

MINUTES OF 13th MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – HP STATE CAMPA
held on 28.01.2016

The 13th Meeting of Executive Committee of HP State CAMPA was held on 28.01.2016 under the Chairpersonship of Shri S. P. Vasudeva, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Himachal Pradesh. Following members of the Committee were present in the meeting:-

SN	Name of Participant	Designation	Remarks
1	Shri S. P. Vasudeva	Principal CCF (HoFF), HP	Chairperson
2	Shri S. S. Negi	Principal CCF (Wildlife), HP	Member
3	Dr. R. C. Kang	Addl. Pr. CCF (CAT Plans), Shimla	Member
4	Dr. V.R.R. Singh	Addl. Pr. CCF (FCA), Shimla	Member
5	Shri Surinder Kumar	Addl. Pr. CCF (Fin & Plg), Shimla	Member
6	Shri V. R. Rathore	Deputy Controller (F&A), HPFD, Shimla	Member
7	Shri C. M. Walia	Secretary General, Himachal Power Producers Forum, Shimla	Non-Official Member
8	Shri Sandeep Singh Rana	NRM Program Co-ordinator, HP Eco Development Society Palampur	Non-Official Member
9	Shri Anil Vaidya	Nodal Officer, CAMPA & CF (CAT Plans), Shimla	Member Secy.

At the outset, the Member Secretary welcomed the Chairperson and other members of Executive Committee to the meeting. Thereafter, the Agenda Items were taken up for discussion. All the agenda items were discussed and deliberated in detail in the meeting and following decisions were taken:-

AGENDA ITEM - 13.1: Action Plan for Conservation and Protection of Protected Areas against the stipulation of Rs. 226.35 crore of Koldam HEP.

The Executive Committee was apprised that the amount of Rs. 226.35 crore deposited by NTPC stipulated in the case of Koldam Hydro Electric Project was to be utilised on the Conservation and Protection of Protected Areas in Himachal Pradesh. The Adhoc CAMPA while observing on the APO of Conservation and Protection of Protected Areas for 2014-15 had requested for the preparation and submission of comprehensive plan for the utilisation of entire amount of Rs. 226.35 crore.

A Plan of Rs. 69.018 crore was prepared and submitted to Adhoc CAMPA along with the APO of Rs. 8.49 crore for 2015-16 duly approved by the Steering Committee. During 11/2015, the Adh. CAMPA released Rs. 8.49 crore subject to the submission of Plan for the Conservation and Protection of Protected Areas in Himachal Pradesh for the full amount of Rs. 226.35 crore deposited by the NTPC against Koldam project.

The Pr. CCF (Wildlife) had prepared the Action Plan of Rs. 226.35 crore for the Conservation and Protection of Protected Areas in Himachal Pradesh. The Plan in two volumes was placed before the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee was requested to approve the plan for placing it before the Steering Committee seeking approval through circulation and its onward submission to Adhoc CAMPA.

Decision Taken: The Action Plan of Rs. 226.35 crore, deposited by the NTPC against Koldam project, for the Conservation and Protection of Protected Areas in Himachal

Pradesh was approved by the Executive Committee for placing before the Steering Committee seeking approval through circulation and its onward submission to Adhoc CAMPA.

AGENDA ITEM – 13.2: Approval of Van Vatika Scheme

The EC was apprised that the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh had directed to implement the Habitat Enrichment Plantation Model of Rs. 200 crore spread over a period of 10 years, filed in CWP No. 8149/2010, as a measure to reduce monkey menace in the State. This model was focussed on raising of multi layer plantations consisting of variety of local wild fruit species preferred by monkeys. Another scheme named as "Van Vatika" having objectives almost similar to Habitat Enrichment Plantation Model had also been conceptualised to mitigate the Human-Monkey conflict.

It was, therefore, proposed to implement Habitat Enrichment Plantation Model with slight changes/ modifications to achieve the desired objectives as also re-naming it as "Van Vatika Scheme". The Van Vatika Scheme focused on multi layer plantations consisting of native wild fruit bearing species in suitable forest areas, with per hectare cost of Rs. 1.83 Lakh, was placed before EC as Annexure-1.

The EC was requested to approve the scheme for its implementation.

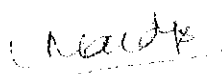
Decision Taken: It was decided that the Habitat Enrichment Plantation Model may be implemented with slight changes/modification in cost norms but no change in its nomenclature. It was also decided to review the scheme after a period of three years.

AGENDA ITEM – 13.3: Any Other Item

Under this agenda, following decisions were taken:-

- The chairperson desired to bring out brochures on success stories of CAMPA as also to publish special articles in Van Sandesh.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



Member Secretary

Executive Committee – HP State CAMPA
cum-Nodal Office, State CAMPA
& CF (CAT Plans), Shimla



Chairperson

Executive Committee – HP State CAMPA
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