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Proceedings 8th Meeting of HP State CAMPA – Executive Committee – 12th August, 2013

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 8th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF HP STATE CAMPA held on 12.08.2013.

The 8th meeting of the Executive Committee of HP State CAMPA was held under the chairpersonship of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Himachal Pradesh on 12.08.2013 at Shimla. The agenda items discussed in the above said meeting and decisions taken on the same are as under:-

AGENDA ITEM - 8.1

8.1: Action Taken Report in respect of 7thmeeting of ExecutiveCommittee:

The Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 7th meeting of the ExecutiveCommittee held on 4^{th} October, 2012 is at Annexure -1 (Pages: 2-10). The proceedings of the meeting have been circulated to all concerned and no comments have been received.

Directions Given/Decisions Taken:

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The Action Taken Report of 7th meeting was perused by the Executive Committee and no further directions were passed.

AGENDA ITEM - 8.2

8.2: Status of Physical & Financial Progress Reports for 2012-13

During the year 2012-13 the approved APO size was Rs. 62.16 crore. Funds to the tune of Rs. 52.40 crore were released against which an expenditure of Rs. 45.02 crore has been reported. In addition to this, an amount of Rs. 2.21 crore was also spent as spill over expenditure against 2010-11 (0.07crores) and 2011-12 (2.14 crores) APOs taking the total expenditure during the year 2012-13 to Rs. 47.23 crore, which is 90.13% of the funds released. The Position in this respect is summarised as under:-

Sr. No.	Particulars	Amount (Rs. In Crores)
1	APO 2012-13 approved by Steering Committee	62.16
2	Funds received from Ad-hoc CAMPA during 2012-13	52.40
3	Amount Spent during 2012-13 against release	45.02
4	Balance Amount to be utilised against Release of 2012-13	7.38

The Sector-wise detail of approved APO of 2012-13, funds receipt and expenditure there against is as under:-



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Sr.	Sector	2012-13		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total	
No.		Approved APO	Funds Received from Ad-hoc CAMPA	Expdt.	Spill	over Expen	diture	
1.	NPV	19.00		11.26	0.00	0.07	2.09	13.42
2.	CA	6.70		6.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.10
3.	CAT Plan	26.70		21.35	0.00	0.00	0.05	21.40
4.	RIM Plantation	5.02		3.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.07
5.	WL Schemes	4.24	52.40	2.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.98
6.	S&WC Plans	0.32	ĺ	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.26
7.	Recla. Plans	0.18	ľ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	62.16	52.40	45.02	0.00	0.07	2.14	47,23

Sector-wise and Circle-wise expenditure reports are at Annexure - 2 to 7 (Pages: 12 to 26).

Decision required: The progress reports may kindly be perused and expenditure of Rs 47.23 crore incurred during the year 2012-13 may be approved.

Decision Taken: The Executive Committee perused the progress report of 2012-13 and approved the expenditure of Rs. 47.23 crore for placing before the Steering Committee.

AGENDA ITEM - 8.3

8.3 ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION (APO) for 2013-14:

The Adhoc CAMPA has intimated that the release of funds to the HP State CAMPA for the current year will be Rs. 53.50 Crores being its proportionate entitlement against the overall cap of Rs. 1000 crores for all the States imposed by Hon'ble Supreme Court. However, it may be brought to the notice of steering Committee that during the year 2009-10, the Adhoc CAMPA had released an amount of Rs. 36.68 Crores against which APO of Rs. 11 Crores only was submitted. Thus an amount of Rs. 25.68 Crores of 2009-10 release are still balance against which no APO has been framed or approved so far.

The HP State CAMPA has gradually picked up momentum and is now geared to increase its spending. There is huge backlog of Compensatory Plantation which the CAG audit has also noticed and commented. Apart from this, Lantana eradication has also been taken up on a large scale as a major activity under NPV. The pace of expenditure on CAT Plans implementation is also required to be increased.

It is therefore proposed that in addition to Rs. 53.50 Crores available as current year release, the untied remaining amount of Rs. 25.68 Crores of 2009-10 will also be utilized during the current year by proposing APO against this balance amount of 2009-10. Thus, the APO for the current year has



been prepared for Rs. 53.50 + 25.68 = 79.18 crore in two parts i.e part I against the current year release of Rs. 53.50 Crores and part II against the unutilized amount of Rs. 25.68 Crores of 2010-11. The sector wise consolidated break-up of outlays proposed in the APO is given below:-

(Rupees in crore)

Sr. No.	Sector	Amount Proposed	
1.	Net Present Value (NPV)	17.99	
2.	Compensatory Afforestation (CA)	17.42	
3.	CAT Plans	37.83	
4.	RIM Plantation	0.00	
5.	WL Schemes	5.62	
6.	Soil & Water Conservation Plan	0.32	
7.	Reclamation plan	0.00	
	Total	79.18	

The detailed APOs (Part-I & II) are placed at Annexure-8(Pages: 28 -- 103).

