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No. Ft. CAMPA/2020/Steering Committee

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To

1. Principal Secretary (Forests) to the Govt. of H.P Shimla-1.
2. Principal Secretary (Environment) to the Govt. of H.P Shimla.
3. Principal Secretary (Finance) to the Govt. of H.P Shimla.
4. Principal Secretary (Planning) to the Govt. of H.P Shimla.
5. Principal Secretary (Science & Technology) to the Govt. of H.P Shimla.
6. Principal Secretary (Rural Development) to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla.
7. Principal Secretary (Revenue) to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla.
8. Principal Secretary (Agriculture) to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla.
9. Principal Secretary (Tribal Development) to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla.
10. Principal Secretary (Panchayati Raj) to the Govt. of H.P. Shimla.
11. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) H.P Shimla.
12. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Wild Life & CWLW) Shimla.
13. Addl. Pr. CCF -cum- Nodal Officer, FCA O/o, Pr. CCF (HoFF) H.P.
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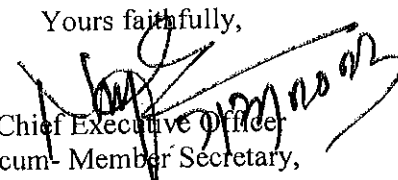
**Subject: Proceedings of 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Steering Committee of the H.P State Authority (CAMPA).**

Sir/Madam

Please find enclosed herewith the Proceedings of 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee of HP State Authority, CAMPA held on 24.02.2022 under the Chairmanship of Worthy Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, for favour of information and further necessary action at your end please.

Encls: As above

Yours faithfully,

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

**PROCEEDINGS OF 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF STEERING COMMITTEE OF HP STATE COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION FUND MANAGEMENT & PLANNING AUTHORITY (HP STATE AUTHORITY CAMPA) UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SH. PRABODH SAXENA, CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF HIMACHAL PRADESH IN ALLERSLIE COMMITTEE ROOM, HP SECRETARIATE HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> February 2023.**

The list of the participants is attached as *Annexure-I*

At the outset, Sh. Nagesh Guleria, Chief Executive Officer HP State CAMPA - cum- Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests welcomed Sh. Prabodh Saxena, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of H.P -cum- Chairman Steering Committee, members and other invitees of Steering Committee of the HP State Authority CAMPA to the meeting. Thereafter, the Agenda Items were taken up for discussion and decision. The Chief Executive Officer HP State CAMPA made a detailed presentation giving the progress of implementation on various decisions of the 5<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee, status of implementation of approved decisions and APOs for FY 2021-22, 2022-23 and proposed Budget Estimates in the Annual Plan of Operations for the Financial Year 2023-24 as detailed below:

**AGENDA ITEM -6.1:**

**Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of Steering Committee held on 25.03.2022**

Agenda Item	Action Taken	Decision Taken
Agenda item -3.7 Establishment of FSI-Cell under State Authority	Vide order dated 10-02-2021 FSI Cell stands constituted, FSI has not yet deputed two representatives as desired vide above referred order.	Matter still pending and it was decided to take up the matter with concerned authority again.
Agenda item – 5.2 Progress Report for the Financial Year 2020-21	The Steering Committee was apprised that the progress report for the financial year 2020-21 has been submitted to National Authority, CAMPA and no further action was required.	The Committee dropped the Agenda Item.
Agenda item- 5.3 Progress of Expenditure for the Financial Year 2021-22	The Steering Committee was apprised that the progress report for the financial year 2021-22 was being discussed in detail at agenda item no. 6.2., therefore it was proposed to drop this agenda item from here.	The Committee dropped the Agenda Item from here.

