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The Inspector General of Forests and Chief Executive Officer, Ad-hoc CAMPA Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi.

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Release of CAMPA funds: Annual Plan of Operation 2016-17. In continuation to this office letter no. 880 dated 07-12-2016.

The Annual Plan Operation for the year 2016-17 approved by the Steering Committee State CAMPA in its meeting held on 24th October 2016 under the Chairmanship of Sh. D.S. Dhesi, IAS, Chief Secretary, to Government Haryana, was sent along with checklist list vide this office letter no. 880 dated 07-12-2016. The minutes of the meeting of Steering Committee held on 24th October 2016 has been received again from Additional Chief Seceretary to Government Haryana, Forest Department vide his letter no. 747 dated 30-03-2017. Accordingly the minutes of the meeting is enclosed along with tabulated details of recommended amount of Rs. 6524.25 Lac by the Steering Committee.

An amount of Rs. 1800.00 Lac has been received against the APO 2016-17 vide your letter no. 15-2(13)/2016 dated 07-02-2017. You are therefore requested to release the balance amount of Rs. 4724.25 Lac of this APO at the earilist so that the preparatory works may be started.

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Haryana, Panchkula.

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A copy is forwarded to following for information and necessary action:-

- 1. Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt. Haryana, Forest Department, Chandigarh.
- 2. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Northern Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Chandigarh.

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Sr.	Item	Unit	Quantity	Amount
No.				(In Lacs)
1	Compensatory Afforestation	Ha.	680	1942.35
2	Management and conservation of Wildlife habitats	-	L/S	50.00
3	Plantation of Tall plants in linear/Block Forest	RKM	750	741.40
4	Plantation along National highways, NH-10 and NH-	RKM	1200	1000.00
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5	Beautification by Afforestation on major district/city approach roads	RKM	200	200.00
6	Plantation in Aravali areas	Ha.	210	210.00
7	River training works in Hasanpur Reserve Forest Distt. Palwal		L/S	400.00
8	Soil & Moisture Conservation works in Shivaliks / Aravalis		L/S	800.00
9	Purchase of Machineries	No.	27	80.50
10	Development of City Forest at Murthal District Sonipat		L/S	100.00
11	Fencing of Plantation and tree Guard		L/s	400.00
12	Plantation by Haryana, Forest Development Corporation		L/s	200.00
13	Herbal Forest in Morni Hills		L/s	400.00
	Total			6524.25

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Principal Chief Conservator of forests, Haryana, Panchkula.

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Steering Committee of State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (State CAMPA), Haryana.

The 9th Meeting of the Steering Committee of State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (State CAMPA), Haryana was held under the Chairmanship of Sh. D.S. Dhesi, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana at 3:00 PM on 24-10-2016. The list of officers who attended the meeting is attached.

At the onset the Chairman welcomed the participants and requested the Addl. CS to GoH, Forest department to initiate the meeting.

The Addl. CS brought it to the knowledge of members that Government of India has notified the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 (No.38 of 2016) on 3rd August, 2016 and the rules there under are being formulated by Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change. Further that, once the rules get firmed up, the amount of the State Governments presently deposited with the Central Government shall be transferred to the State Governments to the extent of 90% and its management will get entrusted to State CAMPA. Balance 10% will be retained by the Central Government for management of Central CAMPA.

Thereafter the PCCF presented a brief on the objectives and general functions of State CAMPA. It was informed that the State CAMPA has so far received approximately Rs. 176.95 crore from the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), in last six years (2009-10 to 2015-16). The MoEFCC follows the norm of annual release of 10% of the principal amount. This norm has been laid by the Hon'ble Apex Court in its order dated 12th March, 2014. As on 31.03.2016 the deposit of Haryana with Ad-hoc CAMPA is Rs. 743.30 crore. Therefore, the amount admissible for release during 2016-17 is Rs. 74.33 crore. In addition an amount of Rs.13.26 crore as backlog of previous year is admissible for release in 2016-17. Accordingly, the Annual Plan of Operation for 2016-17 with an outlay of Rs. 87.59 crores has been prepared for conservation and management of forests and wildlife for 2016-17 for consideration of the Steering Committee.

