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Dated 23rd April, 2024

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Government of Maharashtra,
Mumbai.

**Sub: Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2024-25 of Maharashtra State
CAMPA- reg.**

Ref: Maharashtra letter no. Desk- CAMPA/C.R.27(23-24)/714 dated 19th March, 2024

Sir,

With reference to the above-mentioned letter, the Annual Plan of Operation for the financial year 2024-25 was discussed in detail by the Executive Committee of the National Authority during its 28th meeting. In view of Model Code of Conduct in force due to ensuing Lok Sabha Election it was decided to consider only the activities in the APO which are of mandatory/seasonal/ committed in nature.

2. After due deliberation approval of the Executive Committee of the National Authority is conveyed under section 15 (1) (i) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 for the State Annual Plan of Operation 2024-25 for an amount of **Rs. 161.25 crore** (Rupees One hundred sixty one crore and twenty five lakh only) against the proposed outlay of **Rs. 784.81 crore** (Rupees Seven hundred eighty four crore and eighty one lakh only) for carrying out the approved activities as per list A below.

3. The details of approved activities are given in list A which are of mandatory/seasonal/committed in nature.



A List of Mandatory / Seasonal / committed activities:

(Area in ha. & Rs. in crore)

S. No.	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed Outlay		Remarks / Decision	
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target		
1	Site-specific activities as per Section 6 (a) of CAF Act, 2016					
	Mandatory Activity	Compensatory Afforestation				
		i. Advance soil work	1267.335	37.91	Approved	
		ii. New Plantation	790.695	12.24	Approved	
		iii. Maintenance of existing /older plantation	8656.504	23.28	Approved	
		Catchment Area Treatment Plan				
		i. Plantation to check erosion	137.500	0.29	Approved	
		Integrated wildlife Management Plan				
	i. Conditional Works (Plantation Activity)	481.111	1.84	Approved		
	ii. Conditional Works (Others)	-	12.21	Approved		
2	Activity as per Rule 5 (2) of CAF Rules, 2018					
		NPV				
	5(2) a	Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR)				
		ii. New Plantation	405	3.53	Approved	
		iii. Maintenance	1170	3.90	Approved	
	5(2) b	Artificial Regeneration (AR)				
		i. Maintenance	555.000	3.29	Approved	
	5(2) c	Silviculture Operations (Fodder Development Works)				
		ii. New Plantation	1743	19.82	Approved	
		iii. Maintenance	1065	7.94	Approved	
5(2) f	Forest fire prevention and control operations					
	i. Fire line (creation & maintenance)	42518.91	15.42	Approved		
	ii. Fire watchers	3076	14.95	Approved		
3	5(3) h	Independent concurrent monitoring & evaluation, third-party monitoring	-	1.03	Approved	
4	Activity as per Rule 6 (a) of CAF Rules, 2018					
		Interest Component				
	6 (a) iv	For disbursement of salary and allowances of members and staff	-	2.00	Approved	
	6 (a) v	For disbursement of sitting fees and allowances to nominated members	-	0.10	Approved	
5	Activity as per Rule 6 (b) of CAF Rules, 2018					
	6 (b) i	Management of CEO State CAMPA office establishment		1.00	Approved	
	6 (b) iii	Hiring of staff cars for the use of the officers and officials		0.50	Approved	
	Total Approved			Rs. 161.25 crore		

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B. List of activities under APO other than list A:

(Area in ha. & Rs. in crore)

S.No.	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed Outlay		Remarks / Decision	
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target		
1	Site-specific activities as per Section 6 (a) of CAF Act, 2016					
		Integrated wildlife Management Plan				
		i. Habitat management for flora and fauna (Food/cover/water management) / Human wildlife Conflict management	-	20.00	Deferred	
2	Activity as per Rule 5 (2) of CAF Rules, 2018					
		NPV				
	5(2) a	Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR)				
		i. Advance soil work	413	10.12	Deferred	
	5(2) c	Silviculture Operations (Fodder Development Works)				
		i. Advance soil work	2493.5	75.85	Deferred	
	5(2) d	Protection of Plantation & Forests				
			i. Encroachment removal & Forest Protection	49801.96	10.17	Deferred
			ii. Survey, Demarcation & Fencing of Sensitive Forest areas	141203	34.45	Deferred
			iii. Boundary Pillar	25029	24.77	Deferred
			iv. Construction of Protection camps / Protection Huts / Forest Custody / Labour Shed	168	29.10	Deferred
			v. Establishment and maintenance of wireless networks	222	3.84	Deferred
	5(2) g	Soil and moisture conservation works (SMC)				
			i. Construction of Gabiyan Bandhara	1580	11.04	Deferred
			ii. Construction of Cement Bandhare	305	43.84	Deferred
			iii. Construction of check dams	708	4.91	Deferred
			iv. Creation of Forest ponds/Vantaleic/Khodtadi	360	15.96	Deferred
	5(2) h	Voluntary relocation of villages from Protected Areas				
					61.85	Deferred
	5(2) i	Improvement of wildlife habitat				
			i. All wildlife Management works will be carried out as per approved Management plan	-	25.65	Deferred
			ii. Meadow development	4154	6.65	Deferred
		iii. Creation & maintenance of water sources/ water holes for wildlife	303	4.98	Deferred	
5(2) k	Establishment, operation and maintenance of animal rescue centre and veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals					
		i. Establishment, operation and maintenance of animal rescue centre/ Transit treatment Centre (Including Gorewada Rescue Center)	6 nos.	17.15	Deferred	

