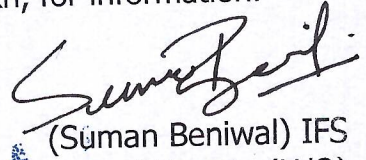


**THE ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH
OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS**

Subject: Minutes of Meeting of 1st Steering Committee of Ladakh Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA).

With regard to the subject cited above, kindly find enclosed herewith the Minutes of Meeting of 1st Steering Committee of Ladakh CAMPA held on 7th February 2023 under the Chairmanship of Sh. Umang Narula, IAS, Advisor to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Ladakh, for information.

Encl: As above.



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6. Chief Executive Officer, Ladakh CAMPA Union Territory of Ladakh for information.
7. Divisional Forest Officer, Leh for information.
8. Divisional Forest Officer, Kargil for information.
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14. OSD with Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Horticulture & Floriculture for information.
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Minutes of Meeting

First meeting of the Steering Committee, Ladakh Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority

The first meeting of the Steering Committee, Ladakh Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority, was held on 7th February 2023 under the Chairmanship of Sh. Umang Narula (IAS), Advisor to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Ladakh.

The following were present during the meeting:

- a) Dr Pawan Kotwal (IAS), Principal Secretary (Health/Forest/Revenue/Planning, Development and Monitoring), Union Territory of Ladakh.
- b) Saugat Biswas (IAS), Commissioner/ Secretary (Rural Development /Industries /Transport), Union Territory of Ladakh.
- c) Ravinder Kumar (IAS), Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Horticulture and Floriculture, Union Territory of Ladakh.
- d) Jigmet Takpa, (IFS), Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Union Territory of Ladakh.
- e) Raja Ram Singh, (IFS), DIGF, IRO, Chandigarh (via Video Conferencing).
- f) Sajjad Hussain Mufti, (IFS), Chief Conservator of Forest/Regional Wildlife Warden, Union Territory of Ladakh.
- g) Dr Khurshid Alam, IRO Jammu (via Video Conferencing).
- h) Dhawan Kumar Rawat, (IFS), Divisional Forests Officer, Leh.
- i) Suman Beniwal, (IFS), Deputy Conservator of Forests (H/Q), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Union Territory of Ladakh.
- j) Pankaj Raina (SFS), Wildlife Warden Leh.
- k) Mohd Ali, Divisional (SFS), Forests Officer, Kargil.
- l) Shakeel Ahmad, Asst. Conservator of Forests, Private Secretary to Chief Conservator of Forests, UT Ladakh.
- m) Raza Ali Abidi (Range Officer, Grade-I), I/C Wildlife Warden, Kargil.

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Union Territory of Ladakh, welcomed the Chairperson and members of the Steering Committee of Ladakh Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA).



PCCF, Union Territory of Ladakh briefed the Chairperson and members about the objectives of constitution of CAMPA Fund at National and State/UT level, the structural organization of Ladakh CAMPA, and roles associated thereof.

2. Thereafter, with the permission of the Chairperson, Ms. Suman Beniwal, IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forests, (H/Q), Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Union Territory of Ladakh commenced the presentation of the agenda items of the meeting.

3. Agenda 1: Approval for the Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) of Forest and Wildlife Department, Union Territory of Ladakh for the year 2023-24.

3.1 Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) of Kargil and Leh Forest Divisions.

3.1.1 5(2)(a)-Assisted Natural Regeneration: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that protection of naturally grown Juniper Areas in both Kargil and Leh Forests Divisions have been proposed under this component, with financial outlay of Rs. 66.110 Lakh and Rs. 77 Lakh for Kargil and Leh Forest Divisions respectively.

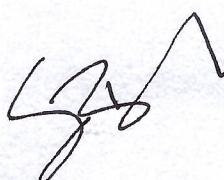
The Chairperson enquired whether there is any evidence of natural regeneration of Juniper in Ladakh. PCCF, UT Ladakh informed the Chairperson that Juniper mostly comes through natural regeneration in Ladakh.

The Committee approved the component 5(2)(a) for Kargil and Leh Forest Divisions.

