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To:

1. Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests) to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla-1.
2. Addl. Chief Secretary (Environment) to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla-1.
3. Addl. Chief Secretary (Finance) to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla-1.
4. Addl. Chief Secretary (Planning) to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla-1.
5. Principal Secretary (Rural Development) to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla-1.
6. Principal Secretary (Revenue) to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla-1.
7. Principal Secretary (Agriculture) to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla-1.
8. Principal Secretary (Tribal Development) to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla.
9. Principal Secretary (Panchayati Raj) to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla-1.
10. Addl. Chief Secretary (Science & Technology) to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla.
11. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) HP
12. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Wild Life & CWLW) Shimla.
13. CCF-cum-Nodal Officer, FCA, O/o Pr. CCF (HoFF) HP Shimla.
14. Head, Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GOI, Dehradun.
15. PCCF (Finance)-cum-Nodal Officer, State Forest Development Agency.
16. Dr. Chander Mohan Parsheera, Expert on Tribal Matters, Institute of Tribal Studies, H.P University, Summer Hill, Shimla - 171005.

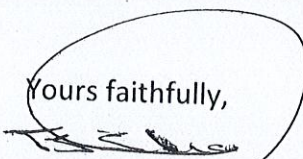
Subject: Proceedings of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Steering Committee of the State Authority (CAMPA)HP.

Sir/Madam,

Enclosed please find herewith a copy of proceedings of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Steering Committee of "HP State Authority (CAMPA)" held on 02.07.2019, under the chairpersonship of worthy Chief Secretary to the GoHP, for favour of information and further necessary action at your end please.

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Yours faithfully,

  
Chief Executive Officer  
-cum- Member Secretary  
Steering Committee  
HP State Authority (CAMPA)

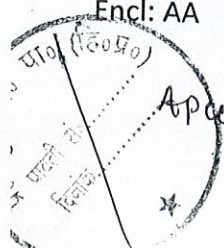
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Copy, alongwith a copy of proceedings of 1st Meeting of the Steering Committee of HP State Authority (CAMPA) held on 02.07.2019, is forwarded to the following for favour of information please:-

1. Sr. Private Secretary to worthy Chief Secretary to the GoHP & Chairperson, Steering Committee of HP State Authority

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SA (CAMPA) (O/o CAMPA)  
20/7/19  
APCF (CAMPA)

Chief Executive Officer  
-cum- Member Secretary  
Steering Committee  
HP State Authority (CAMPA)



## **PROCEEDINGS**

### **1<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF STEERING COMMITTEE OF H.P. STATE AUTHORITY**

**HELD ON 02.07.2019**

The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee of Himachal Pradesh Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Authority (STATE AUTHORITY) was held under the Chairmanship of Shri B.K. Agarwal, IAS, worthy Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh on 02.07.2019 in the CS Committee Room, H.P. Secretariat, Shimla. The list of participants of this meeting is attached as Annexure-A.

At the outset, the Member Secretary of State Authority welcomed the Chairperson and other members of the Steering Committee. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussion and decision. In the meeting, all the agenda items were discussed and deliberated upon in detail. 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 14th meeting of Steering Committee of erstwhile State CAMPA held on 31.07.2018 was placed before the Steering Committee for perusal and approval.

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

#### **AGENDA ITEM – 1.2**

##### **Progress Report of 2018-19**

The SC 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.

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-I of agenda note was placed before the Steering Committee for favour of perusal and approval.

**Decision taken: The Steering Committee perused and approved the sector-wise revised APO-cum-Progress Report involving expenditure of Rs 128.2624 crore incurred during the year 2018-19.**

### **AGENDA ITEM 1.3**

#### **Approval of APO for the year 2019-20**

Steering Committee was apprised that as per Govt. of India notification dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2016 and dated 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2018, Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 and Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018 have been notified. Further, as per provisions/guidelines contained therein, Gol 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.

Steering Committee was apprised that as per letter received from Gol 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.

