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National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority

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दिनांक\Dated: 30th July, 2025

To,

The Principal Secretary, Forests
Union Territory of Ladakh,
Leh, Ladakh

Sub: Approval letter for the financial year 2025-26 of Ladakh Union Territory CAMPA-reg.

Ref: 1. Ladakh UT Authority letter No: CEO-Ladakh-CAMPA/25-26/NA/47-49 dated 9th June, 2025.

Sir,

Apropos the matter cited above and in reference to above-mentioned letter dated 9th June, 2025, it is to convey that the Annual Plan of Operation of Ladakh UT for the financial year 2025-26 was considered by the Executive Committee of the National Authority in its 35th meeting held on 4th July, 2025.

2. After due deliberations, approval of the Executive Committee of National Authority is hereby conveyed under section 15 (1) (i) of the Compensatory Afforestation fund Act, 2016 for the State Annual Plan of Operation 2025-26 of Ladakh Union Territory CAMPA for an amount of **Rs. 89.89 crore** (Rupees Eighty-nine crore and eighty-nine lakh only) against the proposed outlay of **Rs. 95.662 crore** (Rupees Ninety-five crore and sixty-six lakh only) for carrying out approved activities.

3. The details of component wise activities considered in 35th EC are as follows:

(Rs. in Crore and area in Ha.)

S. No	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Proposed Outlay		Decision of EC
			Physical Target	Financial Target	
1	Activities as per Rule 5(2) of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016				
	Assisted Natural Regeneration- 5(2)(a)	1. Protection of juniper (chain link fencing)	38270 rft.	1.76	Approved
		2. Development of SOP for raising of Junipers in nurseries	LS	0.20	Approved
		Spillover from APO 2024-25	-	0.63	Approved

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			Physical Target	Financial Target	
	Artificial Regeneration- 5(2)(b)	1. Plantation of Willow	267450 Nos.	1.59	Approved
		2. Plantation of Sea buckthorn	42500 Nos.	0.06	Approved
		3. Other tree plantation	100 Nos.	0.005	Approved
		3. Raising/ Maintenance of nurseries	9 locations	1.74	Approved
		4. Construction of irrigation network like khul etc.	16028 cum.	1.05	Approved
		5. Drip Irrigation	01 set	0.10	Approved
		6. Fencing of plantations	105269 rft.	4.55	Approved
		7. Iron gates and Sign Boards	02 sets	0.17	Approved
		8. Bush Clearance	2229.6 sq. m.	0.40	Approved
		9. Headload carriage	115 trips	0.19	Approved
		10. Bore/ pumps/ fixing of pipes	12 set	3.21	Approved
		11. Storage Tank	02 No.	0.10	Approved
		12. Culvert	01 No.	0.20	Approved
		13. BUC (Beating up of causalities)	44957 Nos.	0.14	Approved
		14. Watch and Ward	7140 mandays	0.32	Approved
		Spillover from APO 2024-25-	-	3.29	Approved
	Silvicultural operation- 5(2)(c)	1. Pruning/ removal of dry/ diseases/ infected trees	LS	0.06	Approved
		Protection of Forest and Plantation- 5(2)(d)	1. Mobility charges (including fuel, repairing and maintenance)	LS	0.43
	2. Protection of plants (fencing)		126125 rft.	5.55	Approved
	3. Protection of plants (Iron gate, Sign board, water stoppage iron gate, iron pipe)		Iron gate: 3 Sign Board: 5 Water stoppage iron gate: 2 Iron pipe:1	0.02	Approved
	4. Headload carriage		47 trips	0.07	Approved
	5. Irrigation network like khul, channel		LS	0.22	Approved
	6. Protective gear and uniform for frontline staff of the Department		4 divisions	0.40	Approved
	7. Purchase and installation of CCTV camera at critical points of PAs.		10 nos.	0.30	Approved