3.1.2 5(2)(b)-Artificial Regeneration: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that provisions for plantation have been proposed under this component, with financial outlay of Rs. 616.020 Lakh and Rs. 328.793 Lakh for Kargil Forest Division and Leh Forest Division respectively. The Chairperson enquired about the reasons for lesser allocation kept for Leh Forest Division. The Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF), Ladakh apprised the Chairperson that availability of land for artificial regeneration is the constraining factor in Leh Forest Division.

Principal Secretary, Forest Ecology and Environment, UT Ladakh suggested to change the nomenclature in Physical Targets under this component to "Plants to be raised in Nurseries and plants to be planted through cuttings".

The Committee approved the component 5(2)(b) for Kargil and Leh Forest Divisions.



3.1.3 5(2)(d)- Protection of Forests and plantations: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that under the component, fencing of existing plantations/Reserve Forests and mobility charges for vehicles involved in protection of forests has been proposed for Leh Forest Division, and for Kargil Forest Division, only mobility charges for vehicles has been proposed with financial outlay of Rs. 10.045 Lakh and Rs. 99.100 Lakh for Kargil and Leh Forest Divisions respectively.

The Committee approved the component 5(2)(d) for Kargil and Leh Forest Divisions.

3.1.4 5(2)(e)-Pests and Disease Control: Highlighting the issue of pests and diseases in horticultural crops, especially in Apple and Apricot orchards in Union Territory of Ladakh, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Horticulture and Floriculture, Union Territory of Ladakh apprised the Chairperson that the host plants for such pests include Willow and Poplar as well.

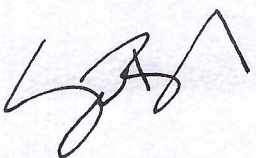
In order to tackle the issue, Secretary, Department of Agriculture suggested that Forest and Agriculture Department should coordinate for Pest and Disease Control in boundary zones of Forest-Agriculture land, particularly in Turtuk (Leh) and Kargil areas.

The Committee approved the component 5(2)(e) for Kargil and Leh Forest Divisions with financial outlay of Rs. 30 Lakh and Rs. 35 Lakh respectively.

3.1.4.1 Issue of pollens from Poplar trees: DFO, Leh informed the Chairperson that there is no sexual dimorphism in Poplar trees to identify female trees from male trees. The Chairperson suggested planting of only female trees to avoid pollen problem.

Principal Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment, Union Territory of Ladakh recommended that female Poplar trees should be marked during the flowering season, and these trees shall be used as mother trees to propagate poplar.

3.1.5 5(2)(f)- Forest Fire prevention and control operations: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that activities like creation of permanent fire lines, procurement of



fire-fighting equipment and organizing awareness camps, etc, have been proposed under this component.

CCF, Ladakh further apprised the Chairperson that, as per the directions of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, gully cutting of seabuckthorn plantation units has been proposed under the said component, in order to prevent occurrence of forest fire in these fire prone areas.

The Committee approved the component 5(2)(f) for Kargil and Leh Forest Divisions with financial outlay of Rs. 4 Lakh and Rs. 57.94 Lakh respectively.

3.1.6 5(2)(g)- Soil and moisture Conservation works in the forest: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that activities like construction of vertical bunds and creation of irrigational khuls, etc, have been proposed under this component.

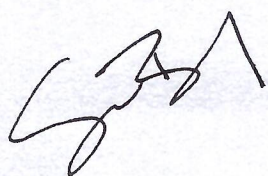
The Committee approved the component 5(2)(g) for Kargil and Leh Forest Divisions with financial outlay of Rs. 249.050 Lakh and Rs. 184.38 Lakh respectively.

3.1.7 5(2)(i)-Improvement of Wildlife Habitat: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that pasture development has been proposed in this component for Leh Forest Division only. The Chairperson enquired whether Rs. 1.5 Lakh kept under the component "improvement of wildlife habitat" for pasture development would be enough.

DFO Leh apprised the Chairperson that the project is on a trial basis and that the area selected (03 Hectares) is a gap in existing pasture land. DFO Leh further informed the Chairperson that the objective is to collect seeds of native grasses and leguminous plants, other than Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*), and to grow them in the selected area.

The Committee approved the component 5(2)(i) for Leh Forest Division.

