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To,

The Principal Secretary, Forests, Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun, Uttarakhand

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

Ref: The letter No. 83 APO/GoI/2023-24 dated 31.05.2023 of Government of Uttarakhand.

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 State Annual Plan of Operation –2023-24 received on 31.05.2023 for an outlay of **Rs. 293.24 crores** (Rupees Two hundred ninety three crores and twenty four lakhs only) against the proposed outlay of **Rs. 423.46 crore** (Rupees Four hundred twenty three crores forty six lakhs only) for carrying out mandatory and time bound CAMPA activities. The amount under NPV has been restricted to 25% of the NPV funds available with the State.

- 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 Uttarakhand Annual Plan of Operation of 2023-24 was discussed in detail by the Executive Committee of the National Authority during the 23rd Executive Committee meeting of the National Authority.
- 4. The details of considered component-wise activities are as follows:

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

CAF Act/Rules		Proposed Outlay		Green	
	Activity	Physical Target	Fin. Target	Employment (in Man-days)	
Site-specific activities as per section 6 (a) of the CAF Act, 2016					
	Compensatory afforestation				
Mandatory Activity	i. Advance Soil Work	3025.89	32.92	598545	Approved
	ii. New Plantation	2200	9.33	292848	Approved

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		Proposed O	utlay	Green	Remarks
CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Physical Target	Fin. Target	Employment (in Man-days)	
	iii. Maintenance of Existing / older plantations	14825	30.34	827455	Approved
	Catchment Area Treatment Plan				
Mandatory Activity	CAT Tapovan-Vishnugad HEP (2011-12)				
	i. Watershed Management	341 Nos.	9.10	165455	
	ii. Plantation to Check Erosion	73 ha (maintenance)	0.03	727	
Mandatory Activity	CAT Singoli-Bhatwari HEP (2011-12)				
Activity	i. Watershed Management	1254 Nos.	2.06	37455	
Mandatory Activity	CAT Lata-Tapovan HEP (2011- 12)				
	i. Watershed Management	2777 Nos.	1.85	33671	
Mandatory Activity	CAT Phatta-Byung HEP (2011- 12)				
	i. Watershed Management	92 Nos.	1.20	21893	
Mandatory Activity	CAT Vishnugad-Peepalkoti HEP (2017-18)				Not approved.
	i. Watershed Management	147 Nos.	7.15	130000	
	ii. Plantation to Check Erosion	626 ha (maintenance)	0.91	22061	The details of fund received
Mandatory Activity	CAT Lakhwar HEP (2017-18)				for CAT Plan implementation
rectivity	i. Watershed Management	6973 Nos.	14.25	259091	from user
	ii. Plantation to Check Erosion	2214 ha (Plantation 74 ha, ASW - 1048 ha, Maint 1092 ha)	7.77	188364	agencies, DPR prepared and the work already done
Mandatory Activity	CAT Vyasi HEP (2018-19)				and details of balance work to
	i. Watershed Management	631 Nos.	2.69	48909	be carried out
	ii. Plantation to Check Erosion	(maintenance)	0.52	12606	alongwith available fund with State
Mandatory Activity	CAT Naitwar-Mori HEP (2019- 20)				Government are
Houviey	i. Watershed Management	338 Nos.	1.16	21091	required to be
	ii. Plantation to Check Erosion	329 ha (Maintenance)	0.48	11636	furnished.
Mandatory Activity	CAT Srinagar HEP (2011-12)				
N 6 - 1 - 1	i. Watershed Management	consolidation phase	0.43	7818	-
Mandatory Activity	CAT Jamrani MPP (2020-21)	140037	10.00	197001	
	i. Watershed Management	1428 Nos.	10.29	187091	-
•	ii. Plantation to Check Erosion	834 ha (Plantation 5 ha, ASW-699 ha, Maint - 130 ha)	8.12	196848	
Mandatory Activity	CAT Khutani HEP (2018-19)				
	i. Watershed Management	12	0.22	4000	_
	ii. Plantation to Check Erosion	25 ha (Maintenance)	0.09	2182	
	iii. CAT PMU	5 Nos.	1.67	30364	