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		8. Construction of Shed Storage for seized items.	01 No.	0.05	Approved
		9. Purchase of Vehicle	01 No.	0.22	Approved
		Spillover from APO 2024-25	-	2.29	Approved
	Pest and Disease control in forest- 5(2)(e)	1. Purchase of Bio-pesticide, botanical pesticide, disease control equipment like power spray, solar battery operative light trap.	LS	0.12	Approved
		2. Wages for working labour for field sanitation, digging of trenches, collection of insect, spray etc.	LS	0.03	Approved
		3. Awareness Program	LS	0.02	Approved
	Forest fire preventions and control operations- 5(2)(f)	1. Creation of new fire lines with 3-meter width	51000 sq. m.	0.31	Approved
	Soil and moisture conservation works in the forest- 5(2)(g)	1. SMC Works: Construction of Khuls, water reservoirs, crate bunds & digging of trenches	LS	4.44	Approved
		2. Construction of water channel to feed water in drying Ja Tso (Lake).	1 location	0.10	Approved
		Spillover from APO 2024-25	-	0.38	Approved
	Improvement of wildlife habitat- 5(2)(i)	1. Provision of fladry type deterrents with solar fencing	02 units	0.10	Approved
		2. Provision of deterrents in conflict prone areas (light & sound based)	LS	0.10	Approved
		3. Purchase of solar sound & night vision based CCTV for surveillance	50 Nos.	0.10	Approved
		4. Purchase of bear proof dustbins with Hooks	20 Nos.	0.10	Approved
		5. Construction of water holes (with solar panels, motor & borewell)	02 Nos.	1.00	Approved
		6. Preventive Units (Iron doors, iron grills/plastic window panes)	200 Nos.	0.48	Approved
		7. Provision of utensils at community level for community programmes	10 villages	0.10	Not Approved

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		to reduce disposable wastes			
		8. Development of Pasture land	20 Ha.	0.80	Approved
		9. Purchase and installation of ecofriendly toilets/ Zero discharge bio-toilets	04 Nos.	1.00	Deferred for want of details
		10. Purchase of Bio-digester machine	02 Nos.	0.50	Approved
		11. Management of free ranging dogs	LS	1.00	Approved
		12. Construction of Animal Underpass	01 No.	2.00	Approved
		Spillover from APO 2024-25	-	0.48	Approved
	Establishment of maintenance of animal's rescue centre and veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals- 5(2)(k)	1. Establishment of Vet Treatment Centre	LS	2.00	Approved Subject to compliance/approval of CZA guidelines
		2. Engagement of Vets	01 No.	0.08	Approved Subject to compliance/approval of CZA guidelines
		3. Engagement of Animal Handlers	10 Nos.	0.29	Approved Subject to compliance/approval of CZA guidelines
		4. Purchase of medicines, feeds, surgical items.	LS	0.28	Approved
		5. Purchase and installation of Incinerator for disposing of carcasses	02 No.	0.70	Deferred for want of details
		6. Purchase of pre-engineered transit rescue centre	01 No.	0.50	Deferred for want of details
		7. Hiring of Drivers for Ambulances	04 Nos.	0.12	Approved
		8. Purchase of tranquilizing gun	02 Nos.	0.10	Approved
		Spillover from APO 2024-25-	-	0.49	Approved
	Supply of wood saving, cooking and other forest produce saving devices- 5(2)(l)	1. Procurement of Solar Water Heaters	140 Nos.	0.49	Approved
	Management of biological diversity and biological	1. Purchase of Chain-link fencing for protection of crop fields	4,47,000 rfts	20.13	Approved keeping in view the local site conditions of Ladakh

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	resource-5(2)(m)	2. Provisions of chain link fence and concertina for corral proofing	80 Nos.	1.00	Approved keeping in view the local site conditions of Ladakh
		3. Construction of predator proof corral pens (solid structure)	02 Nos.	0.40	Approved
		4. Purchase of predator proof corral pens	250 units	7.50	Approved
		5. Construction of Bear proof Corral pens	03 Nos.	0.90	Approved
		6. Purchase of camera traps	50 Nos.	0.25	Approved
		7. Purchase and installation of Solar LED Wildlife lights (motion based sensor)	100 Nos.	0.30	Approved
		8. Research on Biological Diversity	LS	0.05	Not Approved
		9. Procurement of hoardings and signboards & hike sign to spread awareness	LS	0.50	Approved only for eco-friendly signages
		10. Purchase & installation of solar LED lights (flame type)	100 Nos.	0.04	Not Approved
		11. Preparation of People's Biodiversity Registers in 89 BMCs of Ladakh	89	0.89	Approved. Subject to Ladakh's Biodiversity Management Committee approval. Details will be submitted by LFD by 15.09.2025
		12. Survey & declaration of Sapi and Penzila as MPCDAs/BHSS	2 sites	0.15	Deferred for want of details. Details will be submitted by LFD by 15.09.2025
		Spillover from APO 2024-25	-	0.92	Approved
	Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 1			78.015	
2	Activities as per Rule 5(3) of the CAF Rule, 2018				
	Establishment, up-gradation and maintenance of modern nurseries and other planting stock production facilities for	1. Formation of nursery	2 locations	0.01	Approved
		2. Raising and maintenance of nursery	6 Locations	0.40	Approved
		3. Construction of polycarbonate green house	02 Nos.	0.45	Approved
		4. Installation of solar modules for existing borewells of polyhouses	01 No.	0.04	Approved

