)	02 Nos.			
iii	Procurement of HC Spray Pump for spraying chemicals.	1 No	0.0025	-	Approved
<b>5(3)(c)</b>	<b>Purchase and Maintenance of Communication and equipment/ IT devices</b>				
i	Procurement of GPS	20 Nos.	0.3060		Approved
ii	Drone and Software	02 Nos.			
iii	Camera Trap	10 Nos.			
iv	Binocular	10 Nos.			
v	Inverter & Battery	15 Nos.			
vi	Procurement of VHF fixed set/ hand held sets.	3 Nos.	0.0100	-	Approved
<b>5(3)(g)</b>	<b>Survey and Mapping of Forest Area</b>				
i	Procurement of Prismatic Compass	2	0.0010		Approved
<b>5(3)(h)</b>	<b>Expense for Third Party Monitoring works</b>				
<b>5(3)(i)</b>	<b>Publicity-cum-awareness activities</b>				

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ii	Procurement of PA System.	1	0.0050	-	Approved
iii	Organizing awareness programme on Birds for School Students.	2 Nos	0.0050	-	Approved
iv	Organizing Nature Camp for School/ Institute Students at Biological Park, Chidiyatapu.	1 No	0.0050	-	Approved
v	Conducting 5 Nos Awareness Camp for Students, PRI and Local Villagers	5	0.0125	-	Approved
vi	Organizing Awareness camps/campaigns on conservation of forests and marine wealth.	1 UT level, 1 in each District & 1 in each Division	0.2500	-	Approved
vii	Organizing Training/ Seminar/ Workshop for field staffs.	05	0.0100	-	Approved
<b>4</b>	<b>Activities as per Rule 6(a) of the CAF Rules, 2018</b>				
<b>6(a)(iv)</b>	<b>Disbursement of salary and allowances of members and staff both regular and contractual</b>				
i	Sitting Fees/ allowances for non- official members including wages for contractual staffs engaged under CAMPA.	3 Non official members, 2 contractual staffs	0.0700	-	Approved
ii	Disbursement of remuneration to empaneled CA for preparation of Annual Account and Audit	01 No	0.0300	-	Approved
<b>5</b>	<b>Activities as per Rule 6(a) of the CAF Rules, 2018</b>				
6(b)(i)	Management of State Authority office expenses	-	0.0200	-	Approved
6(b)(vi)	Other Contingency for management of the State Authority as approved by the Steering committee, State Authority.	-	0.0100	-	Approved
	<b>Total Approved</b>		<b>6.70</b>		

**5. The State Government is requested to release the State CAMPA Fund to the CEO, UT CAMPA/ UT Forest Department immediately for carrying out approved activities in accordance with the APO 2023-24 approved by the National Authority.**

**6. The A&NI UT Govt. is requested to pay interest on the UT CAMPA Funds immediately to meet the enhanced cost of CA/ mandatory activities. The expenditure on Mandatory activities should be restricted within the available amount with UT Government.**

**7. 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 and CEO State CAMPA in prescribed formats and placed on their websites.



- iv. 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.
- v. If required and approved by National Authority, casual engagement of only local people or local labours 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).
- vi. Monitoring and evaluation of the works undertaken shall be the highest priority for the State/UT Authorities. Executive Committee and Steering Committee of all the State/UT Authorities should ensure regular internal and third-party monitoring and evaluation of CAMPA activities. For third party monitoring, State should engage agencies, which are professionally/ technically competent and independent of the State Government.
- vii. The monitoring and evaluation report of the works done up to the year 2022-23 and earlier years should be made available to National Authority (NA).
- viii. A statement that the Annual Report, Annual Accounts and 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.
- ix. 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.
- x. Soil and Moisture Conservation works should be carried out in an integrated manner from ridge to valley approach in degraded forests. The data of afforestation, aided forest regeneration and efforts for increasing tree cover outside should be shared with FSI.
- xi. The UTs Authority to maintain record of total forest land transferred and compensatory afforestation carried out/ compensated loss of green cover/ecosystem services.
- xii. 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.
- xiii. 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.
- xiv. The Executive Committee shall 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. and ensure that there is no overlapping of activities / funding with other schemes and provide a certificate.
- xv. 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.
- xvi. Works related to Eco-tourism and Eco-development should be taken up following relevant rules and guidelines after taking necessary approvals.

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- xvii. 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.
- xviii. 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.
- xix. 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.
- xx. 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.
- xxi. 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.
- xxii. The UT Authority 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

  
(Subhash Chandra)  
Chief Executive Officer

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests -cum Chairperson, Executive Committee of UT CAMPA, Department of Forests, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Port Blair.
2. The Chief Executive Officer, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Port Blair.
3. The Secretary, Department of Finance, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Port Blair.
4. The Secretary, Department of Planning, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Port Blair.
5. The Accountant General, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Port Blair.

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2. The Deputy Director General of Forest (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Chennai.
3. IFD/Sanction Folder/ Guard File.
4. NIC Cell with a request to upload the sanction order on the official website of MoEF&CC.

  
(Subhash Chandra)  
Chief Executive Officer

