

**THE ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH
OFFICE OF CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS**

**Subject:- Minutes of 1st Meeting of the Executive Committee, Ladakh
Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning
Authority (CAMPA) held on 15th December, 2022.**

Sir/Madam,

Apropos to the subject cited above, kindly find enclosed herewith the Minutes of 1st Meeting of the Executive Committee, Ladakh Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) held on 15th December, 2022 under the Chairmanship of Sh. Sajjad Hussain Mufti, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forest/Chairman, Ladakh CAMPA for information.

Encl: As above


(Suman Beniwal) IFS,
Deputy Conservator of Forests (HQ),
O/o Chief Conservator of Forests,
Union Territory of Ladakh.

No.CCFL/CAMPA/2023/1486-90

Dated: 14-01-2023

Copy to:

1. Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC, Leh & Kargil for information.
2. Sh. Tahir Hussain, Director, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, UT Ladakh for information.
3. Sh. Mohd Yousuf Dar, Director, Horticulture for information.
4. Sh. A. K. Bhatti, Director, Planning and Development for information.
5. Divisional Forest Officer, Leh & Kargil for information.
6. Wildlife Warden, Leh & Kargil for information.
7. Chief Planning Officer (CPO), Leh for information.
8. OSD to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT Ladakh for kind information of Hon'ble LG.
9. PS to Advisor to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, UT Ladakh for information of Advisor.
10. OSD to Principal Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment, UT Ladakh for information of the Principal Secretary.
11. Sh. Mohit Thapa, Accounts Officer, District Accounts and Treasuries (DAT) for information.
12. Sh. Ajaz Hussain, Accounts Officer to Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF), UT Ladakh for information.
13. Sh. Shakeel Ahmad, Asst. Conservator of Forests, Office of Chief Conservator of Forests, UT Ladakh.

Union of India and Others (Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202 of 1995) that acted as a precursor to the CAF Act, 2016 and CAF Rules, 2018.

- 4.1.2 ACF (H/Q) informed about the institutional mechanisms provided in the CAF Act, 2016 at the National and State/UT level for the management and utilization of funds received from the User Agencies towards Compensatory Afforestation, Additional Compensatory Afforestation, Penal Compensatory Afforestation, Net Present Value and other amounts under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. He also discussed about the organisational set up of the Ladakh CAMPA Authority, i.e., the Governing Body, Steering Committee and the Executive Committee. He further discussed in brief about the account heads for operating the CAMPA Funds.

4.2 AGENDA 2: Fund position of Ladakh CAMPA

- 4.2.1 ACF apprised that after the formation of Ladakh CAMPA, an amount of Rs 249.27 Cr has been transferred to the Ladakh CAMPA by the National Authority vide MoEFCC letter No.1-15/2012-CAMPA dated 7th December 2020. He also delved in brief about the manner of utilisation of Net Present Value (NPV) realised from the User Agency, in accordance with the CAF Rules, 2018.

4.3 DISCUSSION

4.3.1 APOs of Forest Department

4.3.1.1 The abstract of Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) of Leh and Kargil Forests Divisions were presented. The total proposal for Kargil and Leh Forests Divisions are Rs 1197.405 Lakh and Rs 897.442 Lakh respectively.

4.3.1.2 The authorities sought the micro plans of the abstract plan. Micro plans indicating geo locations of unit wise activities proposed, physical and financial targets were provided as asked for.

4.3.1.3 Sh. Tsewang Gyalsen, CPO Leh and Sh. Tahir Hussain, Director Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, sought details regarding the pasture development in Leh Forests Division in terms of benefits to local communities. Details of pasture development were given as requested. DFO, Leh informed that the local people cut the grasses from forest units for livestock feeding and some royalty is also charged for the same. Wildlife Warden, Leh informed that pastures are being developed for habitat improvement in case of Wildlife Protected areas.

been kept in the 'establishment, operation and maintenance of rescue centre and veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals' and an additional amount of Rs. 1.24 crore has been kept in the "management of biological diversity and biological resources" component to prevent the Human Animal Conflict. Also, Sh. Raza Ali Abidi, Wildlife Warden, Kargil Wildlife Division stated that the APO of Wildlife Division, Kargil has mainly been prepared from the point of view of Human-Animal Conflict Management.

4.3.2.5 Sh. Bhatti enquired about the reason for less fund (Rs 43 Lakh) being kept under "publicity-cum-awareness programme and exhibition on the various schemes being implemented by the State Authority from State Fund" for Kargil Wildlife Division as compared to Rs 3 crore for Leh Wildlife Division. He stated that Kargil Wildlife Division should spend more on publicity cum awareness so as to sensitize the local public about wildlife issues. The Chairman assured him that the funds under the said component for Kargil Wildlife Division will be enhanced.

4.3.3 Manpower for smooth functioning of State CAMPA Authority under CEO, CAMPA/CCF

4.3.3.1 The Chairman stated that under section 6(f) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016, the interest accrued on the amounts available in the State Fund can be utilized for the non-recurring and recurring expenditure including the salary and allowances payable to its officers and other employees. For this, a proposal for "Manpower for smooth functioning of State CAMPA Authority under CEO, CAMPA/CCF" has been kept with a total yearly budget of Rs 49.20 Lakh. A detailed list of employees to be hired, along with the qualification, experience required and monthly remuneration was also shown to the members of the Executive Committee.

 The Chairman welcomed all the inputs and thanked everyone for the valuable contribution in discussions during the 1st meeting of the Executive Committee of Ladakh CAMPA, Union Territory of Ladakh.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the Chairman.