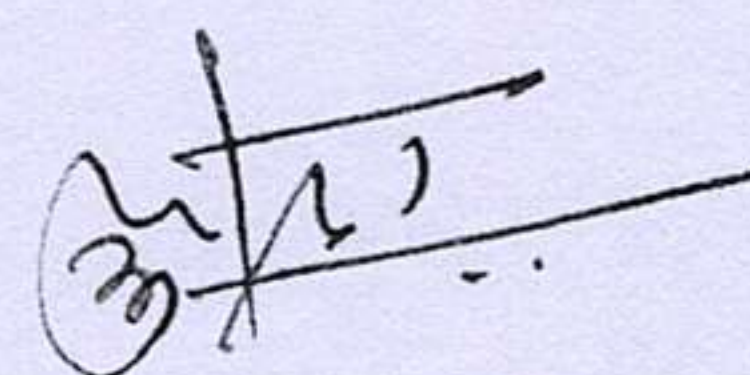
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	production of quality planting materials- 5(3)(a)	5. Installation of electric transformer with HTI line	01 No.	0.71	Not Approved
		6. Drilling of dual submersible pump borewell	01 No.	0.12	Approved
		Spillover from APO 2024-25	-	0.06	Approved
	Purchase and maintenance of equipment or devices used for communication and information technology for the purpose of protection of forest and wildlife- 5(3)(c)	1. Purchase of GPS, AI Binoculars, DGPS, power banks, scanners, printers, portable power station, camera with zoom lens, computers, plotters, public announcement system & other IT equipment.	-	1.15	Approved Subject to furnishing details of equipment-wise breakup of physical and financial targets
		2. Installation of solar home lighting	-	0.06	Not Approved
		Spillover from APO 2024-25	-	0.01	Approved
	Construction, up-gradation and maintenance of inspection paths, forest roads in forest area, firelines, watch towers, check posts and timber depots – 5(3)(d)	1. Construction/ installation of pre- fabricated huts	6 Nos.	0.90	Approved
		2. Construction of check posts, barriers and other related items.	01 Nos.	1.00	Deferred for want of detailed estimates
		3. Upgradation of forest check post	01 site	0.10	Approved
		Spillover from APO 2024-25	-	1.60	Approved
	Construction of residential and official buildings in forests for front line staffs deployed for protection of forest and wildlife- 5(3)(e)	1. Construction of store at Kurbathang	01 No.	0.10	Not Approved
		2. Interlocking tiles in Range Office Compound at Nyoma	LS	0.05	Approved
		3. Purchase of Furnishing and furniture at various offices	LS	0.14	Approved
		4. Purchase of Portable Cabin	02 units	0.40	Approved
		5. Purchase of winter friendly portable toilet	01 unit	0.05	Approved
		6. Construction of Guard Hut at Khaltsi	01 No.	0.60	Approved. Subject to furnishing approval by competent engineering Authority

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		Spillover from APO 2024-25	-	0.32	Approved
	Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff of State Forest Department for works for protection of forest and wildlife undertaken from State Fund- 5(3)(f)	1. W&W for protection of CAMPA closure	2 labours for 8 months at 16 locations	0.35	Approved
		2. Engagement of wildlife informers/ stewards and trackers for Kargil Wildlife Division	25 Nos.	0.22	Approved
		3. Engagement of Wildlife Steward for protection of State Bird, Black necked crane for 7 months	50 Nos.	0.52	Deferred for want of details
		4. Engagement of W&W for Forest Rest Houses	40 Nos.	0.87	Deferred for want of details
		5. Salary & Hiring of Consultants for various divisions.	6 Nos.	0.71	Approved
		6. Salary of Computer Operators for various divisions.	8 Nos.	0.30	Approved
		7. Hiring of Junior Engineer for various divisions.	4 Nos.	0.21	Approved
		8. Hiring of Draftsmen for various divisions.	2 Nos.	0.08	Approved
		9. Hiring of Multi-Tasking Staff for various divisions.	01 Nos.	0.02	Approved
		10. Hiring of Driver	01 Nos.	0.03	Approved
	Survey and mapping of forest areas for forest fire control, compensatory afforestation works, soil and moisture conservation, catchment area treatment and wildlife management for preparing annual plans to be executed from the State Fund- 5(3)(g)	1. Survey and ground truthing of high-altitude wetlands	LS	0.45	Approved
		2. Census/ Survey of ungulates and other species	LS	1.30	Approved
		3. Purchase of Bikes	9 Nos.	0.25	Approved
	Independent concurrent monitoring	Spillover from APO 2024-25	-	0.09	Approved

