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To

1. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Wild Life & CWLW) Shimla.
2. Pr. CCF (Finance & Planning) Shimla.
3. Addl. Pr. CCF (Research & Training) Sundernagar.
4. Nodal Officer, State Forest Development Agency.
5. Director, Deptt. of Environment, Shimla-171001.
6. Member Secretary, State Council for Science, Technology and Environment, Bamloe, Shimla-171001.
7. Special Secretary (Finance)-cum-Director Treasuries, Accounts & Lotteries, SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-171009.
8. Advisor (Planning) to the Govt. of HP, Shimla-171002.
9. Director, Deptt. of Rural Development, Shimla.
10. Special Secretary (Revenue) to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla-171002.
11. Director Agriculture, Boileauganj, Shimla.
12. Deputy Director, Deptt. of Tribal Development, Bijlani House, Chhota Shimla.
13. Director, Panchayati Raj, SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-9.
14. Deputy Controller (Finance & Accounts) O/o Pr. CCF (HoFF) HP, Shimla.

Subject:


Proceedings of 1st Meeting of Executive Committee of HP State Authority.

Sir/Madam,

Enclosed please find herewith a copy of proceedings of 1st meeting of the Executive Committee of "HP Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Authority (State Authority)" held on 14.06.2019 under the chairpersonship of Pr.CCF (HoFF) HP for favour of information and further necessary action at your end.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,


Chief Executive Officer
-cum-

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Copy alongwith a copy of proceedings of 1st meeting of the Executive Committee of HP State
Authority held on 14.06.2019 is forwarded to the Private Secretary of Pr.CCF (HoFF) HP -cum-
Chairman, Executive Committee, State Authority for information and necessary action.

Encl: AA

7/6/2019
Chief Executive Officer

-cum-

Member Secretary
State Authority (CAMPA) HP. *07c*

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PROCEEDINGS OF 1ST MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF STATE AUTHORITY HELD ON 14TH JUNE, 2019.

1st meeting of the Executive Committee of State Authority was held on 14.06.2019 under the Chairmanship of Shri Ajay Kumar, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) Himachal Pradesh in the Conference Hall of Aranya Bhawan, Talland, Shimla.

List of participants is enclosed as Annexure – A.

At the outset, the Member Secretary-cum-Chief Executive Officer welcomed the Chairperson and other members of the Executive Committee. Detailed presentation regarding CAF Act, 2016 and CAF Rules, 2018 containing elaborate guidelines therein was also made by him. Thereafter, the agenda items were discussed and deliberated upon at length.

The decisions taken on the agenda items of the meeting are as under:-

AGENDA ITEM -1.1

Action Taken Report on Previous Meeting

The Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken in the 18th meeting of the Executive Committee of State CAMPA was placed before the Executive Committee of State Authority for favour of perusal and approval.

Decision taken: The Executive Committee perused the Action Taken Report and approved the same.

AGENDA ITEM – 1.2

Progress Report of 2018-19

The EC was apprised that during 2018-19, the APO amounting to Rs.128.72 crore (General Fund Rs. 107.60 crore and Protected Area Rs. 21.12 crore) was submitted to Ad-hoc CAMPA for funding duly approved by the Steering Committee. But the Ad-hoc CAMPA released only Rs.106.60 crore against the approved General Fund APO of Rs. 107.60 crore for 2018-19. Owing to the short release of 1.00 crore, the APO was also restricted to the actual release of Rs. 106.60 crore.

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The sector-wise detailed revised APO incorporating the revisions and minor changes affected at the time of execution of works as per field requirement and progress achieved thereof, during 2018-19, attached separately as Annexure-1 of agenda note was placed before the Executive Committee for favour of perusal and approval.

Decision taken: The Executive Committee perused and approved the sector-wise revised APO and progress report involving expenditure of Rs127.72 crore incurred during the year 2018-19 for placing it before the Steering Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 1.3

Approval of APO for the year 2019-20

EC was apprised that as per Govt. of India notification dated 3rd August, 2016 and dated 10th August, 2018, Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 and Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018 have been notified. Further, as per provisions/guidelines contained therein, GoI has desired to give acceptance of the amount shown as state share of HP lying with National Authority before transfer of funds to the State Authority.

EC was apprised that as per letter received from GoI in this regard, funds to the tune of Rs.1660.72 crore upto Feb., 2019 are lying in the National Fund as share of State of HP and State Authority has given the acceptance for the same after due checking on 10.06.2019.

EC was further apprised that APO for 2019-20 has been formulated keeping in view the provisions of CAF Act, 2016 and guidelines laid down in CAF Rules, 2018 including permissible and prohibited activities. The details of sector-wise provision of funds made in the APO to the tune of Rs. 131.855 crore is tabulated as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Sector	Outlay for 2019-20
		(Rs in Crore)
1	Compensatory Afforestation (CA)	12.50
2	Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plans	30.86
3	Integrated Wild Life Management Plan(IWMP)	20.782
4	Net Present Value (NPV)	65.60
5	Interest	1.50
6	Others	0.114
Total		131.356

The committee was also informed in detail about the salient features and targets proposed in thrust areas in the APO for 2019-20. The sector-wise detailed APO of Rs.131.356 crore for 2019-20, attached separately as Annexure-2 of the agenda, was placed before the Executive Committee for perusal and approval before placing it before the Steering Committee for its consent for submitting to the National Authority.

