



**The Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
E-mail: ccf-ladakh@ladakh.gov.in**

Minutes of the Meeting

The 2nd Steering Committee meeting of Ladakh Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), in accordance with the provision of Section 18 (2) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016, was held on **06th June 2024** under the Chairmanship of the Advisor to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

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

- a. Agenda No. 1: Achievements under CAMPA APO 2023-24
- b. Agenda No. 2: Spillover activities from CAMPA APO 2023-24
- c. Agenda No. 3: Proposed CAMPA APO 2024-25

In this regard, the following members/ representative of the members of the Steering Committee attended the meeting:

- i. Dr. Vasanthakuma Namasivayam, Commissioner/ Secretary, Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, UT Ladakh (online)
- ii. Ms. Padma Angmo, Commissioner/ Secretary, Social & Tribal Welfare Department, UT Ladakh
- iii. Dr. Laltinhurma Franklin, Commissioner/ Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Horticulture & Floriculture, UT Ladakh
- iv. Mr. B.M. Sharma, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (APCCF)/ Chief Wildlife Warden, UT Ladakh
- v. Mr. Sajjad Hussain Mufti, Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF)/ CEO CAMPA, UT Ladakh
- vi. Dr. Safdar Ali, Director of Accounts and Treasuries (DAT), UT Ladakh
- vii. Mr. Tsering Angdus, Deputy Director Planning, UT Ladakh

Other attendees from the Forest, Ecology, and Environment Department include:-

- i. Mr. Dhawan Kumar Rawat, Wildlife Warden, Leh
- ii. Mr. Feroz Chaket, Divisional Forest Officer, Leh
- iii. Mr. Mohd. Ali, Divisional Forest Officer, Kargil
- iv. Mr. Raza Ali Abidi, Wildlife Warden, Kargil
- v. Ms. Stanzin Namdol, Consultant (Forest), Ladakh CAMPA
- vi. Mr. Anub Tsetan Paljor, Consultant (Wildlife), Ladakh CAMPA

The meeting commenced with the CEO Ladakh CAMPA, extending a warm welcome to all the members and providing an overview of CAMPA Ladakh,

following which he proceeded with the agenda items of the meeting, which are detailed as below:

Agenda No. 1: Achievements under CAMPA APO 2023-24

1. CEO, Ladakh CAMPA, provided an overview of the achievements under CAMPA 2023-24 to the Steering Committee members, highlighting a total expenditure of 65.66%, as indicated in the table below. However, it was noted that the majority of the expenditure was incurred by the Leh Wildlife Division on crucial procurements such as chain-link fencing, solar water heaters, and pre-fabricated huts.

S.No.	Division	Approved Budget (in Lakhs)	Expenditure (in Lakhs)	Percentage
1	Wildlife Division, Leh	4690.525	3845.13399	81.97%
2	Wildlife Division, Kargil	505.73	1.00	0.19%
3	Forest Division, Leh	379.312	93.198	24.57%
4	Forest Division, Kargil	469.23	30.00	6.39%
	Total:	6044.797	3969.33199	65.66%

2. The Chairperson/ Advisor to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT Ladakh enquired about the status of the procurement of chain-link fencing and solar water heaters. CEO Ladakh CAMPA and Wildlife Warden Leh informed that the procurement has already been completed, however the distribution is yet to be done. The Chairperson then instructed the concerned officers to increase the installation of fencing in wildlife conflict-prone areas and to provide as many homestays as possible to promote alternative livelihoods in these regions along with solar heating appliances.
3. While discussing about Artificial Regeneration, Ms. Padma Angmo, Commissioner/ Secretary, Social & Tribal Welfare, brought to the attention of the committee the drying of trees in various plantations of the Forest Department and the urgent need to take action in this regard. To this, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, informed that the drying is mostly due to lack of irrigation. He also instructed the concerned DFOs to revive such plantations by beating up of casualties (BUC). DFO Leh informed that BUC has already been kept in the proposed APO 24-25. The Chairperson instructed the department to ensure irrigation facilities are in place at the site before initiating any planting activities.
4. The CEO Ladakh CAMPA also informed the Steering Committee about the 2nd meeting of the Executive Committee of Ladakh CAMPA held on 16th April 2024. During this meeting, the spillover activities from CAMPA APO 2023-24 and the new APO 2024-25 were discussed and approved with suggestions. He further informed that the inputs and suggestions provided by the executive committee members were incorporated into the APOs. The revised APOs are now being presented to the Steering Committee for discussion and approval thereof.

Agenda No. 2: Spillover activities from CAMPA 2023-24:-

1. Building upon earlier discussions about APO 2023-24, CEO Ladakh CAMPA

emphasized that an amount of Rs. 1471.14 Lakhs from the FY 2023-24, as indicated in the below table, could be utilized during the FY 2024-25 by keeping the pending activities under the spillover head. This will be put forward for approval of the Executive Committee of National CAMPA.

S. No.	Division	Spillover Budget (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Wildlife Division, Leh	390.00
2	Wildlife Division, Kargil	383.60
3	Forest Division, Leh	283.56
4	Forest Division, Kargil	411.21
5	6 (a) (iv) - Salary/ Remuneration	2.77
	Total:	1471.14

- The Chairperson approved the spillover activities and budget, with emphasis on promoting modern nurseries with polyhouses and ensuring artificial regeneration with proper fencing.