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	and evaluation and third- party monitoring of various works undertaken from State Fund- 5(3)(h)				
	Publicity-cum- awareness programme and exhibition on the various schemes being implemented by the State Authority from State Fund: CAF Rules, 2018-5(3)(i)	1. Publicity cum awareness programme, Exposure tour and training of staff, Celebration of important environmental related events.	LS	0.48	Approved
	Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 2			10.89	
3	Activities as per Rule 6(a) of CAF Rules, 2018				
	Disbursement of salary and allowance- 6(a)(iv)	CAMPA Staff Salaries	3 consultant 2 young professional 2 office assistant 3 MTS	0.64	Approved
		Spillover from APO 2024-25	-	0.19	Approved
	Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 3			0.83	
4	Activities as per Rule 6 (b) of CAF Rules, 2018				
	Office equipment and its maintenance- 6(b)(ii)	CEO CAMPA Office expenses	LS	0.15	Approved
	Sub-Total of Approved Items shown in Sr. No. 4			0.15	
		Total Approved		Rs. 89.89 crore	

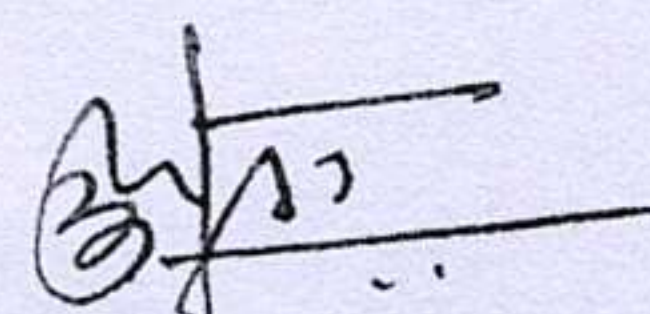
4. Accordingly, the State Government is requested to release the CAMPA fund to the CEO, State/UT CAMPA/ State/UT Forest Department for carrying out approved activities in accordance with the APO 2025-26 approved by the National Authority.

5. The Governing Body and the Steering Committee of the State/UT CAMPA are requested to monitor the progress of implementation of approved CAMPA activities.



6. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- i. The State Forest department must ensure that the Compensatory Afforestation and other site-specific activities are carried out in the approved sites as per the forest diversion approval granted by the Central Government whilst maintain the geo location co-ordinates.
- ii. All afforestation efforts under the CA, ANR, AR, Catchment Area Treatment Plans, wildlife habitat improvement etc. should primarily aim for comprehensive ecological restoration of the area on sustainable basis.
- iii. Preference of local and indigenous species, especially fruit and fodder species should be given in every afforestation/ regeneration/ plantation and monoculture and planting of exotic species should be avoided (As per Forest Conservation Division Guidelines dated 29.12.2023 and CAF Rules, 2018).
- iv. The KML files of CA and other plantation (AR and ANR etc.) should be uploaded on the e-Green Watch portal and emailed to FSI with copy to National CAMPA official e-mail (nationalcampa-moefcc@gov.in) before taking up the work.
- v. 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.
- vi. The ratio of expenditure on the approved activities under Rule 5(2) & 5(3) should strictly adhere as mentioned in the Rule 5 (2) & 5 (3) should not be less than 80 percent and not more than 20 percent respectively.
- vii. Please ensure that the annual interest accrued on State CAMPA Fund is credited into the State CAMPA fund so that the activities mentioned in the CAF Rule 6 are effectively implemented.
- viii. The activities towards maintenance of plantation should be implemented in such a way that the maximum survival of the saplings is finally achieved with desired growth parameters are to be monitored.
- ix. 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 at the level of Range Offices, Division Office and CEO State CAMPA in prescribed formats and placed on the respective websites.
- x. 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 for effective monitoring and transparency. In respect of CA, plantations/ regeneration activities before and after photographs should be uploaded.
- xi. If required and approved by National Authority, casual engagement of local people or local labours may be hired to assist regular staff of State Forest Department for works for protection of forest and wildlife undertaken from State fund as per rule 5(3)(f).
- xii. Monitoring and evaluation of all the afforestation and other CAMPA activities undertaken shall be the highest priority for the State Authorities. The 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 [(Rule 5(3)h) of CAF Rule, 2018].
- xiii. The monitoring and evaluation reports of all CAMPA works done up to the year 2024-2025 and all previous years along with all the relevant records should be made available to the DG, FSI & Member Coordinator, Monitoring Group annually as well as

