

ANNEXURE – D
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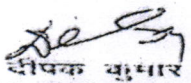
Sub: Approval of Annual Plan of Operation (APO) of Telengana for FY 2019-20

Kindly refer to the letter of the State CAMPA dated 30.03.2019 whereby the Annual Plan of Operation prepared as per the Compensatory Afforestation Act 2016 and Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules was submitted for approval of the National CAMPA.

The Executive Committee of the National CAMPA in its meeting held on 26.04.2019 has examined the APO of Telengana and made following observations:

1. Under Compensatory Afforestation (CA) component an amount of **Rs.119.03 Crore** has been proposed in the APO for the year 2019-20. For spill over works of previous years to be completed from CAMPA fund additional **Rs. 10.0 Crore** has been provided from CA component. The details have not been provided for this spill over works. This should be explicitly included in the APO for the current year. Compensatory Afforestation over 6324 Ha has been proposed to be carried out during 2019-20. In addition, felling of tree at the cost of **Rs.73.0 lakh** has been provided, which should be done from the head 'Others' if deposited project wise in CAMPA fund of the State.
2. An expenditure of **Rs.44.46 crore** has been mentioned as miscellaneous expenditure, which is not clear and may not be permitted unless otherwise it is clarified by the State CAMPA.
3. Under the NPV component, an expenditure of **Rs.323.00 crore** has been proposed. For spill over works to be completed from CAMPA fund additional **Rs. 10.0 Crore** has been provided from NPV. The details have not been provided for this spill over works. This should be explicitly included in the APO for the current year.
4. **Rs.60.0 lakh** has been provided for writing the working plan of State Forests, which should not be done from the NPV of CAMPA fund.
5. As per the Rule mixing of the monies received towards net present value shall not be allowed with any other state schemes under implementation from any other budget either for capital or spill over works and the works undertaken under sub-rule (2) and sub-rule (3) of Rule 5 shall be on standalone basis and there shall not be any duplication of permitted works under different components.
6. APO provides for the purpose of strike force anti-poaching squad of 5 persons each with driver and for manning the check posts in all divisions in the State. A provision for maintenance of dog squads has also been made. Maintenance of anti-poaching squads are important State function and it the

- prime responsibility of the State Forest Department to fund these activities from their own state budget and CAMPA fund should not be utilized for these purposes.
7. Amount has been earmarked for prevention and protection of forest from forest fire. Forest fire prevention is an important activity but it should be done as per the National Action Plan on Forest Fire which was approved by the Ministry in April 2018 in consultation with State Government. The State Government should prepare a comprehensive State Action Plan on Forest Fire for the State in tune with the National Action Plan on Forest Fire spend from NPV (80% component) annually.
 8. The publicity-cum-awareness programme and exhibition on the various schemes being implemented by the State Authority from State Fund. These activities are allowed under the CAMPA fund should be done from 20% of NPV.
 9. All activities should be done as per the approved working plan of the State Forest Department, and approved WLMP by the competent authority in the State and as provided in the rules, which should be prepared in consultation with the Gram Sabha as provided in the Forest Rights Act.
 10. The State Forest Dept. should ensure that no activity which is not permissible under CAMPA Act and rules and which are the prime functions of the State Forest department should not be carried out from the CAMPA Fund. These are important activities and it is the responsibility of the State Forest Department to carry out those activities from the State budget and not from the CAMPA fund as referred above.
 11. Monitoring and Evaluation of CAMPA works by Third party in Telangana, work was entrusted to M/s. IORA Ecological Solutions limited, New Delhi for evaluation of works carried out under CAMPA from 2009-10 to 2015-16 year wise. Gathering of official data at Head Office, Field visits to the respective Divisions, gathering of field data, analysis of field data, preparation and submission of final evaluation reports year wise from 2009-10 to 2015-16 were completed. The evaluation reports have been approved by the state CAMPA Executive & Steering committee. Telangana Forest Department is taking action on the suggestions made in Third Party Evaluation reports.
 12. The engagement of local labour to assist regular staff will be as per the CAF Rule and there will be liabilities of such casual labourers on the State CAMPA. It was pointed out that strike force with local helpers along with petrol charges are mentioned under the forest protection head which should not be funded from CAMPA fund.
 13. State CAMPA has proposed Rs. 10.00 crore for recurring and non-recurring expenses of State CAMPA, etc. under interest accrued head but break up of activities as per the CAF Rule, 2018 is not provided. The Committee directed CEO, State CAMPA that the head-wise proposed expenditure should be furnished for record.


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The expenditure from the NPV should be as per the CAF Rules which provides 80% for core forestry activities and 20% for ancillary activities. The State Authority should re distribute the permissible activities accordingly. Similar Rules applies for expenditure from Interest component.

15. As per the CAF Rule 2018 the APO should be prepared in consultation with the Gram Sabha as prescribed under the FRA before the APO is approved by the Steering Committee of State Authority. No such undertaking has been provided along with the APO which may be provided.

16. The State Authority should ensure that the expenditure from State CAMPA Fund is done strictly according to the provisions of the CAF Act and CAF Rules and follow directions issued by any authority or Court in this regard.

The committee examined the proposal in light of the above restriction and approved the APO subject to the amendment for non-permissible activities referred above. The budget for the APO should be revised accordingly and informed to the National Authority for record.

Date: 21/6/19

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