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Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department, Chandigarh
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Subject: Proceedings of 6th Meeting of the Steering Committee of "State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Authority" (CAMPA) of Haryana held on 24.05.2023 at 04:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjeev Kaushal, IAS, Chief Secretary to Government Haryana-Reg.

With reference to subject mentioned above, please find enclosed the proceedings of the 6th Meeting of the Steering Committee of State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Authority (CAMPA) of Haryana held on 24.05.2023.

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Superintendent

For Chief Executive Officer,
CAMPA (State Authority),
Haryana, Panchkula.

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The list of participants is at **Annex.-I**.

2. Chief Executive Officer, CAMPA cum Member Secretary of the Committee explained the constitution of different Committees under CAMPA at State and National levels, outlining their mandated roles, giving the details of area of different types of Forests in the State and the area diverted and corresponding area afforested so far in the State. Joint CEO, CAMPA presented the agenda items for discussion and consideration. After detailed discussions, the following decisions were taken:-

(i) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the SC

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the 5th Meeting held on 26th May, 2022, which were circulated on 25th August, 2022, after noting that no specific comments have been received from any of the participants.

(ii) Action Taken on the decisions taken in 5th Meeting of SC

The Committee was apprised of the actions undertaken with reference to the decisions taken in the 5th Meeting. It was informed that the only action required against the decisions taken in the 5th meeting was to send the Annual Plan of Operations (APO), for the year 2022-23, which was approved by the SC in its 5th SC, to the National CAMPA Authority, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, which was sent by the State Authority and the same was approved by the National Authority on 10.08.2022.

(iii) Review of Physical and Financial Progress

The Committee was apprised on the physical and financial progress of all the activities undertaken during the year 2022-23. CEO, CAMPA informed that against the target of 2,306.12 Ha plantation under the Compensator Afforestation (CA) component, 1,608.83 Ha area was achieved and the corresponding financial target of Rs.71.61 Cr was achieved against the target of Rs. 127.07 Cr. Similarly, in case of Net Present Value (NPV) component, against a target of 1,300 Ha plantation, with a financial target of Rs 57.90 Cr, 1,005.13 Ha was achieved at a total cost of Rs.37.74 Cr. The Committee was also informed that in case of activities, other than plantation, a total amount of Rs.25.13 Cr was spent against the target amount of Rs.77.39.


The Committee expressed its concern over the non-achievement of targets and CEO, CAMPA explained that since the APO was finalised a little late last year, the same could not be sent to National Authority in time and hence the approval for the same from National Authority, and receipt of funds thereof, also got delayed. Some of the crucial forestry activities could not be carried out in time and, therefore, the overall target got affected. The Committee advised that the same be taken care of appropriately in the coming year.

(iv) Proposal under Compensatory Afforestation (CA) component for the year 2023-24.

The Committee was apprised about the proposals to be undertaken by CAMPA during the current year (2023-24). CEO, CAMPA cum Member Secretary of the Committee informed that the same has been prepared, after receiving the proposals from the field units through PCCF cum HoFF and he also informed that these proposals have been discussed in the Executive Committee of the State Authority in its meeting held on 16th January, 2023 and recommended for approval in the SC. The details activities proposed and actions undertaken are as below.

(v) Proposal for New Work under Compensatory Afforestation in 2023-24.

CEO, CAMPA informed that under the Compensatory Afforestation component, an area of 1,197.73 Ha has been proposed for plantation at a cost of Rs.111.58 Cr, during 2023-24, as per the details provided in the agenda. The Committee was informed that the present proposal includes the sites identified for different components of plantation, as proposed by the Divisions and as approved by the PCCF cum HoFF.

 The Committee observed that the financial outlay of the proposal is considerably higher than the last year's expenditure vis-à-vis the targets and sought the reasons for the same. CEO CAMPA explained that CA is one of the most important conditions stipulated by the Central Government while approving proposals for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes. And the money received for Compensatory Afforestation is to be used as per site specific schemes approved by the MoEF & CC, while sanctioning the cases under Forest Conservation Act, 1980. Accordingly, the proposals have been prepared as per the rates for the corresponding schemes approved by the Ministry, and this amount proposed includes the cost of Compensatory Afforestation, Additional Compensatory Afforestation, Penal Compensatory Afforestation and other subsidiary activities like Soil and Moisture Conservation measures, fencing, supervisory charges, etc., as per the approved norms. He further assured that the expenditure on plantations shall be done as per the prevailing (sanctioned) cost norms of the Department and the money received for all other

subsidiary activities will be disbursed after thoroughly examining the actual requirement of the activity at Departmental level.

