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DEPARTMENT OF FOREST & WILDLIFE  
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, DELHI CAMPA HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY, GNCTD ON 08.02.2022 AT 3:00 PM TO DISCUSS ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION 2022-23 UNDER DELHI CAMPA**

F. No. 06/CAMPA/F&WL/APO/2021-22/11789-98

Date: 11/3/22

The meeting of the Steering Committee, Delhi CAMPA was held on 08.02.2022 under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Govt. of NCT of Delhi to discuss and recommend the State Annual Plan of Operation for the year 2022-23 for utilizing funds deposited under CAMPA funds.

Following officers/ officials attended the meeting:

1.	Sh. Satya Gopal, Addl. Chief Secretary (E&F), GNCTD
2.	Prof. (Dr.) C. R. Babu, Delhi University
3.	Sh. Ishwar Singh, PCCF & HoD, GNCTD
4.	Ms. Kamal Preet, CCF(A), GNCTD
5.	Sh. Nisheeth Saxena, CWLW, GNCTD
6.	Ms. Niharika Rai, Secretary (Finance), GNCTD
7.	Sh. Shrawan Kumar Verma, DIG Forests, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office, Jaipur
8.	Dr. Surabhi Rai, CF, GNCTD

The draft APO based on the format prescribed by Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Rules, 2016 and CAF Guidelines, 2018 was placed before the committee for deliberations.

The details of funds available in the CAMPA heads along with the details of works undertaken in the last APO 2021-22 were placed before the committee and it was submitted that as per the new guidelines, actions are proposed to be taken under various sub heads against corresponding funds deposited such as creations of CA plantations against forest areas diverted under FCA, maintenance of CA plantations created earlier, and similarly funds deposited under NPV and funds accrued out of interest are available for utilization under miscellaneous activities incidental and ancillary to plantations, infrastructure creation and development, soil and moisture conservation etc as provided in the Rules.

The committee was also informed that an amount of Rs. 16.15 Crores has been approved by the MoEF&CC against APO 2021-22. The funds have been made available

for execution of works after notification of the CAMPA account. An amount of Rs. 128 Crores has been transferred by the MoEF&CC on 21.10.2021.

Accordingly, the draft APO 2022-23 was placed before the Steering Committee as per details given below:

1. **Creation and maintenance of CA Plantations (Annexure-E of APO 22-23):**
  - A. Creation of CA plantations is proposed over an area of 71.95 Ha. against approvals (Stage-I/ Stage-II) granted to 05 nos. of projects by MoEF&CC for diversion of Forest Land for Non Forestry purposes under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Total amount proposed is Rs. 1460.24 Lakh.
  - B. Casualty replacement plantation has to be undertaken on 19.9 Ha. CA land as many saplings died due to floods in Yamuna in the month of July-August 2021. The total expenditure proposed is Rs. 85 Lakh.
  - C. Some other allied activities are proposed to be undertaken as per the conditions imposed in Forest clearance amounting to Rs. 740.5 Lakh.
  - D. Maintenance of CA plantations is proposed over an area of 23.02 Ha (1st year maintenance) at the cost of Rs. 116.9 Lakh, 47.54 Ha (2nd year maintenance) at the cost of Rs. 196.73 Lakh, 8.634 Ha. (7th year maintenance) at the cost of Rs. 40.94 Lakh. Maintenance of dwarf species is also proposed at a cost of Rs. 166 Lakh.
2. **Activities under NPV:** The Committee was informed that activities like creation and rejuvenation of water bodies, construction of watch towers, soil moisture conservation activities, protection and monitoring activities, modernization of forest nurseries etc. are proposed to be carried out from the funds made available under NPV. The Committee desired that the development of water bodies should be done keeping in view the perspective of eco-tourism including provision for Eco-huts, Moorum path for walking/ jogging, Nature Interpretation Centres etc. Accordingly, it was proposed to revise the cost of development of water bodies to Rs. 2 Crores for including the above activities. The total proposed expenditure from the NPV fund is Rs. 1800.65 Lakh. Details are at **Annexure H of the APO 22-23**.
3. **Activities proposed under Interest component:** Activities such as hiring of contractual staff for functioning of state CAMPA, third party monitoring of CAMPA works and a provision to offset the incremental cost of CA due to increased wage rate have been proposed from the Interest accrued from Deposits in CAMPA fund. The total amount proposed to be utilized from the Interest component is Rs. 57.63 Lakh. Details are at **Annexure I of the APO 22-23**.

After detailed discussions on activities proposed to be undertaken, the following suggestions were made:

1. The Chairman desired that the Annual Plan should include activities which would lead to increase in the quality of Forest cover including proposals of research and academic nature with special focus on Urban

Forestry. The PCCF submitted that capacity building was already underway which has been tailor made for Delhi and its Urban Forestry scenario through Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Combating Climate Change (MGICCC) which was otherwise on the verge of being defunct.

2. The Chief Secretary and the Addl. Chief Secretary (E&F) agreed on revival of MGICCC as a Urban Forestry research and training institute for Delhi with a mandate to impart world class training on Urban Forestry in Delhi especially Urban Forestry research and collaboration with other National and International agencies working in the field of Urban Forestry. It was directed that a proposal be put up for improvement of infrastructure as well as strengthening of institutions through engagement of Research scholars/ Project Associates/ Fellows and the institution can use this human resource for preparation of a 'Vision document for Urban Forestry in Delhi'. Accordingly a proposal amounting to Rs. 255 Lakh has been included in the NPV.
3. Emphasis was also laid on importance of use of Science and Technology in Forestry like improvement of air quality through Green Cover. Ecosystem services of Forests through water conservation which play an important role especially in Urban areas.
4. The Chairman also desired that provisions should also be made for improvement of logistics support for lower staff i.e. Range Officers and below.

With minor corrections, the Steering Committee recommended the APO 2022-23 amounting to **Rs. 46.65** Crores for consideration of the National Authority, CAMPA. A copy of the APO is enclosed with the minutes.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair and members of the Committee.



**(Kamal Preet)**  
**Chief Conservator of Forests (Admn.)**

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