

Minutes of the 20th Meeting of Executive Committee, J&K State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) held 30.08.2018 at Sheikh Bagh, Srinagar.

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In pursuance of decisions taken during 15th Meeting of Steering Committee CAMPA held on 14 August 2018, a meeting of Executive Committee (CAMPA) was held on 30.8.2018 under the Chairmanship of Sh. Manoj Pant, IFS, Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu and Kashmir. The list of participants is placed at Annexure-I.

2. At the outset, Sh Sarvesh Rai, IFS Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, CAMPA welcomed Sh. Manoj Pant, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Chairman, Executive Committee, CAMPA and all Members including special invitees of Executive Committee.

3. The Executive Committee was informed about the Draft Rules prepared by the Committee of Officers constituted as per the decision of 19th meeting of the Executive Committee, CAMPA. Shri Vasu Yadav, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests, Central (Member Secretary of the Committee) gave an overview of legal framework governing the state CAMPA – SRO 354 of 11.11.2009, CAF Act 2016, CAF Rules 2018, and the proposed J&K State Compensatory Afforestation Rules, 2018.

4. The Chairman, EC asked Addl. PCCF, CAMPA to brief the participants about the discussions in the meeting held in Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on 28.8.2018. The APCCF CAMPA informed that MOEF&CC has circulated a draft notification regarding accounting procedure of National / State Compensatory Afforestation Fund to be established under CAF Act 2016 and CAF Rules 2018 by 30 September 2018 as follows:

- All the monies deposited in Nationalised Bank Accounts of Ad'hoc Authority shall be transferred to the interest bearing section of

Public Account of India under a distinct head with the nomenclature "National Compensatory Afforestation Deposits (Civil Deposit)". Similarly State Governments are required to establish a distinct interest bearing Public Account for management of funds received under Forest Conservation Act and money to be received from National Fund.

- Once the State Government has established "State Compensatory Afforestation Fund," States share (90% of the monies with Ad'hoc Authority) shall be repatriated to the Public Account of respective State Compensatory Afforestation Fund.
- Monies received by the State Governments from the User Agencies shall also be credited in Public Account of "State Compensatory Fund," out of which 10% will be transferred to Public Account of India.
- The Annual Plan of Operation under CAMPA need to be incorporated in the State Budget which shall be operated through State fund (based on the APO of the State Authority). The Pay and Account Officer of the State Treasury shall debit the concerned Consolidated Fund of the State and thereafter make the accounting adjustment with the State Compensatory Afforestation Fund as deduct recoveries. This will ensure that the expenditure is adjusted from the State fund and the balance continues to remain in the interests bearing non-lapsable fund in Public Account.

5. The Committee deliberated on the requirement for establishment of Public Account for management of funds to be received from Ad'hoc Authority and User Agencies. The Committee took note of the fact that the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 (Central Act), does not extend to the State of J&K and an analogous act is a pre-requisite for operation of funds through public account. The Committee also took note of the fact that existing CAMPA Account with the J&K Bank is


governed under the provisions of SRO 354 of 2009 dated 11.11.2009 read with Rule 11 of J&K Forest (Conservation & Afforestation) Rules, 2000. The same provision, for the time being, may be incorporated for management of Compensatory Afforestation Fund (to be received from Adhoc Authority and User Agencies) in the proposed Jammu and Kashmir Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018.

6. There was a detailed discussion on the each clause of the draft Rules. All the amendments recommended by the Executive Committee were suitably incorporated in the draft Rules.

7. The Executive Committee unanimously recommended that:-

- a) Draft J&K State Compensatory Afforestation Rules, 2018 (enclosed herewith) may be submitted to the Chairman, Steering Committee for consideration and approval.
- b) The APOs of Forest and allied Departments and Wildlife Protection Department for the year 2018-19 revised in accordance with the proposed draft J&K State Compensatory Afforestation Rules, 2018 may be submitted to the Competent Authority for accord of approval.

The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks to the Chair. The Committee profusely thanked Shri Vasu Yadav, IFS, CCF(Central) for his tireless efforts in preparing the draft Rules in the shortest possible time.


(Sarvesh Rai) IFS
Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests/
Project Coordinator
CAMPA

No.: PCCF/CAMPA/20th EC Minutes/1804-25 dated : 31 / 08 /2018

Copy for information and necessary action to the:-

1. Commissioner Secretary to Government, Forest Department, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar

2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)/Chief Wildlife Warden, Wildlife Protection Department, Srinagar.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K Govt. Srinagar
4. PCCF/Director, Soil and Water Conservation Department, Srinagar
5. Addl. PCCF/ Director Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing, Srinagar.
6. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Northern Regional office MoEF&CC Chandigarh.
7. APCCF/Chief Conservator of Forests,(Survey and Demarcation)
8. APCCF/Chief Conservator of Forests(Planning & Projects)
9. APCCF/Director, State Forest Research Institute,
10. APCCF/Director, Forest Protection Force, Srinagar.
11. APCCF/Director, Social Forestry Department, Srinagar.
12. Chief Conservator of Forests(Central)
13. Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir.
14. Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)/Nodal Officer.
15. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu.
16. Conservator of Forests, Conservator of Forests (Central), Northern Regional Office, Chandigarh
17. Dy. Director,(Plg) PCCFs Office
18. Chief Accounts Officer o/o Pr.CCF's Office.
19. Pr. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, J&K for kind information of the worthy Chief Secretary.
20. Dr. Gurmit Singh-President, SAWERA Jammu (NGO Member).
21. Shri Nazir-Be-Nazir, President, National Society for Protection of Water Resources, Wetlands and Forests, Srinagar (NGO Member).

List of Participants

Annexure-1

1. Pr.CCF(HoFF)/Chief Wildlife Warden, Wildlife Protection Deptt., J&K
2. APCCF/ Chief Conservator of Forests, Planning & Projects.
3. Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir
4. Chief Conservator of Forests FCA/Nodal Officer.
5. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu
6. Sh. Nazir-Be-Nazir, President, (NGO Member).

Special Invitees:

1. APCCF/Chief Conservator of Forests (S & D)
2. APCCF/Director, State Forest Research Institute, Srinagar
3. APCCF/Director, Social Forestry Deptt. Srinagar
4. Chief Conservator of Forests, Central
5. Chief Conservator of Forests (Eco-Tourism)
6. Conservators of Forests, Agrostology, Working Plan, North, East and West Circles.
7. Statistical Officer Wildlife Protection Department, Srinagar