

**Proceedings of the
7th Meeting**

of the

STEERING COMMITTEE

of

Himachal Pradesh State Compensatory

Afforestation Fund Management

& Planning Authority

[HP State CAMPA]

Held on

1st December 2011

State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Authority (State CAMPA)-Himachal Pradesh

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The 7th meeting of the Steering Committee on State CAMPA was held on 1st December 2011 under the Chairpersonship of Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh at Shimla. The following were present:-

1. Shri Sudripta Roy, Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests, Environment, Science & Technology) to GoHP
2. Dr. Shrikant Baldi, Principal Secretary (Education) to GoHP.
3. Shri S.K.B.S. Negi, Principal Secretary (RD & PR) to GoHP
4. Shri R.K. Gupta, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, H.P.
5. Shri A.K. Gulaati, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & CWLW, HP
6. Shri J.S. Walia, Addl. Principal CCF (CAT & ES), HPFD and Member Secretary, HP CAMPA Steering Committee
7. Shri Surinder Kumar, Director, NRD, MoEF, Govt Central Office, Chandigarh
8. Shri C.M. Walia, Secretary General, Forum of Hydro Power Producers, HP
9. Shri Rajiv Kumar, CF (CAT Plans) & Nodal Officer, CAMPA
10. Er. S.S. Dhiman, Executive Engineer (Urban Development Department), Shimla
11. Shri Sandeep Singh Rana, NMR – Program Coordinator, HP Eco-development Society, Palampur

The following were also present:-

1. Shri Surinder Kumar, CCF (Finance & Planning), HPFD, Shimla
2. Shri Sushil Kumar, CF (Soil), HPFD, Shimla
3. Shri Sushil Kapta, DCF (CAT Plans), HPFD, Shimla

With the permission of the Chair, the agenda for the meeting was taken up for discussions and the decisions taken as per the table given below:-

build-up a long term record that would facilitate impact assessment in the future through longitudinal studies.

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3. Forest Infrastructure Development/ Forest Protection Works	
Designation	Target by number (%)
RO	100
ACF	100
DFO	50
CF	20

4. The schedule of reporting is as under:
 - (a) For summer plantations by 15th December each year
 - (b) For winter plantations and all other works by 15th June of the following year
5. The second tier of monitoring would be done by an identified team of officers from the Direction Office as per the following norms and schedule:

The teams will monitor to the extent of 2% of all the works in the following manner:

 - (a) The teams will monitor 1% of the works already monitored and reported.
 - (b) The teams will monitor 1% of the works not monitored.

The teams will inspect the works during the months of October-November (of the following year) and submit their reports by 30th November.

The third tier (third party monitoring) would involve connected State Universities and institutes (HPU, Dr. YS Parmar UHF, Mauni and KVV, Palampur & JHST, Palampur, HPRU, FSI) and in their absence, approved and empanelled vendors. Third party monitoring would be carried out once in two years.

2. Provision of support to the WP Divisions and Wild life wings
Action to provide funds stands taken (13th June 2011)

3. (a) Procurement of vehicles
The policy decision is being followed. Three taxis have been hired for use of officers in CAT and Soil branches after obtaining approval from the Executive Committee. Agenda item 7.6 follows for required ratification.

(b) Provision of matching funds (10%) for vehicles under CSS-Intensification of Forest Management Scheme
Decision stands implemented and funds provided.

Proceeding of the 7th Steering Committee Meeting on State CAMPA-1st Dec. 2011, at Shimla:-