3.1.8 5(3) (a)- Establishment, up-gradation and maintenance of modern nurseries and other planting stock production facilities for production of quality planting materials: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that upgradation of existing nurseries into hi-tech nurseries have been proposed in both Kargil and Leh Forest Divisions under this component.



The Committee approved the component 5(3) (a) for Kargil and Leh Forest Divisions with financial outlay of Rs. 148.060 Lakh and Rs. 59.69 Lakh respectively.

3.1.9 5(3) (b)- Promoting conservation, sustainable use and documentation of biological diversity including preservation of habitats, conservation of land and folk varieties and cultivars, domesticated stocks and breeds of animals and microorganisms and chronicling of knowledge relating to biological diversity: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that Rs 10 Lakh each have been proposed for Kargil and Leh Forest Divisions, for documenting biological diversity in both the Divisions.

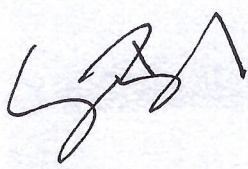
The Committee approved the component 5(3) (b) for Kargil and Leh Forest Divisions.

3.1.10 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: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that provisions for procurement of equipment/devices like computers, scanners, etc have been kept under this component, with a financial outlay of Rs 5 Lakh and Rs 10 Lakh for Kargil Forest Division and Leh Forest Division respectively.

The Committee approved the component 5(3) (c) for Kargil and Leh Forest Divisions.

3.1.11 5(3) (e)- Construction of residential and official buildings in forests for front line staffs deployed for protection of forest and wildlife: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that Construction of Multipurpose Hall at Leh Forest Range, and Construction of Range Office at Diskit, Nubra Range have been proposed under this component, with a financial outlay of Rs. 49 Lakh.

Principal Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment, Union Territory of Ladakh suggested that in Forest and Wildlife related infrastructure projects, preference shall be given to pre-fabricated materials, wherever possible, so that the structures blend in with the surroundings.



The Committee approved the component 5(3) (e) for Leh Forest Division subject to the condition all required financial regulations are followed and that AAA and Technical sanction are authorized by the competent authority.

3.1.12 5(3) (f)- 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: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that engagement of casual labourers for irrigation and protection of plantations/Reserve Forest/Protected Forest have been proposed under this component, with a financial outlay of Rs. 25.92 Lakh and Rs. 17.28 Lakh for Kargil Forest Division and Leh Forest Division respectively.

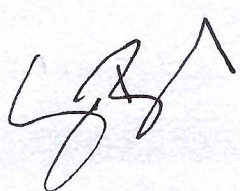
The Committee approved the component 5(3) (f) for Kargil and Leh Forest Divisions with the direction that the engagement of casual labourers shall be through outsourcing via GeM.

3.1.13 5(3) (g)- 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: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that provision for purchase of two (02) vehicles each for Kargil and Leh Forest Divisions have been proposed, with a financial outlay of Rs. 30 Lakh for both the Divisions.

The Committee approved the component 5(3) (g) for Kargil and Leh Forest Divisions.

3.1.14 5(3) (h)- Independent concurrent monitoring and evaluation and third-party monitoring of various works undertaken from State Fund: The Committee approved the component 5(3) (h) for Kargil and Leh Forest Divisions with financial outlay of Rs. 20.30 Lakh and Rs. 23.36 Lakh respectively, and directed to hire Computer Operators for concurrent monitoring of CAMPA works from Government e-Marketplace (GeM) only.

3.1.15 5(3) (i)- Publicity-cum-awareness programme and exhibition on the various schemes being implemented by the State Authority from State Fund: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that provisions for organizing Martyr's day, Van Mahotsav, publicity, Workshops and Seminars have been proposed under this



component, with a financial outlay of Rs. 25 Lakh each for Kargil and Leh Forest Divisions.

The Committee approved the component 5(3)(i) for Kargil and Leh Forest Divisions.

3.2 Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) of Kargil and Leh Wildlife Divisions.

3.2.1 5(2) (d)- Protection of Forests and plantations: DCF (H/Q) apprised the Chairperson that only Mobility Charges for vehicles involved in protection of Wildlife have been proposed under this component, with financial outlay of Rs. 2.005 Lakh and Rs. 10.025 Lakh for Kargil Wildlife Division and Leh Wildlife Division respectively.