The Committee, while approving the above proposal with the conditions as assured by CEO CAMPA, also expressed its concern over the lesser targets undertaken this year. It advised that the Department should take necessary action for increasing the area under plantation, even outside the notified forest areas, for instance, like exploring the possibility of plantation in Panchayat lands. The Committee also desired that while such efforts are made, the Department should formulate a clear policy, indicating the commitments of different stakeholders involved – period after which the Panchayats / stakeholders can opt for felling / harvest of the produce, share of the produce which can be available for various stakeholder beneficiaries, conditions, if any, for taking up the land for other use, in case if the stakeholders want, and the cost norms for such activities, under specific schemes. Further, the Department should undertake vigorous Publicity Campaign to reach out the general public and stakeholders, explaining the share and other benefits of such plantations, to the stakeholders so that the farmers / villagers participate in such movement actively. Chairman desired that the Department may formulate a policy within 15 days, along with clear guidelines and submit the same to Government for its consideration.

(vi) Maintenance of CA plantations undertaken in the previous years

The Committee was apprised about the proposal of taking up a physical target of 6,115.66 Ha of maintenance works of the plantations undertaken in the previous years, under the CA component, for activities like, replacement of casualties, cultural operations like weeding, hoeing, watering, fencing and protection from grazing at a cost of Rs.29.90 Cr. The Committee was informed about the provisions available in the component for replacement of 20% and 10% plantations in the 1st and 2nd year of plantations and maintenance of the plantations for a period of 5 years after the plantation.

This proposal was considered and approved by the Steering Committee. The Committee also advised the Forest Department to explore adopting a process to execute various forestry works through private agencies, following the due process, as undertaken by other major Departments like PHED and PWD. The Department was advised to consider a 'Pilot' programme in a District where compact pockets are available for such execution by private agencies. While APCCF (Forestry), who represented PCCF cum HoFF expressed that there are practical difficulties in such execution, as there are no professional agencies available in the State for such large-scale activities and there is a possibility of payment issues to labourers involved in the operations as Department may be able to pay the dues only after completion of the

works and its verification at Departmental level, he assured to take up the exercise on pilot basis in selected Divisions.

(vii) Proposal under Net Present Value (NPV) Component.

(a) Maintenance of previous years' plantations raised under NPV component

An amount of Rs. 1,703.60 Lakh was proposed to be spent on maintenance of plantations raised under Net Present Value (NPV) component of CAMPA, in an area of 6,024.60 Ha, during the last five years, on the same pattern proposed for CA plantations, was submitted for approval of the Committee, as per the agenda note circulated.

This proposal was considered and approved by the Steering Committee.

(b) Soil & Moisture Conservation

The Committee was informed about the proposal of CAMPA to fund the Soil and Moisture Conservation activities proposed by Forest Department at an approximate cost of Rs.20 Cr to be undertaken in the Shiwaliks and Aravalli Hills of the State, which are highly prone to run off and soil erosion. These measures will involve construction of earthen dams, masonry structures, cement concrete structures, check dams, silt detention dams and crate wire structures, etc. CEO, CAMPA also informed that specific sites have been identified in these areas by the Department and the details are provided in the agenda note circulated.

The Committee appreciated the efforts of the Department in taking up such soil conservation measures taken up so far, which are popular in Shiwalik region and approved the proposal.

(c) Improvement of wildlife habitat as provided in the approved Wildlife Management Plan or Working Plan

The Committee was informed that certain improvement measures in the wildlife habitats are proposed in the State, which is having 2 National Parks, 7 Wildlife Sanctuaries, 2 Conservation Reserves and 5 Community Reserves under the provisions of Rule 5 (2)(i) of CAF Rules, at a cost of Rs.1,000.12 for habitat improvement and infrastructure development in Protected Areas during 2023-24, as per the activities identified and listed in the agenda note.

This proposal was considered and approved by the Steering Committee.

(d) Proposal for funding establishment, up-gradation and maintenance of modern nurseries and other planting stock production facilities for production of quality planting materials

The Committee was apprised about the proposal to fund various measures for improvement and up gradation of existing 10 nurseries in the State, with activities like provision of efficient irrigation systems, provision of solar operated pumps, construction of water storage tanks and introduction of improvised equipments at a total cost of Rs. 20 Cr, under the provisions of Rule 5(3)(a) of the CAF Rules. The Committee was also apprised on the fact that this has been announced in the Budget Announcement of 2022-23 and the Department shall ensure the completion of the task within the timeframe.

