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Minutes of the Meeting

The 4th meeting of the Executive Committee of Ladakh CAMPA, in accordance with the provisions of Section 19 (2) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016, was held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Rajesh S (IFS), Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest/ Chief Executive Officer, Ladakh CAMPA, on 10th September 2025 at 12:00 PM in the office of the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, opposite NDS Stadium, Leh, in hybrid mode.

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

- a) Agenda No 1: Achievements under CAMPA APO 2024-25**
- b) Agenda No 2: Proposed Supplementary CAMPA APO 2025-26**

In this regard, the following officers attended the meeting:

- i) Mr. Mandeep Mittal, Wildlife Warden Leh, UT Ladakh
- ii) Ms. Kunzes Angmo, Director, Social and Tribal Welfare Department, UT Ladakh (online)
- iii) Mr. Konchok Gyalson, Director, Planning, Development and Monitoring Department, UT Ladakh (online)
- iv) Mr. Ajaz Hussain, Deputy Director, Department of Accounts and Treasuries, UT Ladakh
- v) Mr. Thinles Dawa, Joint Director, Agriculture Department, UT Ladakh (online)
- vi) Mr. Shabir Hussain, ACR Leh, Office of the Deputy Commissioner Leh, UT Ladakh
- vii) Mr. Jahangeer Akhone, ACR Kargil, Office of the Deputy Commissioner Kargil, UT Ladakh (online)
- viii) Mr. Mohd. Ali, Divisional Forest Officer, Leh, UT, Ladakh
- ix) Mr. Shakeel Ahmad, Divisional Forest Officer, Kargil, UT Ladakh
- x) Mr. Raza Ali Abidi, Wildlife Warden, Kargil, UT, Ladakh (online)
- xi) Mr. Akeel Sajjad, District Panchayat Officer (DPO) Leh, UT Ladakh
- xii) Ms. Raziya Khaton, District Panchayat Officer (DPO) Kargil, UT Ladakh (online)

The meeting commenced with the Wildlife Warden Leh, Sh. Mandeep Mittal, extending a warm welcome to all attending members and providing an overview of CAMPA Ladakh. Following this, with permission of the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/ Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Ladakh CAMPA, the Wildlife Warden Leh continued with a presentation highlighting the agenda of the meeting.

AGENDA NO 1: ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER APO 2024-25

- 1) The Wildlife Warden, Leh presented a brief overview of the achievements under the CAMPA APO 2024-25, and presented the expenditure for all divisions with an overall **expenditure of 70.33%.**

S. No.	Division	Approved Budget (in Cr)	Expenditures (in Cr.)
1	Forest Division Leh	14.342	3.611
2	Forest Division Kargil	6.229	2.178
3	Wildlife Division Leh	50.153	45.258
4	Wildlife Division Kargil	4.381	2.501
5	Office of CEO CAMPA	1.840	0.565
	Cumulative	76.945	54.113

- 2) The CEO, Ladakh CAMPA, iterated the need for timely completion of the approved works and to achieve the expenditure progress, particularly in respect of the Divisions where progress needed to be hastened.
- 3) This agenda item was for the information of the Executive Committee.

AGENDA NO 2: PROPOSED Supplementary APO 2025-26

- 1) For the supplementary APO 2025-26, the following budget proposal for Leh Wildlife Division was put forth by the Wildlife Warden, Leh:

S. No.	Rule	Rule Name	Proposed Activity	Amount (in Lakhs)
1	5(2)(i)	Improvement of wildlife habitat	Running of antipoaching check post by way of provision of ration, heating facilities and fuel for vehicle	10.00
2			Capacity augmentation of 19 Nos. waste processing facilities of Rural Development Department	1419.08
3	5(2)(l)	Supply of wood saving cooking appliances and other forest produce saving devices in forest fringe villages as specified by the National Authority from time to time	Purchase of Solar Water Heaters 200 LPD	700.00
4	5(2)(m)	Management of biological diversity and biological resource	Supply, fabrication, carriage and installation of rectangular double-sided Uni-polar steel structured hoardings measuring 10ft*20ft	900.00
Sub-Total of 5(2)				3029.08

5	5(3)(c)	Purchase and maintenance of equipment or devices used for communication and information technology for the purpose of protection of forest and wildlife	Purchase of 6 Nos. of all in one PC for Range Offices	4.80
6			Purchase of 6 Nos. of Multi-Functional Printers for Range Offices	1.80
7			Purchase of 6 Nos. of Document Scanners for Range Offices	2.40
8	5(3)(d)	Construction, upgradation and maintenance of inspection paths, forest roads in forest areas, watch tower, check posts and timber posts	Walling and landscaping of 5 Nos. Guard Huts	150.00
Sub-total of 5(3)				159.00
Grand Total of 5(2) + 5(3)				3188.08

