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DEPARTMENT OF FOREST & WILDLIFE
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NCT OF DELHI
UNDER STATE CAMPA HELD ON 12.01.2022 AT 11:00 AM TO DISCUSS ANNUAL PLAN
OF OPERATION 2022-23 UNDER DELHI CAMPA**

F. No. 06/CAMPA/F&WL/APO/2021-22/9718-28

Dated: 20/01/2022

The meeting of the Executive Committee, Delhi CAMPA was held on 12.01.2022 under the chairmanship of Sh. Ishwar Singh, PCCF, Deptt. Of Forests and Wildlife, 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	Prof. (Dr.) C. R. Babu, Delhi University
2	Ms. Kamal Preet, CCF(A), GNCTD
3	Sh. Nisheeth Saxena, CWLW, GNCTD
4	Ms. Surabhi Rai, CF, GNCTD
5	Sh. Mandeep Mittal, DCF (South), GNCTD
6	Sh. Navneet Kumar Srivastava, DCF (West), GNCTD
7	Sh. Vipul Pandey, DCF (North), GNCTD
8	Sh. Amit Anand , DCF(HQ), 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 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 monies 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.

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

1. Creation and maintenance of CA Plantations:

- A. Creation of CA plantations is proposed over an area of 72.73 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. 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 24.49 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.
- E. It is proposed to undertake fencing of land parcels handed over for carrying out Compensatory Afforestation at a total cost of Rs. 872.24 Lakh.
- F. As the funds were not released in the last year, pending bills of plantation maintenance works amounting to Rs. 50 Lakh were also included in the APO. PCCF desired that it should be clarified if the said amount has been included in the APO 2021-22 in order to avoid repetition. It was later clarified that the said bills were included in the last APO hence this expenditure was dropped.

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 cost of construction of watch towers should be uniform and was revised accordingly. The total proposed expenditure from the NPV fund is Rs. 1405.65 Lakh.


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.

After detailed discussions on activities proposed to be undertaken, the following suggestion of Prof. C. R. Babu were taken into account:

1. Restoration of Biodiversity over an area of 100 Ha. in Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary should be undertaken by using root cut stock method and canopy lifting as is being proposed in the Central Ridge area. It should not be aimed at selective removal of unwanted species but should consider enrichment of biodiversity as a whole.
2. The construction of watch towers should be done using Iron/ Steel with outer finishing of bamboo/ wood so that it camouflages with the Forest. As far as possible, eco-friendly materials should be used for construction of the watch towers and use of concrete should be avoided/ minimized.
3. Details, such as Number of plants, species planted and their survival percentage, of plantations that are being maintained should be provided before placing the APO before the Steering Committee.
4. The photographs of plantations, soil moisture conservations works undertaken under CAMPA in previous years should be placed before the Steering Committee.

With minor corrections, the Executive Committee recommended the APO 2022-23 amounting to **Rs. 51.41** Crores for consideration of the Steering Committee Delhi CAMPA. A copy of the APO is enclosed with the minutes.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair and members of the Committee.
This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



Dy. Conservator of Forests (HQ)

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Distribution:

1. The PCCF, Department of Forests and Wildlife, A Block, Vikas Bhawan, I.P. Estate, New Delhi.
2. Prof. C.R. Babu, Member, Executive Committee CAMPA, University of Delhi.

3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (A), Department of Forests & Wildlife, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
4. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Department and Wildlife, A Block, Vikas Bhawan, I.P.Estate, New Delhi.
5. The Conservator of Forests, Department and Wildlife, A Block, Vikas Bhawan, I.P.Estate, New Delhi.
6. The DCF (North/South/West/Central), Department and Wildlife, A Block, Vikas Bhawan, I.P. Estate, New Delhi.
7. Sr. Accounts Officer, Department and Wildlife, A Block, Vikas Bhawan, I.P.Estate, New Delhi.

Copy to:

1. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, 5th Level, Delhi Secretariat.
2. The Pr. Secretary (E&F), Govt. of NCT of Delhi, 6th Level, Delhi Secretariat

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