Agenda Item	Action Taken	Decision Taken
<b>Agenda Item – 5.4 Approval of APO for the F.Y. 2022-23</b>	The Steering Committee was apprised that the APO to the tune of Rs. 190.23 crore against the proposed APO amounting of Rs. 215.95 crore for the F.Y. 2022-23 was approved by the National Authority. The Steering Committee was further apprised that the progress against the approved APO was being discussed under the agenda item no. 6.3., therefore it was proposed to drop this agenda item from here.	<b>The Committee dropped the Agenda Item from here.</b>
<b>Agenda Item – 5.5 Demarcation, Survey &amp; Geo- referencing of Forest Boundaries of HP using DGPS</b>	The Steering Committee was apprised that the proposal was not approved by the National Authority. Therefore it was proposed to drop this agenda item.	<b>The Committee dropped the Agenda Item.</b>
<b>Agenda Item – 5.6 Any Other Item with the permission of the Chair</b>	<b>i) The Chairman of the Steering Committee in its meeting held on 25.03.2022 suggested that there should be a proper monitoring mechanism for areas from where Lantana Removal activities so that the funds for the same may not be allotted again.</b>  The Chairman was apprised that three Committees has been constituted to study the impact of rehabilitation of Lantana infested areas, by the HP State Authority CAMPA which includes DFO/ACFs of different Circles and the Committee members are working as per the ToR specified. The consolidated report will be placed before the Steering Committee for perusal after completion of the task.	<b>The Steering Committee asked that the consolidated report to be placed before the Steering Committee for perusal after completion of the task during its next meeting.</b>
	<b>ii) Purchase of drone form CAMPA funds for monitoring of illegal felling in forest areas.</b>  The Steering Committee was apprised that the funds amounting to Rs. 3.11 crore were allotted to the IT wing of the HP Forest Department and 7 Nos of drones amounting to Rs. 1.71 crores have been purchased during FY 2022-23.	<b>The Steering Committee decided that drone for monitoring of illegal felling and other may not be purchased in future and this activity may be got executed on outsource basis. The item is dropped from here.</b>

**AGENDA ITEM- 6.2:****Revised APO-cum-Progress Report for the Financial Year 2021-22**

The steering committee was appraised that, APO for the F.Y. 2021-22 amounting to Rs. 138.10 crore was approved by National Authority and expenditure amounting to Rs. 94.77 crore was incurred against the approved APO. Further, the Committee was apprised that certain revision and minor changes were affected in the APO at the time of execution of works as per field requirement. The Sector-wise revised APO-cum- progress report was placed before the Steering Committee for favour of perusal and approval as detailed below:

SN	Name of Heads/Sectors	APO Approved	Expenditure
			Rs. in crore
1	Compensatory Afforestation	17.00	16.35
2	Catchment Area Treatment Plans	25.00	15.36
3	Integrated Wild Life Management Plan	16.80	12.10
4	Net Present Value of Forest Land	77.29	50.18
5	Interest	2.00	0.78
6	Others	0.01	0.0043
	<b>Total</b>	<b>138.1</b>	<b>94.77</b>

**Decision Taken:** The Steering Committee desired that in future, physical progress should also be given along with the expenditure statement. The Steering Committee approved the revised APO and expenditure incurred during the year 2021-22.



**AGENDA ITEM - 6.3:****Progress of expenditure for the year 2022-23**

The Steering Committee was apprised that that the APO for the F.Y. 2022-23 amounting to Rs. 190.23 crore was approved by the National Authority CAMPA. A sum of Rs. 140.01 crore was released by the GoHP; and a sum of Rs. 49.78 crore was spent upto 23.02.2023 against the approved APO. It was further apprised that remaining works are in progress and the final achievement will be placed before the Committee in the next meeting after closing of the financial year.

**Decision Taken: The Chairman directed to gear up the pace of the expenditure to achieve the targets.**

**AGENDA ITEM - 6.4:****Annual Plan of Operation (APO) for the financial year 2023-24**

Sector wise APO for the financial year amounting to Rs. 237.22 crore was placed before the Steering Committee for approval. The Member Secretary apprised the Steering Committee that this year a little increase in the APO has been proposed because of the some of new activities discussed and decided in the Governing Body meeting Chaired by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh.

Sr. No.	Name of Sector	Proposed Outlay for 2023-24 (Amount in Rs.)
1	Compensatory Afforestation (CA)	25.00
2	Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plans	24.00
3	Integrated Wild Life Management Plan (IWMP)	16.73
4	Net Present Value (NPV)	166.96
5	Interest	3.50
6	Others	1.03
	<b>Total</b>	<b>237.22</b>

**Decisions Taken: After detailed deliberations, the Steering Committee approved the APO proposed for the FY 2023-24 with following suggestions:**

- The fencing of Forest areas as proposed under NPV sector [Rule 5(2)(d)] should be need based and should be fulfilling purpose for which it is undertaken.
- While discussing the APO of Lantana removal it was suggested by Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests –cum- CWLW that the correct nomenclature should be ecological restoration of degraded areas. The forests have degraded due to infestation by Lantana which is an Invasive alien species and other weeds like Parthenium. The degradation can be seen in terms of loss of biodiversity, higher run off, suppression of regeneration and suppression of root stock already present. The focus of ecological restoration is to bring back the forests to its pristine state. This can be achieved if the infestation of Invasive Alien Species is tackled on a focused basis and the areas are treated as per the strategy of treating Invasive Alien Species formulated by HPFD in 2010. The APO's shall be prepared as per the existing strategy and no deviation shall be permissible.

