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### Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF Jammu & Kashmir Forest Department



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No. PCCF/CAMPA/2021/APOs 2022-23/ <sup>F1217</sup> 1573-1632 Dated: 17.08.2021

**Sub:** Preparation of Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) for financial year 2022-23 under CAMPA in accordance with the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Rules, 2018 – Regarding assessment of requirement of fund.

Sir/Madam,

In accordance with the provisions under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Rules 2018, the APOs for the FY 2022-23 are required to be submitted by the J&K CAMPA to the National Authority, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, by 31 December 2021. It is therefore, proposed to initiate the process of the preparation of the APO 2022-23 now.

2. In this regard, it is requested to kindly review the activities in CAMPA APO 2021-22 and assess the requirement of funds in FY 2022-23. While assessing the requirement of funds for the FY 2022-23, Implementing Agencies need to keep in view the following general guidelines (only indicative list/not comprehensive):-

- (i) All degraded forest areas need be rehabilitated in a time bound manner – in five years. The availability of funds under other schemes for this purpose may also be kept in view.
- (ii) All forest areas near the habitations facing threat of encroachment should be provided protective fencing within the shortest possible time.
- (iii) Continuation of Special Projects may be assessed. Effort should be made to conclude these projects in 2022-23 in a manner that the stated objectives of these projects are achieved.

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- (IV) In respect of all forest diversion cases under the Forest Conservation Act which have received in principle approval (Stage-I approval), Compensatory Afforestation (CA) proposal as per the approved plan to be prepared in FY 2022-23.
- (V) Considering that coniferous plants reach plantable size after three years in nursery, year-wise requirement of planting material need to be assessed. The proposal for up-gradation/modernization of nurseries and raising of planting material need to be prepared for FY 2022-23 considering the enhanced targets.
- (VI) Innovation/modernization in forest and wildlife management and capacity building activities covered under the CAF Rules 2018 may be given due consideration.
- (VII) Afforestation and soil and conservation measures should cover large patches of forests, adopting ridge to valley approach in treatment.
- (VIII) Demand of people for fodder and NTFP and livelihood generation should be given top priority.

3. The requirement of funds for FY 2022-23 keeping in view the above indicative guidelines may kindly be intimated to this office latest by 30 August 2021 for consideration.

Yours faithfully,

(Sarvesh Rai) IFS

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Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests/  
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1. Conservators of Forests, East, West, Chenab, North, South, Srinagar, Central, Working Plan and Agrostology Circles.
2. All Divisional Forest Officers/IAs concerned.
3. Private Secretary with PCCF & HoFF for kind information of the worthy Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, J&K.

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