Agenda Item	Discussion points for decision	Decision taken	Further Action																																
2.3: Action Taken Report on the 6 th Steering Committee Meeting held on 1 st June 2011	1. Monitoring of State CAMPA works: The action taken on the decisions arrived in the 6th meeting was put up to the steering committee. Attention of the house was drawn to the following issues: A 3-tier monitoring/mentoring mechanism has been put in place, for effective supervision and guidance required of CAMPA works. Under this system, the first two tiers of monitoring will be in-house—the first tier of monitoring would be done by the field functionaries up to the level of CFs. The field officers will inspect the works as per the following norms and schedule: 1. Plantations <table><tr><th>Designation</th><th>Target number (%)</th><th>by</th><th>Target (%) by Area</th></tr><tr><td>RO</td><td>100</td><td></td><td>100</td></tr><tr><td>ACF</td><td>40</td><td></td><td>30</td></tr><tr><td>DFO</td><td>30</td><td></td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>CF</td><td>10</td><td></td><td>5</td></tr></table> 2. Soil Conservation & Bio-engineering works <table><tr><th>Designation</th><th>Target by number (%)</th><th>Target by number</th></tr><tr><td>RO</td><td>100</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>ACF</td><td>40</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>DFO</td><td>20</td><td></td></tr></table>	Designation	Target number (%)	by	Target (%) by Area	RO	100		100	ACF	40		30	DFO	30		20	CF	10		5	Designation	Target by number (%)	Target by number	RO	100		ACF	40		DFO	20		The action taken report was perused by the Steering Committee and approved. On a suggestion by the Pr. Sec.(Finance) the Chairperson reiterated that work done in any pocket by the HP Forest Department whether under CAMPA, other afforestation schemes, and various conservation efforts etc, have to be entered henceforth as validated information with Anyabhata Geo Informatics & Space Application Centre as record(GPS/GIS based). This would help to	by
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	Review: APO received from Wildlife Wing for Rs. 11.50 lakhs was proposed for approval of the Steering Committee. 5&6. CAMPA Office matters & approval of expenses to the non-official members Decision being followed. 7. Support to River basin societies/forest circles for CAMPA works Action to create the cells, as per governmental norms and procedure, is being taken and will be completed after the process of recasting of CAT Plans is completed (at finishing stage) and would subsequently be brought before the Committee for ratification.			
7.2: Progress reports under NPV, CA, CAT plans, Rim Plantation scheme, Wild life Schemes and Soil and Water Conservation plan for 2011-12	The progress reports of the works executed against the APOs of NPV, CA, CAT plans, Rim plantation scheme, Wild life schemes and Soil and Water Conservation plan for the year 2011-12 were placed for perusal of the Steering Committee.	The progress report was perused by the Steering Committee and approved		Member Secretary, Steering Committee, HP State CAMPA/ Nodal Officer, HP State CAMPA.
7.3: APOs under NPV, CA, CAT plans, RIM plantation, Wild life Schemes, Soil and Water Conservation Plan and Reclamation plan for 2012-13	The proposed APOs for the year 2012-13, were placed for perusal and approval of the Steering Committee.	Approved as per agenda note.		Member Secretary, Steering Committee, HP State CAMPA/ Nodal Officer, HP State CAMPA.
7.4: Additional demand for funds from Adhoc CAMPA, MOEF, GOI	APO was proposed for an additional Rs. 12.05 crores to be released from the Adhoc CAMPA, to the HP State CAMPA. The additional APO of Rs. 12.05 crores under NPV was proposed for approval of the Steering Committee.	Approved as per agenda note.		Member Secretary, Steering Committee, HP State CAMPA/ Nodal Officer, HP State CAMPA.

7.5: Financial support to ICFRE to organize the 1 st Indian Forest Congress	Rs. 5.00 lakhs contribution was approved as financial assistance for 1 st Indian Forest Congress to be held at New Delhi from 22-25 November, 2011 under NPV APO for 2011-12. The approval got through circulation was placed before the Steering Committee for ratification and approval.	Approved as per agenda note	Member Secretary, Steering Committee, HP State CAMPA/ Nodal Officer, HP State CAMPA.
7.6 Approval for hiring of taxis for CAT and Soil Branches	Against replacement vehicles 3 taxis have been procured for use in the CAT wing (For CF CAT and for DCF CAT) and in the Soil branch (for CF Soil) after getting approval from the Executive Committee. The officers without vehicles could not perform satisfactorily their assignments which involve lot of field touring, especially monitoring of progress of works. The HPFO had no spare vehicle to be provided to them. Accordingly permission was sought to hire taxis on lease basis as per guidelines/instructions of the GAD providing for rates on hire on monthly basis as per Governmental approved norm. The expenditure will be incurred against contingency and the interest accrued in the bank accounts of State CAMPA funds. The above approval was placed before the Steering Committee for ratification and approval.	Approved as per agenda note	Member Secretary, Steering Committee, HP State CAMPA/ Nodal Officer, HP State CAMPA.
7.7 Provision of support for the monkey sterilization program in the State	In a meeting held under the Chairmanship of Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests) to GoHP dated 15.11.2011, to review the monkey sterilization program in HP, a decision was taken immediately provide Rs. 5.00 crores from HP State CAMPA, to initiate the process of setting up/upgrading the existing veterinary facilities in the State, for their conversion into Monkey Sterilization Centres and upscale the Monkey Sterilization Program in the State. Points for consideration: (i) The provision of Rs. 5.00 crores is being made as under:- a) A sum of Rs. 2.5 crores from the approved APO of NPV for the year 2011-12 (by withholding certain activities.	Approved as per agenda note	Member Secretary, Steering Committee, HP State CAMPA/ Nodal Officer, HP State CAMPA/ POCF (WVL)/ Nodal Officer Monkey Sterilization Programme & CCF (PFMI)

b) A sum of Rs. 2.5 crores from the approved APO of WL schemes for the year 2011-12 (by withholding certain activities).

(II) Monkey Sterilization Programme to control overpopulation of monkeys is broadly covered under the Aims and Objectives of HP State CAMPA.

(III) It is submitted for information that the HP State CAMPA Steering Committee decided a 5% allocation under the component of Bio-diversity Protection and Management amongst the various components of NPV. It was specified that NPV funds for Wildlife activities are meant only for the Protected Area Network and are to be spent in such areas where no CAT Plan/other CAMPA funds are to be spent.

(IV) As per the decisions taken in the 6th meeting of the Steering Committee of HP State CAMPA, it was decided (6.4 a) that NPV activities need to be revisited on year to year basis, to make these need based while keeping the core principles of CAMPA central, i.e. protection and management of forests and wildlife. It was mentioned that the component-wise percentages should be kept flexible and not fixed as was approved earlier by the Steering Committee. Accordingly, flexibility exists for the required earmarking and making provision of Rs. 5.00 crores, for monkey sterilization programme as directed.