Decision required: The APOs above proposed amounting to Rs. 53.50 Crores and Rs. 25.68 Crores may be perused and approved for placing before the Steering Committee.

Decision Taken: The EC perused the APOs of Rs. 53.50 crore and Rs. 25.68 crore proposed for 2013-14 and after discussion certain changes were made and the APO was approved with these modifications for placing before the Steering Committee for final approval.

AGENDA ITEM - 8.4

8.4: Funds Position of CAMPA over the Years till Date

The position of State CAMPA funds, received from Ad-hoc CAMPA, Gol, from 2009-10 to 2012-13 and expenditure incurred their-against, is tabulated as under:-

(Rupees in Crore)

S. No.	Particulars	Total
1.	Amount of Instalments Received from Ad-hoc CAMPA, Gol	188.38
2	Amount Spent upto 31.3.2013	127.22
3	Amount Refunded to GoHP during 2011-12 on a/c of excess deposited in CAMPA	4.73
4	Balance Funds as on 1.04.2013	56.43

Decision Required: This may kindly be perused for placing before the Steering Committee.

Decision Taken:

The EC perused the position of State CAMPA funds and approved for its

placement before the Steering Committee.



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AGENDA ITEM -8.5

8.5: Expenditure on Eco Task Force (ETF)

The matter regarding funding of ETF from CAMPA funds was placed before the Steering Committee in its 8th meeting vide agenda item No. 8.5 and it was decided to ask Finance department to have a separate budget line for meeting the establishment cost of the ETF. Consequent upon this decision, GoHP was apprised of the funding constraints of HP State CAMPA to bear the heavy expenditure on ETF which was being loaded on CAT Plans at the cost of under achievement of other physical targets of concerned CAT Plans. However, no decision has been taken so far on this issue and the expenditure is still being borne by CAMPA in the absence of any alternative. However, the situation has come to a stage that no more funds are available in Kol Dam CAT Plan where ETF Company 'A' was being charged. Similarly in Larji CAT Plan all other activities have been kept on hold and only ETF Company 'B' funding is being loaded.

In the recently approved CAT Plan of Shongtong Karcham, an amount of Rs. 23.20 Crores had become surplus after providing for all the identified works in the concerned catchment. It has been proposed in the CAT Plan to utilise this surplus amount on funding the Comprehensive CAT Plan of Satluj basin as also on ETF working in Satluj basin. It is therefore proposed that the expenditure on ETF Company "A" may be charged against this provision made in Shongtong Karcham CAT Plan till an alternative arrangement is made by GoHP. Provision of Rs. 5.14 Crores has been made in the APO of current year for this purpose.

Similarly, In Miyar HEP CAT Plan an amount of Rs. 8.73 Crores is surplus which has been proposed to be utilized on funding the comprehensive CAT Plan of Chenab basin or on other unforeseen expenditure. It is therefore proposed that the expenditure of ETF Company B may be charged to Miyar HEP CAT Plan till an alternative arrangement is made by GoHP. This arrangement will make some funds available for carrying out other activities of Larji CAT Plan which otherwise will remain unexecuted.

Decision required: The proposal to charge the expenditure of ETF Company "A" on Shongtong Karcham CAT Plan and expenditure of ETF Company B on Miyar HEP CAT Plan till some alternative funding source is found, may be perused and approved for placing before the Steering Committee.

Decision Taken: The EC approved the proposal for placing it before the Steering Committee for its concurrence.

<u>AGENDA ITEM –8.6</u>

8.6: Rules and Procedure of the Meetings of Executive Committee and Steering Committee

The GoHP Notification setting up HP State CAMPA has listed the powers and functions of Steering Committee (para 7.3) as under:



7.3. POWERS & FUNCTIONS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE:

The Steering Committee shall-

(I) lay down and/or approve rules and procedures for the functioning of the body and its Executive Committee, subject to the overarching objectives and core principles of State CAMPA.

The matter regarding approval of rules and procedures for conduct of meetings of Executive Committee and Steering Committee of HP State CAMPA was placed before the Steering Committee in its 8th meeting vide agenda Item No. 8.6.1 and 8.6.2 on which it was decided that rules and procedures as adopted by other State CAMPAs may be studied and brought before it.

The concerned rules of three neighbouring State CAMPAs viz. Punjab, Haryana and Uttrakhand have been studied and a comparative statement is placed at Annexure – 9 (98-99) for the perusal and deliberation of Steering Committee.

Decision required: The rules and procedures as proposed for HP State CAMPA in this annexure may be perused and approved for placing before the Steering Committee.