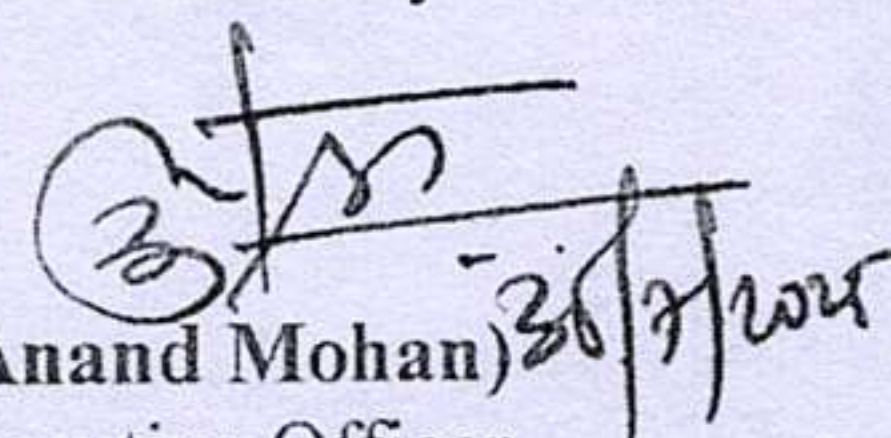


whenever required by him with copy to National CAMPA [CAF Act, 2016 (section 16)].

- xiv. 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 States/UTs legislature as per requirements of section 29 of the CAF Act 2016, shall be invariably submitted with the APO every year seeking approval of the National Authority.
- xv. 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 as required under the provision of the CAF Rule 5 (3).
- xvi. State should ensure that the 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 Wildlife Management Plan, whereas activities proposed in forest fire prevention and control operations should be as per Integrated Fire Management Plan of the state.
- xvii. 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.
- xviii. 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.
- xix. The State EC shall also ensure that there is no overlapping of activities / funding from other schemes of the State or Central Government and provide a certificate to that effect.
- xx. 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 for regeneration and development of forests and wildlife habitat.
- xxi. The Executive Committee of the State shall also 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.
- xxii. There should not be any reduction in allocation for forestry sector in the regular State Budget due to flow of CAMPA funds to the State.
- xxiii. Works related to Eco-development should be taken up following relevant rules and guidelines after taking necessary approvals.
- xxiv. Purchase of vehicles for office use 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.
- xxv. Procurement of multi-utility vehicles for meeting the operational requirements of forest front line staff of State/UT Forest departments from the NPV component of State CAMPA is permissible as per approved APO complying the guidelines issued by the National CAMPA vide NA-16/2/2023-NA dated 12th January 2024.

- xxvi. IRO of the regional office of the Ministry shall 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.
- xxvii. 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.
- xxviii. The States/UTs Authority are proposing engagement of casual labours for protection of Forests for the entire State. It is 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.
- xxix. The validity of APO (2025-26) is valid till 31.03.2026. Further continuation of the balance/ incomplete activities shall be permissible only if they are included in the approved APO.
- xxx. The State/UT Authorities shall work out details of funds available with the State CAMPA head-wise under CA/ CAT Plan/ Wildlife Mitigation Plan, NPV and interest components etc. after deducting the expenditure incurred and prepare Annual Plan of operation for next year based on CAMPA funds available with the States/UTs. Priority shall be given to the mandatory activities including commitment on maintenance of previous years.
- xxxi. All wage payments should be made through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

Yours faithfully


(Anand Mohan)

Chief Executive Officer

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Chairperson, Executive Committee of Ladakh UT CAMPA, Leh.
2. The Chief Executive Officer, Ladakh UT CAMPA, Leh.
3. The Secretary, Department of Finance, Union Territory of Ladakh CAMPA, Leh.
4. The Secretary, Department of Planning, Union Territory of Ladakh CAMPA, Leh.
5. The Accountant General, Ladakh, Leh.
6. The Director General, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun, Member Coordinator, Monitoring Group of National Authority, CAMPA.
7. The Deputy Director General of Forest (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Chandigarh.
8. IFD/Sanction Folder/ Guard File.
9. NIC Cell with a request to upload the sanction order on the official website of MoEF&CC.

Copy also forwarded to:

1. The DGF&SS, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, for kind information.