The Committee approved the component 5(2) (d) for Kargil and Leh Wildlife Divisions.

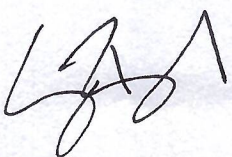
3.2.2 5(2) (i)- Improvement of wildlife habitat as prescribed in the approved Wildlife Management Plan or Working Plan: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that subsidy for construction of eco-toilets have been proposed in this component for Kargil and Leh Wildlife Divisions, with financial outlay of Rs. 130 Lakh and Rs. 2339 Lakh respectively. Wildlife Warden, Leh informed the Chairperson that as per the approved Homestay Policy of Union Territory of Ladakh, subsidy for construction of eco-toilets is being given to beneficiaries in Protected Areas to augment improvement of wildlife habitat.

The Chairperson further enquired whether Homestay policy is being implemented in Kargil and the reason for lesser allocation of funds in this component for Kargil Wildlife Division.

CCF Ladakh informed the Chairperson that Homestay policy is predominantly for Protected Areas, and since Kargil has no Protected Areas, Homestay policy is being implemented only in Conflict Prone and Critical Wildlife Habitat Areas in Kargil.

The Committee approved the component 5(2)(i) for Kargil and Leh Wildlife Divisions.

3.2.3 5(2) (j)- Planting and rejuvenation of forest cover on non-forest land falling in wildlife corridors: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that provision for planting of shrubs and other trees on non-forest lands has been proposed under this component for Kargil Wildlife Division with a financial outlay of Rs. 8 Lakh.



The Committee approved the component 5(2)(j) for Kargil Wildlife Division.

3.2.4 5(2) (k)-Establishment, operation and maintenance of animal rescue centre, and veterinary treatment facilities for wild animals: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that provision for upgradation of existing rescue centre at Leh and provisions for Ambulance for Wildlife Rescue and establishment of Veterinary Treatment Facility for Kargil Wildlife Division have been proposed under this component with financial outlay of Rs. 193.100 Lakh and Rs. 25 Lakh for Kargil and Leh Wildlife Divisions respectively.

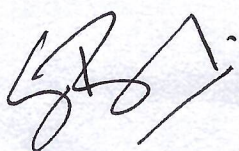
The Chairperson enquired about the reason for less amount kept in establishment, operation and maintenance of rescue centre for Leh Wildlife Division. Wildlife Warden Leh apprised the Chairperson that a separate provision has been kept for the same component in SDP. The Committee directed Wildlife Warden, Leh to increase the amount for maintenance of existing Rescue Centre at Leh, to Rs 50 Lakh and approved the component 5(2)(k) for Kargil and Leh Wildlife Divisions.

3.2.5 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: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that provision of solar heating appliances like solar water heater, solar cooker and solar invertors have been proposed under this component with financial outlay of Rs. 185 Lakh and Rs. 980 Lakh for Kargil and Leh Wildlife Divisions respectively.

The Committee approved the component 5(2)(l) for Kargil and Leh Wildlife Divisions.

3.2.6 5(2) (m)- Management of biological diversity and biological resource: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that provisions like purchase of Chainlink fencing, construction of predator proof corral pens and training and capacity building of selected beneficiaries for providing Homestays have been proposed under this component, with financial outlay of Rs. 124 Lakh and Rs. 2900 Lakh for Kargil and Leh Wildlife Divisions respectively.

The Committee approved the component 5(2) (m) for Kargil and Leh Wildlife Divisions.



3.2.7 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: The Committee approved the component 5(3)(c) for Kargil Wildlife Division with a financial outlay of Rs. 2 Lakh.

3.2.8 5(3) (e)- Construction of residential and official buildings in forests for front line staffs deployed for protection of forest and wildlife: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that provisions for Electric fitting in Office Building of Regional Wildlife Warden / Wildlife Warden Leh, Clearing old liabilities of Office building of Regional Wildlife Warden / Wildlife Warden Leh and Construction of Wildlife Huts have been proposed for Leh Wildlife Division with a financial outlay of Rs. 536 Lakh.

