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Minutes of the Meeting

The 3rd meeting of the Executive Committee of Ladakh CAMPA, in accordance with the provision of Section 19 (2) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016, was held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Sajjad Hussain Mufti (IFS), Chief Conservator of Forest/ Chief Executive Officer, Ladakh CAMPA, on 16th April 2025 at the office of Chief Wildlife Warden/ Chief Conservator of Forests, UT Secretariat Complex, Leh.

The following are the agenda points which were discussed during the meeting:

- a) Agenda No 1: Achievements under CAMPA Spillover APO 2023-24**
- b) Agenda No 2: Achievements under CAMPA APO 2024-25**
- c) Agenda No 3: Proposed Spillover 2024-25**
- d) Agenda No 4: Proposed CAMPA APO 2025-26**

In this regard, the following members of the Executive Committee attended the meeting:

- i) Dr. Safdar Ali, Director, Accounts and Treasuries, UT Ladakh
- ii) Mr. Mandeep Mittal, Wildlife Warden Leh, UT Ladakh
- iii) Ms. Tashi Dolma, Director, Social and Tribal Welfare Department, UT Ladakh (online)
- iv) Mr. Konchok Gyalsen, Joint Director, Department of Planning Development and Monitoring, UT Ladakh
- v) Mr. Abdul Majid Tantary, ACR Kargil, Office of Deputy Commissioner Kargil, UT Ladakh (online)
- vi) Mr. Mohd. Ismail, State Officer, Office of Deputy Commissioner Leh, UT Ladakh
- vii) Mr. Mohd. Ali, Divisional Forest Officer, Kargil, UT Ladakh
- viii) Dr. Owais Qadir Jan, Chief Accounts Officer, Office of the CCF, UT Ladakh
- ix) Mr. Raza Ali, Wildlife Warden Kargil, UT Ladakh (online)
- x) Mr. Namgail Tashi, Forest Range Officer, Leh Forest Division, UT Ladakh
- xi) Mr. Junaid Amin Bhat, DPO, Rural Development Department, UT Ladakh
- xii) Ms. Raziya Khaton, District Panchayat Officer, (DPO) Kargil, UT Ladakh (online)
- xiii) Dr. Tsewang Namgail, Director, Snow Leopard Conservancy, UT Ladakh
- xiv) Mr. Ghulam Mohd. Ladakh Peace and Sustainable Development (online)

The meeting commenced with the Wildlife Warden Leh, Mr. Mandeep Mittal, extending a warm welcome to all attending members and providing an overview of CAMPA Ladakh. He mentioned that two key meetings are required to be conducted, the ongoing Executive Committee meeting and the upcoming Steering Committee meeting, after which the APOs will be submitted to the National CAMPA for final approval. Following this, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Ladakh CAMPA, Sh. Sajjad Hussain Mufti, continued with a presentation highlighting the agenda of the meeting.

AGENDA NO 1: ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER SPILLOVER 2023-24

- 1) The CEO, Ladakh CAMPA, provided a brief overview of the achievements under the CAMPA Spillover 2023-24, highlighting several key accomplishments, including:

- 2,500 rft chain-link fencing for crop field protection has been provided by the Kargil Wildlife Division at a cost of ₹0.148 crores to mitigate human wildlife conflict.
- Training programs for 2,800 beneficiaries to support homestay initiatives is to be conducted, with an expenditure of ₹1.40 crores, which has been placed at the disposal of Principal Hotel management Institute, Leh, Ladakh.
- Deterrents have been provided in brown bear conflict-prone villages, along with preventive units such as iron doors, iron grills, and plastic window panes, with an expenditure of ₹0.5629 crores.

S. No.	Division	Approved Budget (in Cr)	Expenditures (in Cr.)
1	Forest Division Leh	2.83	1.89
2	Forest Division Kargil	4.11	1.92
3	Wildlife Division Leh	3.90	1.79
4	Wildlife Division Kargil	3.83	1.45
5	Office of CEO CAMPA	0.0277	0.025
	Cumulative	14.711	7.075

The table above shows the expenditure for all divisions under Spillover 2023-24 component, with an overall **expenditure of 48.09%**.

AGENDA NO 2: ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER APO 2024-25

- 1) The CEO, Ladakh CAMPA, also presented a brief overview of the achievements under the CAMPA APO 2024-25, which included the following key points:
 - 5,00,000 rft chain-link fencing for agricultural crop protection has been procured by Leh Wildlife Division at a cost of ₹21.986 crores.
 - 1960 Nos. of solar heating appliance have been procured amounting to ₹6.858 crores.
 - 200 units of corral pens were purchased in Leh for ₹5.978 crores to mitigate human-wildlife conflict. Meanwhile, the construction of predator-proof corral pens in Kargil has been tendered for ₹0.52crores.
 - ₹4.576 crores was allocated for the operation and maintenance of the Animal Rescue Centre in Leh, with ₹3.266 crores already spent. Key components included procurement of a 4×4 ambulance, medical and surgical supplies, a fodder storage shed, fibre mesh wire cages for avifauna, and transit rescue centers.