The Chief Secretary-cum-Chairman Steering Committee agreed with the suggestion and asked Chief Executive Officer CAMPA to implement the suggestion and correct the nomenclature.

- The plantation of 256 hac in degraded areas to be undertaken under CAMPA (NPV) should be on estimate basis and good quality plants should be planted in these areas to ensure its survival.
- For each such plantation the Forest Guard of that beat should make exclusively responsible for the plantation, by the CCFs/CFs concerned.
- It was decided that the Lantana Management is a specialist job and Front line staff of HPFD and the communities should be given trainings for Management of Lantana infested areas.
- For control burning of the Lantana infested areas should be availed especially when the Lantana bushes are seed bearing.

#### **AGENDA ITEM - 6.5:**

##### **Annual Reports for the F.Y. 2015-16 and 2016-17**

The Steering committee was apprised that the accounts for the year 2015-16 and 2016-17 have been converted on double entry accounting system and the annual statement of accounts (Balance Sheet) have been audited & certified by the AGHP. Accordingly, the Annual Reports for the F.Y 2015-16 and 2016-17 have been prepared. The Annual Statement of Accounts (Balance Sheet) for the F.Y. 2017-18 has been prepared and audited by the AGHP. The certification of the same by the AGHP is awaited. Conversion of accounts for the balance years 2018-19 to 2020-21 are under active progress.


Annual reports for the F.Y. 2015-16 and 2016-17 were placed before the Committee for its approval.

**Decision Taken: The Steering Committee approved the Agenda Item.**

**AGENDA ITEM - 6.6:****FCA Proposal for handholding User Agencies by QCI Accredited Agencies**

The Steering Committee was apprised that in the State of Himachal Pradesh, various agencies and Government departments referred as User Agencies find it difficult in compilation of documents as part of proposal for obtaining approval of Government of India for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose under the provision of FCA Act, 1980. Such difficulties arise due to shortage of staff, lack of expertise and inability to have internal environment and forest cell in the concerned line departments.

It was proposed that this problem can be addressed by making available qualified expert consultants who can hand hold the User Agencies in preparation of proposals under FCA 1980. For this purpose QCI-NABET has developed the Accreditation Scheme for Forest Clearance consultant Organization intending to take up Forest Clearance in the State of Himachal Pradesh. The QCI-NABET shall grant accreditation to Forest Clearance Consultants Organization for undertaking Forest Clearance and preparation of Quality report in accordance with the rules/guidelines prescribed/specified by the MoEF&CC, GoI under FCA Act, 1980. For this purpose the QCI has demanded Rs. 15.00 lac per year and total Rs. 45.00 lac for three year. The detailed proposal was placed before the Steering Committee for its consideration and approval.



**Decision Taken: The Steering Committee approved the proposal and it was decided that the funds to the tune of 45 lakhs (15 lakh per year) be utilized from NPV.**

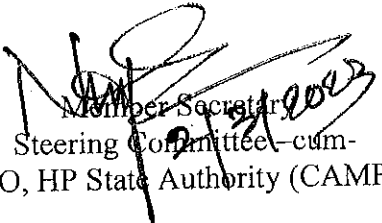



**AGENDA ITEM - 6.7:****Deployment of staff in the office of Integrated Regional Office (IRO) Shimla to expedite the FCA Cases**

The Steering Committee was apprised that under CAMPA Authority the powers are vested with the Governing Body under Section 11(5) of CAF Act, 2016 for creation of posts against the funds available under interest component. The matter was discussed in the Governing Body meeting held on 20.02.2023 to provide man power for Integrated Regional Office (IRO) for expediting the clearance of the FCA cases as well as the various processes in the forest department /CAMPA office for which five numbers of IT/Computer Operators are required as per the decision taken in the Governing Body meeting. The Steering Committee was apprised that the tentative expenditure per month for hiring services of these five personal will be approximately Rs. 1.30 lac. These IT/Computer Operators will purely be on temporary basis and their service will be hired from outsourcing agency.

**Decision Taken: The Steering Committee approved the proposal to hire five nos. of IT/Computer Operators purely on temporary basis through Outsourcing Agency.**

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
 Member Secretary  
 Steering Committee-cum-  
 CEO, HP State Authority (CAMPA)

  
 Chairperson  
 Steering Committee HP State Authority  
 -cum- Chief Secretary GoHP