- 2) The Wildlife Warden Leh explained the major works proposed, particularly the “Capacity augmentation of 19 waste processing facilities of the Rural Development Department.” He emphasised that unscientific disposal of waste, especially in rural areas of Ladakh, has resulted in a significant increase in the population of feral dogs. The feral dogs pose a serious threat to wildlife by hunting bird chicks, preying on the eggs of ground-nesting birds, and even targeting large mammals such as the snow leopard. Additionally, the issue poses serious health hazards to local communities.
- 3) He further mentioned that the Rural Development Department, through its network of Solid Resource Management Centres (SRMCs) across Leh district, aims to ensure that all waste generated by armed forces, locals and tourists is disposed of scientifically. However, the Department currently faces infrastructure constraints that hinder effective waste management. In this context, from CAMPA funds, the Wildlife Warden, Leh, proposed augmenting the capacity of 19 waste processing facilities by providing essential equipment and solar power plants. These resources are expected to strengthen waste collection, segregation, and disposal processes, thereby mitigating the feral dog problem and improving rural sanitation.
- 4) In this regard, Shri Rajesh S., IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (APCCF), sought inputs from the Rural Development Department. The District Panchayat Officer (DPO), Leh, stated that the provision of the equipment would enable effective processing of solid waste and ensure that garbage is not left openly exposed, thereby preventing feral dog-related issues. APCCF recommended that i) a baseline scenario regarding the human wildlife conflict, wildlife conservation concerns vis a vis the waste management to be established, ii) alignment with the CAMPA Act and Rules to be ensured, iii) a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) be signed with the implementing department before the one time transfer of equipment/ assistance to the line department to urgently address the pressing concerns regarding the wildlife conservation and protection vis a vis

solid waste management issues; whilst clearly define roles, responsibilities, output and outcome parameters and accountability for smooth and efficient operations.

- 5) Following this, the Wildlife Warden Leh recommended conducting a baseline assessment to determine current waste accumulation levels and conducting a follow-up quarterly review to evaluate the effectiveness of the interventions.
- 6) Mr. Shabir Hussain, ACR Leh, pointed out that efficient operation of SRMCs requires both adequate manpower and infrastructure. In response, the DPO Leh clarified that manpower was available at the SRMCs, but equipment had been lacking. Upon further inquiry regarding manpower funding, the DPO mentioned that payments are made through environmental cess, which led to discussions on making SRMCs self-sustaining.
- 7) The Wildlife Warden emphasised that once the required machinery has been procured, SRMCs should operate at full capacity and aim to become self-sustaining. Several suggestions were discussed, including generating revenue through the sale of recyclable products and levying user fees on bulk waste generators, such as the armed forces. He also stressed the need for top-level directives, within the armed forces, penalising open dumping of waste and mandating proper waste disposal at the nearest SRMCs.
- 8) In this context, the APCCF recommended organising quarterly stakeholder meetings on waste management, including representatives from the armed forces, to facilitate the implementation of directives aimed at penalizing open dumping and ensuring proper waste disposal at SRMCs.
- 9) Regarding the provision of solar water heaters, the APCCF inquired about the beneficiary selection process, to which the Wildlife Warden responded that respective councillors provide the list of beneficiaries to the Department. To this the APCCF suggested that the process can also be routed through EDCs (Eco-Development Committees). The Wildlife Warden replied that EDCs are not currently constituted in Ladakh but assured that steps would be taken to expedite their establishment at the earliest.
- 10) The Wildlife Warden, Kargil, highlighted that waste management is also a growing concern in Kargil district, affecting species such as the Brown Bear. He further proposed including similar activities for Kargil district as well under the supplementary CAMPA APO 2025-26. The APCCF acknowledged the proposal.

Resulting from the discussions above, the Supplementary CAMPA APO 2025-26 was approved by the Executive Committee of Ladakh CAMPA in the light of the above comments and suggestions for further necessary consideration by the National CAMPA.

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

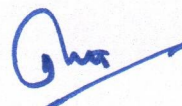
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5. The Director, Department of Planning, Development and Monitoring, UT Ladakh
6. The Director, Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, UT Ladakh
7. The Director, Department of Agriculture, Horticulture & Floriculture, UT Ladakh
8. The Director, Department of Social and Tribal Welfare, UT Ladakh
9. Wildlife Warden, Leh & Kargil
10. Divisional Forest Officer, Leh & Kargil
11. District Panchayat Officer, Leh
12. District Panchayat Officer, Kargil
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