The Chairmain then deliberated on the Agenda as given under -

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Steering Committee held on 21-01-2016

It was reported that no comments on the circulated minutes have been received. The Chairman reviewed the action taken and confirmed the minutes.

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Review of Physical and Financial Progress

The PCCF informed that against release of Rs. 176.95 Cr by the MoEFCC the expenditure till 30-09-2016 is of Rs. 141.28 Crore. The amount has been spent on activities relating to conservation and management of forest and wildlife. The Chairman observed that efforts be made to expedite and achieve the targets set out in the 8th meeting of Steering Committee and that due emphasis on monitoring of CAMPA works should be on regular basis. Why the remaining/balance amount still not utilized put up with explaintion.

Proposed Annual Plan of Operation (2016-17)

The proposals prepared by the Forest Department were examined at length. Addl. CS, Forests pointed out that the soure of CAMPA fund is deforestation and diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under the Forest(Conservation) Act, 1908. Therefore, he emphasized that this fund should be utilized only for plantation purpose and not for may other uses. At present, purchase of land for raising plantaion is a non-permissible activity under CAMPA. However, this matter will be taken up with MoEFCC as a special case as Haryana being a forest deficient State.

The following proposals were approved:-

4.1. Compensatory afforestation (CA)

The proposal for compensatory afforestation (CA) over 680 ha (2720 RKM) by planting 6.80 lacs tall plants during 2016-17 / 2017-18 at estimated expenditure of Rs. 1942.35 lacs (including the maintenance of plantations raised in previous years) was considered and approved by the Chairman. The committee also noted the information provided by PCCF that the CA sites are identified with GPS readings and approved by the MoEF&CC.

4.2. Net Present Value (NPV)

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4.2.1 Management and conservation of wildlife and its habitats

The proposal for management and conservation of wildlife and its habitats for 2016-17 including habitat improvement in National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries by provision for water to wildlife; protection of habitats; management of zoos; management of breeding centers; management of conservation reserves; etc was considered and approved. Whatever schemes are prepared the same be put up to ACS Forest before expenditure is incurred. The PCCF informed that Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana announced on 05-05-2016 at Morni to explore the possibility of establishment of a Leopard Sanctuary in Morni Hills. Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun was contacted for carrying out this study. Before the study is carried out in detail let a committee of 3 officials headed by Addl. PCCF, Wildlife and Mr. G.Raman & Mr. D.Hembram as Members examine the issue and put up with their recommendations. In further whenever any study is proposed to be done, the specification be prepared, tenders be floated and same be got approved from the Govt. Outcome of earlier studies under CAMPA be put up within a month alongwith expenditure made.

The Chairman approved the estimated expenditure Rs. 50 lacs for above activities.

4.2.2 Plantation of tall plants in linear / block forests

On the proposal for plantation of tall plants the Addl. CS, Forests desired that this work should be carried out in properly identified areas of 2 KM - 5 KM less of more stretch along strips so that the impact of the plantation is visible.

The Chairman approved the proposal with physical target of 750 RKM and financial provision of Rs. 741.40 lacs.

4.2.3 Plantation along National Highways, NH-10 and NH-65

PCCF intimated that NHAI has recently signed an MoU with State Forest department to handover vacant lands / newly acquired lands along National highways in the state for plantations. As per this MoU, plantation is proposed to be undertaken on vacant lands along National Highway No. 10 and National Highway No. 65. That 3.00 lacs plants are proposed to be planted along these National Highways at an estimated expenditure of Rs. 1000.00 lacs.

The Chairman considered and approved the proposal.

4.2.4 Beautification by afforestation on major district / city approach roads

The proposal is for developing the road side avenue of approach roads leading to and radiating from the districts up to a distance of 1 Km. Trees and shrubs species of asthetic value will be planted as a celebration activity in the Swaran Jyanti year of Haryana. Plantation proposal of 200 RKM at estimated cost of Rs. 200.00 lacs was considered and approved.