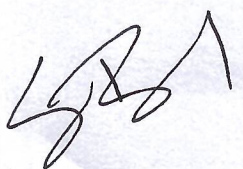
DCF (H/Q) further informed that provision for new establishment of Range Office has been proposed for Kargil Wildlife Division with a financial outlay of Rs. 40 Lakh.

The Committee approved the proposed new buildings for Kargil and Leh Wildlife Divisions. In respect of old buildings especially where there are liabilities or electric fitting is proposed these proposals will be further verified by PS, Forest & Environment whether all required financial regulations were followed and that AAA and Technical sanction were authorized by the competent authority.

3.2.9 5(3) (f)- 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: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that provisions for engagement of Wildlife Steward in conflict zones have been proposed under this component, with financial outlay of Rs. 20.25 Lakh and Rs. 48.60 Lakh for Kargil and Leh Wildlife Divisions respectively.

The Committee approved the component 5(3) (f) for Kargil and Leh Wildlife Divisions on outsourcing basis through GeM.

3.2.10 5(3) (g)- 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: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that



provisions for Purchase of vehicles and Engagement of researchers/Scientists/Consultants have been proposed under this component, with financial outlay of Rs. 45 Lakh and Rs. 210 Lakh for Kargil and Leh Wildlife Divisions respectively.

The Chairperson also enquired whether any provision has been kept for tackling the issue of feral dogs. Wildlife Warden, Leh informed the Chairperson that separate provision for Management of free ranging dogs has been kept under the component "Improvement of wildlife habitat as prescribed in the approved Wildlife Management Plan or Working Plan".

The Committee approved the component 5(3) (g) for Kargil and Leh Wildlife Divisions on outsourcing basis through GeM .

3.2.11 5(3) (h)- Independent concurrent monitoring and evaluation and third-party monitoring of various works undertaken from State Fund: The Committee approved the component 5(3)(h) for Kargil Wildlife Division with a financial outlay of Rs. 11.120 Lakh on outsourcing basis through GeM .

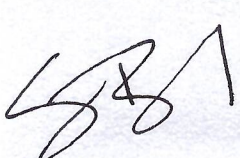
3.2.12 5(3) (i)- Publicity-cum-awareness programme and exhibition on the various schemes being implemented by the State Authority from State Fund: DCF (H/Q) informed the Chairperson that provisions for Development of Awareness and publicity materials like Books, Pamphlets, etc have been proposed under this component, with financial outlay of Rs. 80 Lakh and Rs. 200 Lakh for Kargil and Leh Wildlife Divisions respectively.

The Committee approved the component 5(3) (i) for Kargil and Leh Wildlife Divisions.

3.2.13 Manpower for CAMPA- State Authority: The Chairperson directed to reduce the number of posts for Office Assistant and Consultant, for manpower for Ladakh CAMPA to 02 (two) and to 01 (one) respectively on outsourcing basis through GeM.

3.3 Other General Instructions

3.3.1 The Chairperson directed CCF, Ladakh to send a proposal for opening an account for Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Ladakh Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) to operate CAMPA Funds.



- 3.3.2** The Chairperson directed Divisional Forests Officer, Leh/Kargil and Wildlife Warden, Leh/Kargil to prepare Working Plan for Forest areas and Management Plan for Wildlife Protected Areas respectively.
- 3.3.3** The Chairperson directed Divisional Forests Officer, Leh to prepare and submit a proposal for Airport Road Beautification in terms of Avenue plantation.
- 3.3.4** The Chairperson directed Wildlife Warden, Leh to conceive a plan for Interpretation Centre/Facilitation Centre for bird-watching in Korzok.
- 3.3.5** The Chairperson enquired whether census is done for birds in Tsomoriri and other Wetlands. CCF Ladakh informed the Chairperson that bird survey has been done in Tsomoriri and Tsokar wetlands. Wildlife Warden, Leh further added that census has also been done for snow leopard (*Panthera uncia*).

The Committee approved the Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) for the Financial Year 2023-24 subject to the changes stipulated above.

Ms. Suman Beniwal, IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forests, (H/Q), Office of The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Union Territory of Ladakh, thanked everyone for the valuable contribution in discussions during the 1st meeting of Steering Committee of Ladakh CAMPA, Union Territory of Ladakh.