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			Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
		ii. Veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals	14 nos.	2.00	Deferred
		iii. Animal seizing & capturing devices	14 nos.	5.00	Deferred
		iv. Rescue emergency operations	14 nos.	5.20	Deferred
		v. Strengthening of Rapid rescue teams	14 nos.	3.00	Deferred
	5(2) l	Supply of wood-saving cooking appliances and other forest produce saving devices	-	3.50	Deferred
	5(2) m	Management of biological diversity and biological resource			
		i. New research projects and Maintenance of Ongoing Project by research wing of Maharashtra Forest Department	-	8.00	Deferred
		ii. Base studies for forestry and wildlife related subjects	-	3.63	Deferred
		iii. Conservation of Wildlife like GIB, Wild buffalo, Turtle, Vultures, Owl, Sparrow, etc.	-	13.00	Deferred
		iv. Carbon Assessment & Eco System Services	-	1.00	Deferred
	Activity as per Rule 5 (3) of CAF Rules, 2018				
	5(3) a	Establishment and maintenance of modern nurseries	94 nos.	3.95	Deferred
	5(3) b	Promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of biological diversity			
		i. Documentation	-	0.50	Deferred
		ii. Conference/ Workshop	-	22.03	Deferred
	5(3) c	Purchase and maintenance of equipment or devices used for communication and information technology	-	2.90	Deferred
	5(3) d	Construction, up-gradation & maintenance:			
		i. Watch towers	63 nos.	9.31	Deferred
		ii. Check post	16 nos.	1.76	Deferred
	5(3) e	Construction of residential and official buildings			
		i. Construction of Type I Quarters	106 nos.	31.80	Deferred
		ii. Construction of Type II Quarters	52 nos.	18.20	Deferred
		iii. Construction of Type III Quarters	33 nos.	13.20	Deferred
		iv. Construction of Range office	32 nos.	17.60	Deferred
		v. Amenities for Woman Front line staff	23 nos.	4.60	Deferred
	5(3) f	Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff of State Forest Department	-	0.50	Deferred
	5(3) g	Survey and mapping for APO making/preparation	-	0.50	Deferred
	5(3) i	Publicity-cum-awareness programme	-	3.63	Deferred
	Activity as per Rule 6 (a) of CAF Rules, 2018				
	Interest Component				
	6 (a) i	To offset incremental cost of CA/PCA at increased wage rate	-	4.50	Deferred
	6 (a) ii	To offset incremental cost of CAT at increased wage rate	-	0.10	Deferred

S.No.	CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Proposed Outlay		Remarks / Decision
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
	6 (a) iii	To offset incremental cost of IWMP at increased wage rate	-	0.10	Deferred
	6 (a) vi	Activities referred to in sub rule-(2) and (3) of Rule 5	-	1.00	Deferred
	Activity as per Rule 6 (b) of CAF Rules, 2018				
5	6 (b) ii	Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance		1.00	Deferred

4. The deferred activities will be placed before next meeting of Executive Committee for further discussion & decision.

5. The approval indicated in the Remarks / Decision column in list A above for mandatory / Seasonal / Committed activities proposed in APO for financial year 2024-25 is subject to adherence by State to the Model Code of Conduct in force due to ensuing Lok Sabha Election.

6. State Government is requested to release the CAMPA fund to the CEO, State CAMPA/State Forest Department immediately for carrying out approved mandatory/seasonal/ committed in nature in accordance with the APO 2024-25 approved by the National Authority.

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 office 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. 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 of the State Government.
- vi. The monitoring and evaluation report of the works done up to the year 2022-23 must be made available to National Authority (NA). Similarly report on CAMPA activities taken up in 2023-24 should be made available to the NA.


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- vii. 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 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.
- viii. 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.
- ix. 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.
- x. 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.
- xi. 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.
- 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 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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- 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 (2024-25) shall expire on 31.03.2025. Further continuation of the incomplete activities shall be permissible only if they are included in the APO (2025-26) and are approved by NA.
- xxii. The State/UT 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 States/UTs. Priority shall be given to the mandatory activities including commitment on maintenance of previous years.
- xxiii. All wage payments should be made through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

Yours faithfully,


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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 Maharashtra, Nagpur.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
3. The Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra State CAMPA, Nagpur.
4. The Secretary, Department of Planning, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
5. The Accountant General, Maharashtra, Mumbai.

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4. NIC Cell with a request to upload the sanction order on the official website of MoEF&CC.