4.2.5 Plantation in Aravali areas.

Each DFO in Aravali Distrcts shall identify a compact area of 5 hectares,10 hectares 1, 2, or 5 KMs or more and develop the same as thick forest. They can identify as many block as per availability but not more then 2-3 blocks in one year by each DFO. Rs.10 lacs to each DFO is given for this purpose.

4.2.6 River Training works in Hasanpur Reserve Forest, distt. Palwal

PCCF intimated that there is need of river training works to be undertaken along Yamuna river adjoining Hasanpur Reserve Forest, distt. Palwal to avoid river bank erosion. It is highly likely that forest land will be gradually washed away if not protected through appropriate conservation measures. Rs.400 lacs is earmarked.

ACS, Forests suggested that such works should be undertaken by Haryana Forest Development Corporation. After deliberation, the proposal was approved.

4.2.7 Publicity and extension, Community mobilization

Since publicity and extension funds of last year are already available, the same be utilized first.

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4.2.8 Soil and Moisture Conservation in Shivaliks and Aravalis

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana had announced on 09-04-2015 construction of 20 dams on identified locations in Shivaliks for irrigation purposes. The Shivalik region in North of the State is highly prone to run off and soil erosion. Due to hilly and undulating topography, rain water is drained out of the area at high speed during rainy season.

PCCF intimated that an amount of Rs. 800.00 lacs is proposed to be spent on Soil and Moisture Conservation works to be carried out in Shivaliks and Aravalis. The Chairman decided that these works should be executed by a team of officers and Forest, Soil Conservation, Irrigation and Deelopment and Panchayat Department.

4.2.9 Purchase of Machineries

The basic forest machineries such as Tractors, tankers & Trollys are required for efficient forestry operations. 8 tractors, 7 trolleys and 12 tankers are proposed to be purchased during 2016-17 at an estimated cost of Rs. 80.50 lacs.

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4.2.10 Development of Morni Fort

The same can be taken up under the State Plan. Put up a proposal accordingly.

4.2.11 Development of City Forest at Murthal, District Sonepat

PCCF intimated that City Forest is proposed to be developed over an area of 116 acre at Murthal, district Sonipat at an estimated cost of Rs. 100.00 lacs during 2016-17. ACS, Forests discussed the proposal in detail and PCCF informed that thematic plantations of about 400 species will be undertaken. The forest will be a learning center for ordinary visitors as well as for the students and researchers. Archetects be hired to make a proper planning. Put up the case for hiring Archetect.

, 4.2.12 Fencing of plantation and Tree Guard.

Addl. CS, Forest proposed that barbed wire fencing and/or tree guard should be used for protection of all plantations raied with CAMPA fund. The cost of fencing and tree guard will be approximately Rs.400.00 lacs. Fencing & tree gaurds shall be arranged by HFDC.

The Chairman considered the proposal and approved it.

4.2.13 Plantation by Haryana Forest Development Corporation

It was informed by Addl.CS, Forests that Forest Development Corporations are undertaking plantations and related activities in many States with CAMPA as observed in the conference of Principlal Secretaries, Forests and PCCFs of all States/UTs under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, MoEFCC, Govt. of India, New Delhi. The Chairman discussed the matter that HFDC will also be entrusted similar works in the State as pilot project. The managing Director, HfDC proposed that the Corporation would undertake plantation in Rohtak Jhajjar Railway Line, Bahadurgarh Byepass, Dadupur Nalwi Canal, KMP NH 10 to NH 8 and one kilometre roads in Gurgaon city outside the Municipal Corporation limit. The cost of these plantations will be approximately Rs. 200.00 lacs.

4.2.14 Herbal Forest in Morni Hills

The Department is signing an MoU with Patanjli Yoga Peeth for herbal forest in Morni Hills, a budget of Rs:400 las is kept for this purpose.

The Chairman approved the proposal.

The meeting ended on the above note with thanks to the Chair.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Haryana, Panchkula.