Decision taken : The Executive Committee, after detailed discussions and deliberations, approved the APO of Rs. 131.356 crore for 2019-20 for placing it before the Steering Committee for approval with following modifications:-

Provision for the construction of boundary pillars in the areas where experimental silvicultural fellings are going on in compliance of Hon'ble Apex Court orders may be made.

Provision of Rs. 40 lakh for purchase of 5 pick-up vehicles for strengthening Rapid Response Teams under IWMP (Corpus Fund) may be made in this APO.

Increase the provisions under Soil and Water Conservation, Water Harvesting Structures, Construction/Repair of Boundary Pillars, Forest Fire Prevention and Control Measures and Research & Training.

AGENDA ITEM -1.4

Annual Budget of State Authority

The Executive Committee was apprised that during 2018-19, an expenditure of Rs.49.00 lakh was incurred by the State CAMPA against the approved budget of Rs. 85.00 lakh. The revised budget and actual expenditure of Rs.49.00 lakh was placed before the committee for perusal and approval for placing it before the Steering Committee.

Besides above, the annual budget of Rs.1.50 crore (part of main APO) of State Authority for the year 2019-20, out of interest income, was also placed before the committee for favour of perusal and approval for placing it before the Steering Committee seeking its consent.

Decision required: The Executive Committee approved the revised budget and expenditure of Rs.49.00 lakh of State CAMPA office for 2018-19. EC further approved the annual budget of Rs. 1.50 crore for 2019-20 of State Authority for placing it before the Steering Committee for necessary approval with the following changes:-

Funds under office expenses of State Authority may be increased from Rs.1.50 crore to the amount as per actual requirement of funds needed to meet the expenses of salary/remuneration of establishment and other administrative expenditure of State Authority.

AGENDA ITEM - 1.5

Eco Task Force

EC was apprised that in the State of H.P, 2 Eco Task Force Companies i.e. ETF-A & ETF-B are working. Upto 2018-19, the expenditure re-imbursement of these companies was being made from State CAMPA funds (Rs.10 crore per annum approximately). But now, CAF Act, 2016 and CAF Rules, 2018 have come into force and under the new regime, there is no provision for making salary re-imbursement to any agency. In this regard, clarification has also been received

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from Govt. of India vide which it has been clarified that no salary payment to EAFS can be made from State Compensatory Afforestation Fund (SCAF). In view of new guidelines/provisions, the reimbursement of expenses of ETF Companies from the State CAMPA Funds needs to be discontinued.

Decision taken: The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations took a decision to make provision of funds for making payment to the Eco-Task Force Companies as these are involved in plantation activities in the state. EC though decided to include requirement of funds in this regard in the APO but also decided to place the matter before the Steering Committee to take decision as to whether payment of salary/expenditure re-imbursement to ETFs may be made from State Compensatory Afforestation Fund keeping in view the CAF Act, 2016 and CAF Rules 2018 or not.

AGENDA ITEM – 1.6

Any Other Item

Establishment of State Authority

- (i) The Executive Committee was apprised that as per provisions of CAF Act, 2016 and CAF Rules, 2018, H.P State Authority has been constituted by Govt of HP vide Notification No. FFE-B-F(2)8/2017(I) dated 04.02.2019 and to run the office of State Authority under new regime, the whole new set up is required to be established to look after the accounts, treasury business, IT works, establishment and other routine affairs. Hence, entire office has to be restructured / revamped by retaining the existing staff and engaging the additional staff for smooth functioning of State Authority. At present in CAMPA office the following staff is working:

Sr. No	Designation	No.
1	Addl. Pr CCF (CAMPA)-cum- CEO	1
2	DFO/DCF-cum-Deputy CEO	1
3	Superintendent Gr. I	1
4	Senior Assistant	1
5	JOA (IT)	1
6	Steno Typist	1
7	Peon	4
8	Outsourced staff in CAMPA & FCA	7
9	Retired personnel for double entry system	3
10	Multipurpose worker	1

Executive Committee was apprised that in order to run the State Authority office smoothly in view of new regime and the increased workload, the following additional staff is required:

Sr. No	Designation	No.
1	Superintendent Gr.II	1
2	Senior Assistant	2
3	Clerks/JOA (IT)	3
4	Peon/Multipurpose Worker	3

Besides above, one officer of the rank of CF/CCF is required to be posted as Joint CEO and one Joint Controller (F&A) is to be posted as Financial Advisor-cum-Chief Accounts Officer as per statutory requirement.


Decision taken: The Executive Committee approved the proposal that the existing posts/staff be allowed to continue with the State Authority and the additional posts as above be created for placing it before the Steering Committee for necessary approval.


The Executive Committee also approved that if it is not possible to post regular staff on these posts out of existing strength, these posts may be allowed to be filled up through posting of staff on deputation, hiring of fresh/retired personnel on outsource /contractual basis.

- (ii) Executive Committee was apprised that prior to constitution of State Authority, State CAMPA was authorized to hire 3 vehicles. It was further apprised that there will be 4 officers in State Authority namely CEO, Joint CEO, Deputy CEO and Financial Advisor-cum-Chief Accounts Officer, therefore, State Authority may now be allowed to hire 4 vehicles in view of increased workload/strength as per entitlement in the interest of smooth functioning.

Decision taken: The Executive Committee approved the proposal for placing it before the Steering Committee.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.


Member Secretary
 Executive Committee-cum-CEO
 HP State Authority


Chairperson
 Executive Committee HP State Authority
 -cum-Pr.CCF (HoFF) HP Shimla.