It was also brought to the notice of the Committee that APO for 2019-20 has been formulated keeping in view the provisions of CAF Act, 2016 & CAF Rules, 2018 including permissible and prohibited activities. The committee was also informed in detail about the salient features and targets proposed in thrust areas in the APO for 2019-20.

Detailed discussions were held on the proposed APO regarding various components and the deliberations are enumerated as under:-

- Under CA, details of tree species which are being proposed for planting to be listed out. It is also decided that wherever possible depending upon the site condition/soil type etc. efforts be made to carry out the plantations of more fruit bearing species in comparison to fodder/timber bearing species per hectare. The emphasis was on to increase the introduction of fruit bearing species in plantation areas in order to provide ample food in forests for monkey/wildlife in coming years.
- The Pr.CCF (HoFF) HP intimated that the Forest Department has already adopted policy of planting 25% of fruit bearing species out of total number of trees planted in a plantation. It was also intimated



that to provide ample natural food resources to monkeys/other wildlife a scheme titled "Habitat Enrichment Plantation Model Scheme" is under implementation with main objective of planting native wild fruit bearing species in suitable forest areas.

It was further stated that analysis of species distribution of fruit bearing species in other plantation schemes will be carried out and necessary guidelines will be formulated as per field conditions.

- Pr.CCF (Wildlife-cum-Chief Wildlife Warden) will revisit policy in respect of monkey capturing/transportation/sterilization and enhance norms/provisions where necessary including involvement of local youth in monkey capturing for sterilization after training. It was also desired by the Chair to increase the monkey sterilization targets and further strengthen the capacity of monkey sterilization centres in the State.

Accordingly, provision of funds for Human Wildlife Conflict Management under Management of Biological Diversity and Resources has been enhanced in the APO for the year 2019-20 to address recommendations rendered by SC.

- The Committee took note of survival percentage of CAMPA funded plantations assessed by the "Third Party Monitoring Team and further directed to work on modalities/suggestions rendered by third party monitoring team; to increase survival percentage of plantations in future.

In this regard PCCF (HoFF) HP apprised the Steering Committee that the directions have already been circulated to field functionaries about the suggestions of monitoring team and also to introduce tall planting in a phased manner besides strengthening of social fencing through peoples participation in protection of plantations.

- It was recommended by committee that possibilities for use of modern technologies like use of drone etc. may also be explored in addition to present methods of e-Green Watch/GPS/GIS for monitoring the success of plantations.

✓ ➤ It was also decided that third party monitoring of plantations raised under State Fund (CAMPA) from 2016-17 to 2018-19 shall be done before next Steering Committee meeting.

- Chairman of Steering Committee desired that all expenditures for implementing the works under CAMPA fund shall be incurred strictly



as per powers delegated to the DFO, CF, CCF, Addl. Pr. CCF, Pr.CCF and Pr.CCF (HoFF) HP regarding administrative approval, technical sanction and financial sanction of estimates. The Steering Committee was also apprised of the current guidelines /powers regarding sanction of works , summary of which is attached as Annexure-B.

- Funds for rejuvenation of natural springs, construction of water harvesting structures, water ponds etc. in the forests for increasing the ground water recharge may be increased.
- Provision for the construction/repair of boundary pillars in the areas where Experimental Silvicultural Fellings are going on in compliance of Hon'ble Apex Court orders may be made.
- Increase the outlay of APO under activities; Soil and Water Conservation, Forest Fire Prevention and Control Measures and Construction /Maintenance of Forest Paths/Roads.
- The Steering Committee also expressed need to involve local people in implementation of CAMPA works especially plantations to ensure long term success and constituted a Sub-Committee of following officers to explore possibilities of involving local communities in the implementation of works to be undertaken from State Fund (CAMPA) and submit report to the Steering Committee;
  - Secretary (RD&PR) to the Govt. of H.P.
  - Secretary(Agriculture)to the Govt. of H.P.
  - Secretary(I&PH) to the Govt. of H.P
  - APCCF cum CEO, State Authority

The details of sector-wise provision of funds amounting to Rs. 156.906 Crores approved by SC after deliberations and incorporating the amendments/ suggestions by the Steering Committee is tabulated as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Sector	Approved Outlay for 2019-20( in Crores)
1	Compensatory Afforestation (CA)	13.700
2	Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plans	31.300
3	Integrated Wild Life Management Plan(IWMP)	20.792
4	Net Present Value (NPV)	88.000
5	Interest	3.000
6	Others	0.114
Total		156.906



**Decision taken:** The Steering Committee, after detailed discussions and deliberations, approved the APO of Rs. 156.906 crore for 2019-20 for placing the same before National Authority for final approval.