(V) Provision of Rs. 5.00 crores funds, as directed, have been made from the NPV funds rather than imposing cuts under CAT Plans, CA and Wildlife activities, as these are need based and area specific and directly benefit the local communities. This provision constitutes a deviation from the approved APOs of NPV and WL Schemes under CAMPA and hence is required to be approved in this 7th HP State CAMPA Steering Committee (1st December, 2011).

(VI) To meet the shortfall of Rs. 5.00 crores (shown above)

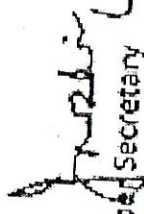
	towards monkey sterilization programme) additional APO for 2011-12 stands framed and Ad-hoc CAMPA, MoEF, Govt requested for release of additional funds for the current year. The agenda was placed before the Steering Committee for approval.				
7.8 Comprehensive River Basin CAT Plans and individual project specific CAT Plans	1. MoEF, Govt needs to be brought on board to enable funds received from individual project specific CAT Plans to be transferred to other areas, along the river basin, requiring urgent attention, not necessarily in the drainage portion of the HEP and also at times not in the catchment area of the project. Many hydel projects are located in remote, in-accessible terrain or very near other hydel projects and thus, hardly have any CAT Plan treatable area. This leads to problems in spending of funds collected from the developer. Only such funds that are left in balance and cannot be spent in the catchment area should be transferred to Comprehensive River Basin CAT Plans (Prepared or under preparation). Go-ahead may kindly be given. 2. Old CAT Plans prepared, did not follow departmental norms prescribed and they generally had higher norms. Subsequently, decision was taken in the MPFD to ensure that all CAT Plans would follow departmental norms both during implementation and also envisaged for the future. This has resulted in availability of unspent funds which needs to be diverted judiciously. It is suggested that these balance funds be allowed to be put in the kitty of River Basin Comprehensive CAT Plans for effective utilization. This may kindly be allowed.	1. Approved as per agenda note. 2. Approved as per agenda note. 3. Approved as per agenda note. It was informed by representative of MoEF (Northern Regional Office) that MoEF has no objection to the deposition of CAT Plan funds by the user agencies in instalments. However, the payment plan should be reflected in the CAT Plan document itself. 4. The Guidelines were found in order and approved. Chairperson desired that desired handholding between ACS (Forests) to GoHP and Pr. Secretary (Power) would help to ensure	Member Secretary, Steering Committee, HP State CAMPA & APCCF (CAT & ES)/ PCCF/ AD.		

3. HPFD needs to approach GOI MOEF to allow the project developers to deposit CAT Plan funds, as approved by the State, in instalments (as per approved Individual CAT Plans), i.e. CAT Plan funds may be deposited in equal annual instalments with last instalment due six months before commissioning of project. GOI stance (conveyed by ADG MOEF during his tour to Shimla) that total CAT plan fund should be taken from the Developer, in one go, needs relaxation. 4. Guidelines for specific, individual CAT Plan preparation were put up for approval. This would go a long way to enable CAT plans to be written faster, meeting desired standards by resource persons identified (Panel of experts/institutions stands already drawn up in the HPFD).	that the concerns of project developers continue to be suitably addressed. 5. Regarding Comprehensive CAT Plan of Satluj basin, the Chairperson desired that the final output of the consultancy be presented before a high level meeting of all the stakeholder departments. This would help in adoption and acceptance of the output for future use. a. Approved as per agenda note.	Member Secretary, Steering Committee, HP State CAMPA/ Nodal Officer & PCCF (WU).
2.9 (a) Assistance of Office Staff for State CAMPA office on contract basis (b) Expenditure on State CAMPA office from interest accrued on State CAMPA funds:	a. Two number Computer Operators -cum- Office Assistants were engaged on annual contract from DOEACC Society, Shimla (Government approved source) from 1.9.2010 to 31.8.2011, as approved by the Steering Committee of HP State CAMPA in its 1st meeting held on 26.10.2009. The above arrangement needs to be continued, especially since workload under HP State CAMPA continues to increase. The annual contract which lapsed on 31.8.2011 needs to be carried forward for another year. The approximate expenditure involved would be around Rs. 2.5 lakh per annum for the contractual staff that would be hired from Government approved DOEACC Society, Shimla.	

	The expenditure would be met from the interest accrued on CAMPA funds. The proposal was placed for approved of Steering Committee. b. To facilitate working of the HP State CAMPA office, some computer hardware and office equipment is required. This would involve an approximate expenditure of Rs. 5.50 lakhs and the funding shall be met with from the interest accrued on State CAMPA funds. The procurement of articles was placed before the Steering Committee for approval	b. Approved as per agenda note. The request of PCCF (WL) & Chief Wild life Warden for an additional provision of Rs. 2 lakhs for office support and equipment was also acceded to by the committee.
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