S. No.	Division	Approved Budget (in Cr)	Expenditures (in Cr.)
1	Forest Division Leh	14.342	3.58
2	Forest Division Kargil	6.229	2.18
3	Wildlife Division Leh	50.153	45.26
4	Wildlife Division Kargil	4.381	2.50
5	Office of CEO CAMPA	1.840	0.563
	Cumulative	76.945	54.083

The table above shows the expenditure for all divisions under APO 2024-25, with an overall **expenditure of 70.30%**.

- 2) Dr. Safdar Ali, Director, Accounts and Treasuries, raised a concern regarding the chain-link fencing activity, questioning the need for its implementation under CAMPA when similar work is already being undertaken within the department and through LAHDC councillor's initiatives. In response, Mr. Mandeep Mittal (IFS), Wildlife Warden Leh, clarified that CAMPA activities are intended to complement and support ongoing departmental efforts, and are not meant to replace other schemes.

AGENDA NO 3: PROPOSED SPILLOVER 2024-25

- 1) The Chairperson, building upon earlier discussions, emphasized that an amount of ₹14.764 Crores from the FY 2024-25, as shown in the table below, could be carried forward and utilized during FY 2025-26 under the spillover component. This would, however, require approval from both the Steering Committee of Ladakh and the National CAMPA authority.
- 2) Director, Accounts and Treasuries, sought clarification on the rationale behind revalidation, questioning why the approved amounts are not fully utilized within the designated financial year. In response, Mr. Mohd. Ali, DFO Kargil, explained that by the time APOs receive final approval, the planting season is already over. As a result, revalidation becomes essential to ensure timely implementation of seasonal activities, particularly plantation work. He further noted that non-seasonal activities, such as procurement, are generally completed within the planned timeframe.
- 3) Dr. Tsewang Namgail, Director, Snow Leopard Conservancy, enquired whether provisions had been made for staff capacity-building programmes, particularly in Kargil. He highlighted the dual benefits of such initiatives - not only enhancing staff skills but also aiding in the timely utilization of the approved budget. In response, Mr. Raza Ali, Wildlife Warden Kargil, confirmed that such provisions have been included in the proposed Spillover APO 2024-25.

S. No.	Division	Approved Budget (in Cr)
1	Forest Division Leh	6.3103
2	Forest Division Kargil	1.7697
3	Wildlife Division Leh	2.2625
4	Wildlife Division Kargil	1.3360
5	Office of CEO CAMPA	1.1129
	Cumulative	12.7914

The table above shows the proposed **Spillover 2024-25** for all divisions.

AGENDA NO 4: PROPOSED APO 2025-26

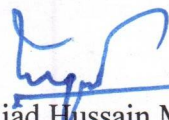
- 1) For the new **APO 2025-26**, the following budget proposal for each division was put forth by the Chairperson.

S. No.	Division	Approved Budget (in Cr)
1	Forest Division Leh	20.1874
2	Forest Division Kargil	11.5769
3	Wildlife Division Leh	51.2528
4	Wildlife Division Kargil	10.3930
5	Office of CEO CAMPA	1.8300
	Cumulative	95.2401

- 2) Mr. Junaid Amin Bhat, DPO, Leh, enquired about the possibility of providing training for RDD staff under CAMPA for afforestation activities. In response, Mr. Mandeep Mittal, Wildlife Warden, Leh, clarified that CAMPA activities are only intended for the activities provided in the CAF rules. However, he stated that if RDD staff require training in afforestation techniques, it could be organized separately. Additionally, Mr. Junaid asked whether RDD could supply recycled polybags to Forest Divisions for raising polybag plants and nurseries. The Chairperson informed him that the department uses polybags only of a specific minimum thickness (120 microns) and that generic recycled polybags may not meet the required standards for nursery plant production.
- 3) During discussions on Rule 5(2)(A) regarding Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) activities, the Chairperson informed the committee regarding allocation of funds for developing a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for raising Juniper saplings in nurseries, noting that no such SOP currently exists in Ladakh. He emphasized that developing this SOP is crucial for conserving the state tree and improving the survival rate of nursery-raised Junipers.
- 4) Dr. Tsewang Namgail, Director, Snow Leopard Conservancy, agreed on the importance of this initiative but stressed the need to consult local communities, who possess valuable traditional knowledge in this area. The Chairperson concurred and added that if any locals are willing to cultivate Junipers in their nurseries or on their land, the department would be willing to provide necessary materials such as polybags and planting stock, and also purchase the grown plants from them.
- 5) While reviewing the APO of the Wildlife Divisions, Dr. Tsewang Namgail informed the committee that there had been incidents of wildlife being run over by vehicles in the Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary. He suggested that interventions such as speed breakers or underpasses were needed to address the issue. In response, Mr. Mandeep Mittal, Wildlife Warden, Leh, informed the committee about ongoing efforts to install major hoardings and signboards across Changthang to remind tourists and travellers that they are within a protected wildlife area and must behave accordingly. He added that while there may be regulatory constraints on placing speed breakers on National Highways due to safety concerns, the matter can be explored further

Resulting from the discussions above, the CAMPA APO 2025-26 and SPILLOVER 2024-25 were approved by the Executive Committee of Ladakh CAMPA.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the Chairperson.


(Sajjad Hussain Mufti) IFS 28.4.25
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