		Proposed Outlay		Green	
CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Physical Target	Fin. Target	Employment (in Man-days)	Remarks
Mandatory Activity	IWMP - Integrated Wildlife Management Plan				
	i. Habitat Management for flora and fauna (food/cover/water management)	80 ha (ASW), 60 Nos. water conservation, 14 Nos. improvement of natural habitat (caves, rain sheds)	1.56	28385	Approved
	ii Weed control	100 ha	0.12	2182	Approved
	iii. Human Wildlife Conflict Management	Roads (20km),	2.50	45433	Approved
Mandatory Activity	Other (Site Specific Activities in Accordance with FC proposals)				
	Other Roadside Plantations	170.66 km and 31350 plants	6.64	120727	Approved
	Other Roadside Plantation Maintenance		0.47	7121	Approved
	Other Gap Filling Plantations	192.96 ha and 23940 plants	1.52	27638	Approved
	Other Gap Filling Plantation Maintenance	plants	0.32	4848	Approved
	Other Dwarf Species Plantation	149.72 ha and 84742 plants	1.91	34727	Approved
	Other Dwarf Species Plantation Maintenance	88800	0.55	8333	Approved
	River Training	334 Dulas 2018	5.50	77273	Approved
5(2)2	Activity as per Rule 5(2) of CAF ANR	Rules, 2018			
5(2)a	i. Advance Soil Work	789	5.20	94545	Approved
	ii. New Plantation	923	1.79	43394	Approved
	III. Maintenance	459	0.31	8455	Approved
	iv. Nursery Raising				
5(2)b	AR				
5(2)0	i. Advance Soil Work (Theme based plantation of other economically important species for promoting forest based income generation in Van Panchayats)	507.00	4.53	96091	Approved
	ASW under Namami Gange	1104.00	8.93	162364	Approved
	ii. New Plantation (Oak, Deodar pasture, NGT orders, Harela (32500 plants) and other Mixed Plantations)	2515 70	9.81	208091	Approved
	Plantation under Namami Gange	1390.00	4.72	100121	Approved
	Urban / Aesthetic Plantations	7 cities / locations	2.00	60606	Approved
	iii. Maintenance (older plantations Nurseries-9649764 plants, etc.)		7.20	196364	Approved
	iv. Nursery Raising (new plants research nurseries, nursery techniques-5 nos.)	3278904	4.66	84727	Approved
5(2)d	Protection of Plantation and forests	l			



CAF Act/Rules		Proposed Outlay		Green		
	Activity	Physical Target	Fin. Target	Employment (in Man-days)	Remarks	
	i. Demarcation of Forest Boundaries (Digitization of forest boundaries)	Entire State Forest land	15.00	181818	Approved	
	Mapping, Construction and Maintenance of boundary pillar in Van Panchayats		1.00	42424	Approved	
	Microplanning & Preparation of Combined micro-plans in select Van Panchayats		1.25	34091	Approved	
	Protection & Conservation of Bugyals / Alpine Meadows	2392	4.02	73091	Approved	
	Study on impact / efficacy of electric fencing, protection walls, trenches etc. for elephants and wild boars and on combating HWC through WII	LS	2.00	-	Not approved	
	Research / Study on carrying capacity of CTR & RTR	2	1.00	-	Not approved	
	Population Estimation and Management of Key Species including Swamp Deer (Haridwar Div), Pheasants, Leopards etc.	1	1.50	-	Not approved	
	Establishment of Structures for mitigation of human wildlife conflict at critical locations	,	5.00	90909	Not Approved.	
	Purchase of Multi-utility Vehicles for Frontline Staff for forest & wildlife protection	32.00	4.00	-	Not approved	
5(2)f	Forest fire Prevention and control Operations					
	i. Fireline (creation & maintenance)	5057.94 km	0.85	23182	Approved	
	ii. Fire Watchers	1970	5.39	98000	Approved	
	iii. Purchase of fire equipment	777	0.55		Approved	
	Maintenance of fire control rooms & crew stations (Nos.)	59	0.16	-	Approved	
	Controlled Burning (ha)	10479.8	0.26	4727	Approved	
	Awareness, Workshops, Capacity Building (Nos.)	33	0.13		Approved	
	Collection of Chirpine needles for clearing forest ground to reduce fire	1280 Quintal	0.09	2455	Approved	
	Incentives for Gram Panchayats, Cluster level fire protection/ management committees & Van Panchayats (Nos.)	63	0.16		Approved	
	Moisture conservation activities	89 (Nos.)	0.16	2909	Approved	
	Other forest fire protection measures	114 (Nos.)	1.09	19818	Not approved	
	Establishment of modern fire crew stations in forest divisions	40 Nos.	8.00	96970	Not approved	
	Hiring of Vehicles during forest fire season (max 4 months)	118 Nos.	0.80	4848	Approved	
	Forest Fire control measures in Van Panchayats	As per APO	0.41	3727	Approved	
M / NO I	Soil and moisture conservation works					