"Spillover of Rs. 1471.14 lakhs from FY 2023-24 to the FY 2024-25 was approved by the steering committee of Ladakh CAMPA".

Agenda No. 3: CAMPA Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) 2024-25: -

- CEO Ladakh CAMPA put forward the below budget proposal of Rs. 3503.50 under CAMPA 2024-25, after incorporating the inputs and suggestions of the Executive Committee of Ladakh CAMPA:

S. No.	Division	Proposed Budget (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Wildlife Division, Leh	1604.25
2	Wildlife Division, Kargil	347.00
3	Forest Division, Leh	1075.03
4	Forest Division, Kargil	293.25
5	6 (a) (iv) - Salary/ Remuneration	63.97
6	6 (b) (ii) - Office Expense	20.00
7	5 (2) (m) - PBR	100.00
	Total:	3503.50

- Referencing to Chairperson's emphasis on promoting modern nurseries, the APCCF instructed the DFOs of Leh and Kargil districts to install polyhouses in every nursery managed by the Forest Department. The Chairperson, then, directed the concerned officers to include polyhouses in the proposed CAMPA APO 2024-25.
- The APCCF informed the committee about a medicinal plant gene bank near Hawa Modh in Leh district and emphasized the need for its revival immediately. The Commissioner/Secretary, Ms. Padma Angmo, suggested collaborating with the Department of Higher Education to promote medicinal plant research among students. The APCCF instructed DFO Leh to include the revival of the gene bank in the CAMPA APO 2024-25.
- During the discussion on the assisted natural regeneration of Junipers, the APCCF also instructed the DFOs to use standard nomenclature for Juniper Preservation Plots, such as "Juniper Preservation Plot 1," "Juniper

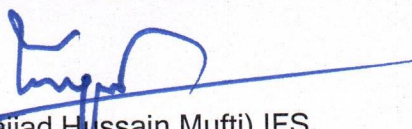
Preservation Plot 2," and so on for all the Protection works done/ to be done for the Juniper Plantation. He also directed the DFOs to hire manpower for maintaining these plots.

5. Regarding the Soil and Moisture Conservation works, the Chairperson noted that the proposed APO includes only the construction of crate bunds. He instructed the DFOs to also create small ponds wherever feasible. Additionally, the APCCF suggested conducting internal monitoring before Third-Party monitoring, where one Range Officer and his team can monitor the works in another range, and so forth.
6. Pertaining to forest fire prevention and control operations, the Chairperson directed the DFOs to establish fire lines in fire-prone areas, with a particular focus on Sea buckthorn habitats. The Chairperson emphasized the importance of these fire lines in creating barriers that can help contain and prevent the spread of wildfires.
7. To mitigate human-wildlife conflict, the Chairperson directed the Wildlife Wardens to increase the number of corral pens provided to shepherds with the goal to ensure that every shepherd receives a predator-proof corral pen to safeguard their livestock from predators.
8. Regarding the preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs), Commissioner/ Secretary Ms. Padma Angmo advised involving students in the process to facilitate learning and foster motivation towards biodiversity conservation.
9. Finally, after incorporating the valuable suggestions from the members, as mentioned above, the revised budget of the CAMPA APOs are as below:

S. No.	Division	Budget (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Wildlife Division, Leh	5340.25
2	Wildlife Division, Kargil	550.60
3	Forest Division, Leh	1434.19
4	Forest Division, Kargil	622.8606
5	6 (a) (iv) - Salary/ Remuneration	63.97
6	6 (b) (ii) - Office Expense	20.00
7	5 (2) (m) - PBR	100.00
	Total:	8131.871

"Resulting from the discussions above, the CAMPA APOs were approved by the Steering Committee of Ladakh CAMPA".

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


(Sajjad Hussain Mufti) IFS
Chief Conservator of Forests/
CEO, Ladakh CAMPA
Union Territory of Ladakh

No.: CEO-CAMPA-Ladakh/SC-24/01-14

Date: 29/06/2024

Copy for information:

1. Advisor to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh

2. Administrative Secretary, Dept. of Forest, Ecology & Environment, UT Ladakh
3. Administrative Secretary, Dept. of Finance, UT Ladakh
4. Administrative Secretary, Dept. of Planning, Development and Monitoring, UT Ladakh
5. Administrative Secretary, Dept. of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, UT Ladakh
6. Administrative Secretary, Dept. of Revenue, Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction, UT Ladakh
7. Administrative Secretary, Dept. of Agriculture, Horticulture & Floriculture, UT Ladakh
8. Administrative Secretary, Dept. of Social & Tribal Welfare, UT Ladakh
9. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (APCCF)/ CWLW, UT Ladakh
10. Head of the concerned regional office of the MoEFCC
11. Director, Accounts and Treasuries, Department of Finance, UT Ladakh
12. Deputy Director, Department of Planning, Development and Monitoring, UT Ladakh
13. Wildlife Warden, Leh & Kargil
14. Divisional Forest Officer, Leh & Kargil