Decision Taken: The EC perused the Rules and Procedures framed for the meetings of EC and SC and approved the same for placing before the Steering Committee for approval.

AGENDA ITEM - 8.7

Approval to Engage one Project Associate in place of Data Entry Operators

The Steering Committee in its 8th meeting vide agenda item No. 8.7.1 had approved engagement of 4 data entry operators for CAMPA headquarters. Out of these four, three data entry operators have since been engaged. However, it may be brought to the notice of Steering Committee that the CAMPA office is seriously understaffed keeping in view the increasing workload. Keeping in view the urgency, instead of fourth data entry operator, one project associate has been engaged on contract basis from NRTC Parwanoo to strengthen the CAMPA office. It is therefore proposed that instead of one already approved Data Entry Operator, engagement of one Project Associate through NRTC at the DIT approved rate of Rs. 11000/= may please be accorded sanction.

Decision required: Concurrence of the Executive Committee is sought to engage the services of one Project Associate instead of one already approved Data Entry Operator for placing the matter before the Steering Committee.

Decision Taken:

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The EC persused and approved the proposal for placing before the Steering Committee for approval.



AGENDA ITEM - 8.8

8.8: Ratification of Approvals Obtained earlier through Circulation:

8.8.1 Support to HPFD-Procurement of Operational Vehicles in lieu of Old/ Condemned (Replacement) from State CAMPA funds.

A proposal to procure 7 operational vehicles in lieu of old/ condemned vehicles from the funds available for the purpose in the CAT Plansbeing implemented was submitted through circulation for approval of the Steering Committee. The approval accorded through circulation is placed at Annexure – 10 (Page: 103-04). Necessary provision for the purchase of these vehicles has been made in respective CAT Plan APOs for the current year.

Decision required: The agenda may be perused and approved for placing before the Steering

Committee

Decision Taken: The Executive Committee perused and approved the agenda for placing it

before the Steering Committee.

8.8.2 Requirement of Senior System Analyst (Hardware and Programming) on contractual basis

The proposal to hire one Senior System Analyst in place of existing System Maintenance Analyst on contract basis was submitted for approval through circulation. The approval accorded through circulation is placed at Annexure -- 11 (Page 105).

Decision required: The agenda may be perused and approved for placing before the Steering

Committee.

Decision Taken: The agenda was approved for its placement before the Steering Committee.

8.8.3 Engagement of IT/Computer Professionals for Operationalization of IT Lab in HPFD

In view of the increasing IT activities in HPFD and CAMPA which is funding several IT related initiatives in HPFD, hiring of 5 IT/Computer professional on contractual basis was approved through circulation which is placed at Annexure – 12 (Page 106).

Decision required: The agenda may be perused and approved for placing before the Steering

Committee.

Decision Taken: The agenda was approved for placing it before the Steering Committee.

8,8,4 Approval to re-engage the services of Sh. Prem Chand Driver

Approval to engage Sh. Prem Chand, Driver who was earlier engaged on contract basis in SVWDS Rampur was sought through circulation and the approval is placed at Annexure – 13 (Page 107).

Decision required: The agenda may be perused and approved for placing before the Steering

Committee.



Decision Taken:

The Executive Committee approved the agenda for placing before the Steering Committee.

8.8.5 Approval of Habitat Enrichment Plan formulated by Wildlife wing of HP Forest Department and filedin the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh

A Rs 200 Crores Habitat Enrichment Plan was formulated by Wildlife wing of HP Forest Department and filed in the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh in the context of CWP No. 8149 Of 2010. The Hon'ble High court vide its ordered dated 28.6.2013 directed the Cabinet Secretary to hold a meeting of all the duty holders and to take a joint decision with respect to integrating this Plan with the ongoing Central schemes. In this direction a meeting was convened on 15.7.2013 in which the representative of MoEF stated that for funding of this scheme under CAMPA, it is for the Himachal Pradesh State Government to include the Habitat Enrichment Plantation model in their Annual Plan of Operations which could then be considered by the MoEF and put up to the Hon'ble Supreme Court for their direction regarding release of funds under CAMPA for this scheme.

Consequently approval of Steering Committee to include this Scheme as an activity of State CAMPA was sought by circulation with the provisio that the scheme can be funded from State CAMPA only if MoEF provided funds as "additionality" for implementation of this scheme. The approval conveyed by circulation is placed at Annexure – 14 (Page 108 - 109).

Decision required:

The agenda may be perused and approved for placing before the Steering

Committee.

Decision Taken:

The Executive Committee perused aond approved the proposal/agenda for

its placement before the Steering Committee.