Activity			Green		
Activity	Physical Target	Fin. Target	Employment (in Man-days)	Remarks	
Spring shed Management under Soil and Water Conservation Works including cost of Detailed Technical Reports, Plantations and implementation	410	26.30	478182	Approved for Rs. 21.00 crore as discussed with PCCF & HoFF	
Soil and Water Conservation works in VPs (check dams, rejuvenation of water sources)	429	1.07	19455	Approved	
SMC works in compliance of Hon. NGT orders in OA 200/2014, OA 673/2015 and OA 325/2015	759	2.02	36727	Approved	
Improvement of wildlife habitat					
i. Habitat Management for flora					
	4 no	0.40		Approved	
	4 110	0.40		1100104	
Restoration (FLR) / Ecorestoration & habitat improvement of degraded areas under a	930.00	6.07	147152	Approved	
Pasture/ Chaur Development in protected areas	935	1.10	26667	Approved	
c. Water management (water holes)	62	0.20	3636	Approved	
d. Weed Control (Maintenance – Eradication of Lantana & other invasive species, grass plantation – year 1 & year 2)	14337.91	7.87	143091	Approved for Rs. 5.15 crore for maintenance of earlier weed removed area.	
ii. Human Wildlife Conflict Management					
a. Patrolling (Deployment of Quick Response Squads to address human wildlife conflict in habitations supported with customized rescue vehicles, modern rescue equipment, gears etc.)	32.00	4.22	76727	Approved	
Anti-poaching related activities (Long and short distance patrolling)	As per APO	1.55	28182	Approved	
b. Eco-development work in surrounding villages to reduce conflict (Solid Waste Management	8.00	0.20	4848	Approved	
(c)Construction of Snow Leopard Conservation Centre in Uttarkashi	1.00	4.87	88545	Approved	
iv. Any other relevant Activities					
Innovative approaches for combating Human Wildlife Conflict (HWC) such as Bio-fencing (@ 0.5 lakh/ha) - Alternate cropping- (@ 0.75 lakh/ha), Beehive fencing, advance warning system installation, Living with leopard program in	200 ha 100 ha 12 Nos 10 Nos	3.00	90909	Approved	
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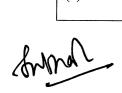
		Proposed Outlay		Green		
CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Physical Target	Fin. Target	Employment (in Man-days)	Remarks	
	Hi-Tech equipment for	•				
	enhancement & enforcement					
	Wildlife Rescue Kit	4.00	1.00		Approved	
	Procurement of Double/Single Barrel tranquilising guns with accessories		0.75		Approved	
	Procurement of Camera Traps	200 No.	0.50		Approved	
	Drones & Accessories for surveillance	20 No.	0.50		Approved	
	Hiring charges for vehicles of QRTs incl. customization	25 No.	1.00		Approved	
	Satellite Radio collars and accessories for wild animals tracking	1	1.00		Approved	
	Automatic Motion Sensor solar lights	100 No.	0.25		Approved	
	Electronic surveillance systems (eEye)	1 No.	2.00		Approved	
5(2)k	Establishment maintenance of animal rescue centre and veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals	1 No.	1.60	32727	Approved subject to permission of CZA	
5(2)m	Management of biological diversity and diversity and biological resource					
	 i. Creation of Seed Stock/ Orchards (storage facilities, SPA- plots & orchards, 		0.40	7273	Approved subject to vetting by FRI	
	ii. Research Plots (Collaborative Research incl. WII, study of biodiversity & management of mosses, lichens, studies and research, Other State specification, Study on biodiversity of algae and orchids under head demonstration plots & trials (Res.)	113 Nos. (mci 10./0	2.93	53273	Not Approved	
	iii. Any other relevant activities					
	Study on application of drones for seed sowing (seed copter) in identified inaccessible areas in Pithoragarh and Gopeshwar (Res.)	2	0.13	394	Not Approved	
	Activities as per Rules 5(3) of the CAF Rule, 2018					
5(3)a	Establishment, Maintenance of modern nurseries					
]	i. Detailed Estimate of Nursery Development of Centralized modern nurseries / plant production facilities (Zero cost Centralized Nurseries)	4 locations	3.00	54545	Approved	
(3)b	ii. Any other relevant activities Promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of biological diversity					