The Committee discussed the matter and advised the Department to adopt modern technologies, which provide the actual face of a modern nursery, instead of taking up the routine activities of a nursery. Innovative approach and some key modern highlights should be projected in every nursery undertaken, it was instructed. The proposal was accordingly approved by the Steering Committee.

(e) Publicity-cum-awareness program and exhibition on the various schemes being implemented by the State Authority from State Fund

CEO, CAMPA submitted the proposal to undertake various IEC activities on for publicity and raising awareness about different schemes being implemented by the State Authority as well as Forest Department, as proposed by the Publicity Wing of Forest Department, which has collected the same from all field Divisions and finalized at its level. The same would cost around Rs.1 Cr and the proposal was placed for consideration and approval of the Committee, under the provisions of Rule 5(3)(i). The Committee considered the same and approved as proposed.

(f) Independent concurrent monitoring and evaluation and third-party monitoring of various works

CEO, CAMPA submitted the proposal to undertake Monitoring and Evaluation of works undertaken under CAMPA during 2022-23, through the Third-Party Monitoring Agency, identified by the Authority, which conducted the Monitoring and Evaluation works of the activities undertaken in 2021-22. It was proposed to undertake the same at a cost of Rs.75 lakhs, under the provisions of 5(3)(h) of the Rules.

This proposal was considered and approved by the Steering Committee.

(g) Proposal to utilize the interest accrued on deposits in State CAMPA

The Committee was apprised about the provisions of Rule 6 of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018, wherein, it has been provided that the interest accrued on the amount available in the State Fund can be utilized for non-recurring and recurring expenditure of State Authority, with the approval of the Steering Committee. Accordingly, the SC was requested to utilize an amount of Rs.13.10 Cr towards the incremental cost of CA at increased wage rate, disbursement of salary and allowances of Members and staff of the Authority and procurement of office equipment including computers, peripherals and its maintenance, as outlined in the agenda note.

This proposal was considered and approved by the Steering Committee.

(h) Proposal seeking approval for deferment specific activities and pending payment of 2022-23 to 2023-24

CEO, CAMPA informed the participants that the APO for the year 2022-23 was prepared at a total outlay of Rs.270.68 Cr as approved by National Authority and since the approval was received during August 2022 and the release of funds also got delayed, certain activities under the APO got delayed due to various reasons. Further, due to the capping imposed by State Finance Department, during March 2023, some of liabilities were not settled and they had to be carried forward and thus a total amount of Rs.16.44 Cr will be required to complete the left-over activities and the pending payments, during 2023-24.

The proposal was considered, discussed and approved by the Steering Committee.

(i) Proposal seeking funds for Enumeration of Trees

Forest Department submitted an additional agenda, seeking funds to the tune of Rs.12.87 Cr for enumerating 85.80 lakh trees at a cost of Rs.15 per tree. APCCF (Forestry), representing PCCF cum HoFF informed that the Department has been conducting enumeration of trees in strips along the roads / canals / drains / railway lines, etc., for protection as well as management purposes. This exercise is however, pending in all Districts due to paucity of funds, he informed. He further explained that the charges are collected from User agencies, by CAMPA, for felling of trees, which are not mandated under CAMPA Rules, but still collected. These funds, remain largely unutilized since the fellings have already been done in the State, with the funds of the State Department. Thus, it has been proposed that the above indicated funds (Rs.12.87 Cr) may be provided for enumeration purposes. The proposal was considered and approved by the Steering Committee.

The meeting ended with thanks to all the participants.

List of participants who attended the 6th Meeting of the Steering Committee (SC) of State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority, (CAMPA) held on 24.05.2023 at 04:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal, IAS, Chief Secretary of Government of Haryana in the Main Committee Room, 4th Floor, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

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1	Sh Sanjeev Kaushal, IAS, Chief SecretaryIn Chair
2	Sh Sudhir Rajpal, IAS, Addl Chief Secretary	Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department
3	Sh Anurag Rastogi, IAS, Addl Chief Secretary	Finance Department
4	Sh Anand Mohan Sharan, IAS, Addl Chief Secretary	IT, Electronics & Communication Department
5	Sh Vineet Garg, IAS, Addl Chief Secretary	Forest, Wildlife & Environment Department
6	Sh Anil Malik, IAS, Addl Chief Secretary	Devt & Panchayat Dept
7	Sh Pankaj Goel, IFS, CEO	CAMPA, Forest Dept
8	Sh Gobind Sagar Bharadwaj, IFS, DDG	MoEF & CC, GoI
9	Sh S Narayanan, IFS, APPCF cum Jt CEO	CAMPA, Forest Dept