AGENDA ITEM - 8.9

8.9 Approval to Re-engage the Services of Smt. Kharan Dassi as Daily Waged Sweeper under State CAMPA.

Smt. Kharan Dassi w/o Shri Sunder Lal R/o Nigani, PO & Tehsil Nichar, Distt: Kinnaur (HP) was engaged as Part-time Sweeper with effect from March 2003 to 30.06.2012 in the Satluj Valley Watershed Development Society, Rampur. This society was wound up vide GoHP Notification No. FFE-B-F(1)2/2010 dated 05.05.2012. Consequent upon the closure of society, the services of Smt. Kharan Dassi, P/T Sweeper were discontinued with effect from 01.07.2012.

Now, Smt. Kharan Dassi has made representations for her re-engagement as well as making her full time daily wager under State CAMPA stating that she has completed more than nine years continuous service as Part-Time Sweeper in the CAT Plan Division Nichar. CCF, Rampur has also stated that the services of a sweeper are required for the Complex of CAT Plan Division Nichar.



It is proposed thatthe request of the applicant may be considered and approved for her reengagement under State CAMPA on the analogy of other contractual staff of SVWDS who have also been re-engaged. Her wages will be charged to the on-going CAT Plans having provision for salary/operational support.

So far as the request of the applicant for converting her services into full time daily wager, having 9 year continuous service, is concerned, it may be intimated that the Policy to "Regulate the Services of Part-Time Workers" issued vide GoHP letter dated 27.04.2013 has not been made applicable to the autonomous Boards/Corporations/Universities which have to decide such cases depending upon their own financial position. It is not yet decided whether the State CAMPA is to be treated as non-governmental Autonomous Body or not. However, the State CAMPA is not functioning as a Society. Therefore, the GoHP Policy to Regulate the Services of Part-Time Workers may be made applicable to State CAMPA and the applicant may be allowed to be made Full-Time Daily Wager.

Decision required:

The agenda may be perused and approved for placing before the Steering

Committee.

Decision Taken:

The Executive Committee perused and approved the agenda for placing it

before the Steering Committee for approval.

AGENDA ITEM - 8.10

8.10 Approval to Engage Contractual Services (Office Helpers)

Gol guidelines for the establishment and operation of the State CAMPAs provide (para 11[ii]) "the non-recurring as well as recurring expenditure for the management of the State CAMPA, including the salary and allowances payable to its officers and other employees, by utilizing a part of the income from interest received on funds invested by State CAMPA.....".

There is acute shortage of support staff and stress is being felt as CAMPA activities are expanding and a lot of work like photocopying, fax transmissions, e- mailing, bank transactions are being done well beyond normal office hours when such support staff is not available. It is therefore proposed to hire services of 2 office helpers for CAMPA office.

Steering Committee may kindly approve hiring services of these personnel from DOEACC/ Service provider/ Retired Govt. employees (open market) on contractual basis without creating permanent liability. The expenditure would be met from the 'Interest' generated on CAMPA deposits. The estimated annual financial implication is about Rs. 1.50 Lakhs.

Decision required:

The agenda may be perused and approved for placing before the Steering

Committee.

Decision Taken: The Agenda was perused and the Chairperson while recognising the need for strengthening CAMPA office by way of additional staff, assured that two peons will be provided from the Forest Department to CAMPA Office. In view of this assurance, the agenda item was dropped for the time being.



AGENDA ITEM - 8.11

8.11:

Approval of Annual Budget of CAMPA Office

8.11.1

Office Infrastructure and Running Expenses:

To facilitate smooth and efficient working of HP State CAMPA Office, the infrastructure requirement of this office needs to be supported. Some furniture/ fixtures, computers & accessories are required to be procured from the Interest portion. Budget provisions are reflected in the table below:

(Rs.in lakhs.)

Sr. No	Particulars of Expenditure	Purpose	Annual Budget for 2012-13
1	Wages	Hiring of contractual personnel	9.50
2	Office Infrastructure	Furniture, fixtures, computers etc	5.00
3	Office expenses	Stationary, transportation charges, POL, office consumables, recurring charges of telephone/ tablet computers/ data cards, AMC, repair, new fax connection etc.	11.00
4	Miscellaneous	Hospitality/ contingency etc.	5.00
5	Honorarium	Honorarium for Dev of CAMPA website to AGiSac & CAMPA Staff	0.50
	Total		31.00

Decision required: Executive Committee may peruse and approve the annual budget as indicated above. The agenda may be approved for placing before the Steering Committee.

Decision Taken: The Executive Committee approved the annual budget 2012-13 of State CAMPA Office for placing it before the Steering Committee for final approval.

AGENDA ITEM - 8.12

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Any Other Item with the Permission of the Chair.

No issue under this agenda item came up for discussion.

APPROVED

Member Secretary, Executive Committee -cum-Nodal Officer State CAMPA

& CF (CAT Plans), Shimla

Chairperson,

State CAMPA-Executive Committee -cum-Principal CCF (HoFF), HP