		Proposed Outlay		Green		
CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Physical Target	Fin. Target	Employment (in Man-days)	Remarks	
	ii. Documentation (of stock, natural habitat & management of biodiversity of important flora (Res.)	10 Nos.	0.28	2545	Not Approved	
5(3)c	Purchase and maintenance of equipment of devices for communication, information and technology (Details of Equipment & devices)			5091		
	iii. Computers (Info Network/digital library (Res.), Computers for Ranges/Divisions for field data management on CA, land transfer and other activities)	112 No	1.16		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					
	i. Details of Roads	2518 km	8.66	183697	Approved	
	iii. Check Post (patrolling shelters in Pithoragarh)	3 Nos.	0.73	13273	Approved	
5(3)e	Construction of residential and official buildings (Range, forester, FG level)	76 No	19.18	232485	Approved. Rain water harvesting structures and solar lighting are also be provided.	
	i. Independent Concurrent Monitoring	2023-24	0.20	800	Approved	
	ii. Third Party Monitoring and Evaluation	2017-18 onwards	1.00	4000	Approved	
5(3)i	Publicity cum awareness programme					
	i. Publicity for common people (Publicity & Extension by Forest Department for protection, conservation and enforcement including digital / visual ads, signages, awareness drives in Van Panchayats, village meetings, publication of research outcomes for extension etc.)	40 divisions, 125 VPs	2.37	9480	Approved for Rs. 1.00 crore	
	ii. Training for Staff					
	Training & Capacity Building / workshops for Staff and other stakeholders	1722 Nos. (730 staff mem through training. institutes, 673 no. in div/range level trainings, 319 in Block/District/VP level trainings)	1.69		Approved	



		Proposed C	Outlay	Green	
CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Physical Target	Fin. Target	Employment (in Man-days)	Remarks
	Strengthening of Forestry Training Institutes (FTA Haldwani, Corbett and Rampur Mandi)	3	3.30	40000	Approved
	Activities as per Rules 6 (a) of CAF Rules, 2018				
6(a)i	To offset incremental cost of CA/PCA at increased wage rate	As per actuals	15.96		Approved as per actuals on
only6(a)iv	For disbursement of salary and allowances of members and staff	As per actuals	2.50		Approved as per actuals on
6(a)v	For disbursement of sitting fees and allowances to nominated members	As per actuals	0.10		Approved as per actuals on
	Activities as per Rules 6(b) of CAF Rules, 2018	As per actuals			
6(b)i	Management of office establishment State CAMPA CEO with detail	As per actuals			
	Furniture & Fixtures	As per actuals	0.10		Not approved
	Fuel & Vehicle maintenance	As per actuals	0.10		Approved as per actuals on
	Travelling allowances	As per actuals	0.10		Approved as per actuals on
	Printing & Stationary	As per actuals	0.15		Approved as per actuals on
	Consultancies for audit, income tax, legal etc.	As per actuals	0.25		Approved as per actuals on
	Office building, repair & maintenance	As per actuals	0.10		Approved as per actuals on
	Purchase of Staff Car for CEO	1	0.25		Not Approved
	Telephone, mobile & internet	As per actuals	0.05		Approved as pactuals only
	Electricity expenses	As per actuals	0.05		Approved as pactuals only
	Books & magazines	As per actuals	0.05		Approved as pactuals only
	Postage, courier etc.	As per actuals As per actuals	0.05		Approved as pactuals only Approved as p
	Advertisement	As per actuals As per actuals	0.05		actuals only Approved as p
	meeting expenses Hospitality	As per actuals	0.10		actuals only
	Other miscellaneous office expenses	As per actuals As per actuals	0.05	1	Not approved Approved as pactuals only
b)ii	Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance	As per actuals	0.50		Approved as pactuals only
b)iii	Hiring of staff cars for the use only for CEO office	As per actuals	0.25	1	Approved as pactuals only
b)iv	Hiring of buildings on lease for office establishment and residences only for CEO.	As per actuals	0.50		Not approved



		Proposed Outlay		Green	
CAF Act/Rules	Activity	Physical Target	Fin. Target	Employment (in Man-days)	Remarks
6(b)v	Other contingencies for management of State Authority	As per actuals	0.25		Not Approved
	Total Approved		293.24		

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

6. 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 are not available from other sources.
- 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 also be uploaded.
- vi. 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).
- 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 of the 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

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- 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. 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.
- xiv. 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.
- xv. The Executive Committee of the State 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 that there is no overlapping of activities/ funding with other schemes and provide a certificate to that effect.
- xvi. 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.
- xvii. Works related to Eco-tourism and Eco-development should be taken up following relevant rules and guidelines after taking necessary approvals.
- xviii. 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.
- xix. 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.
- xx. 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.
- xxi. 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.
- xxii. The validity of APO (2023-24) shall expire on 31.03.2024. Further continuation of the incomplete activities shall be permissible if included in the APO (2024-25) and approved by NA.
- xxiii. 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

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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

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