#### AGENDA ITEM -1.4

##### **Annual Budget of State Authority**

The Steering 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 National Authority.

Besides above, the annual budget of Rs.3.00 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 National Authority for approval.

**Decision taken:** The Steering Committee approved the revised budget and expenditure of Rs.49.00 lakh of State CAMPA office for 2018-19. SC further approved the annual budget of Rs. 3.00 crore for 2019-20 of State Authority Office.

#### AGENDA ITEM-1.5

Steering Committee was apprised that in the State of H.P, 2 Eco Task Force Companies are carrying out plantations and expenditure of planting through these companies which also includes their salaries is also proposed to be incurred from CAMPA. However, in CAF Act, 2016 and CAF Rules, 2018, there is no provision for making salary reimbursement to any agency. In this regard, clarification has also been received from Govt. of India vide which it has been clarified that no salary payment to ETFs can be made from State Compensatory Afforestation Fund (SCAF).

Since, the Eco-Task Force is involved in planting work exclusively, the Steering Committee decided to recommend an amount of Rs. 10.00 crore in the APO for the year 2019-20 for this purpose.

**Decision taken:** The Steering Committee after detailed deliberations took a decision to make provision of funds for undertaking plantations through Eco-Task Force and submit the same to the National Authority for necessary approval.



## AGENDA ITEM – 1.6

### Any Other Item- Establishment of State Authority

- (i) The Steering 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

Steering 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 Steering Committee approved the proposal that the existing posts/staff be allowed to continue with the State Authority and the additional posts as mentioned above may be created for strengthening of State Authority Office.

The Steering 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) Steering Committee was apprised that prior to constitution of State Authority, State CAMPA was authorized to hire three vehicles. It was further apprised that there will be four 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 four vehicles in view of increased workload/strength as per entitlement in the interest of smooth functioning.

**Decision taken: The Steering Committee approved the proposal.**

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

**Member Secretary**  
**Steering Committee-cum-CEO**  
**HP State Authority**

**Chairperson**  
**Steering Committee HP State Authority**  
**-cum-Chief Secretary to the GoHP.**



## Annexure - A

### LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Sl. No.	Name of the Participant	Designation	Remarks
1	Sh. B. K Agarwal, IAS	Chief Secretary, GoHP	Chairperson
2	Sh. Ram Subhag Singh, IAS	ACS ( Forests), GoHP	Member
3	Sh. Onkar Sharma, IAS	Principal Secretary (Agriculture), GoHP	Member
4	Sh. Akshay Sood, IAS	Secretary (Finance), GoHP	Member
5	Dr. R.N Batta, IAS	Secretary (Panchayati Raj & Rural Development), GoHP	Member
6	Sh. Sat Pal Dhiman, HPFS	Joint Secretary (Forests, Environment, S&T), GoHP	Member
7	Sh. Parveen Kumar Taak, HAS	Dy. Sec (Revenue), GoHP	Member
8	Sh. Ajay Kumar, IFS	Principal CCF (HoFF) HP	Member
9	Ms. Savita, IFS	Principal CCF (Wild Life) HP	Member
10	Ms. Archana Sharma, IFS	Principal CCF (Finance) HP	Member
11	Sh. Rajesh J. Ekka, IFS	CCF-cum- Nodal Officer (FCA)	Member
12	Ms. Urvashi Thakur	Dy CEO, State Authority	-
13	Dr. C.M Parsheera	Tribal Expert	Non-Official Member
	Sh. K.S. Thakur, IFS	Addl. Pr. CCF (CAMPA) HP	Chief Executive Officer-cum-Member Secretary State Authority