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**GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS**

NOTIFICATION

Jaipur, November 12, 2009

**S.o.279:&Establishment of Rajasthan State Compensatory
Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (State
CAMPA)**

1. Overarching Core Principles

(a) The State Government hereby constitutes an Authority to be known as "Rajasthan State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority" (hereinafter referred to State CAMPA) in consonance with the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Order dated 10th July, 2009 with effect from the date of publication of this notification for the purpose of management of money collected from user agencies towards compensatory afforestation, additional compensatory afforestation, penal compensatory afforestation. Net Present Value (NPV) and all other amounts recovered from such agencies under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) It is intended as an instrument to accelerate activities for preservation of natural forests, management of wildlife, infrastructure

development in the sector and other allied works.

- (c) The State CAMPA would administer the amount received from the Adhoc CAMPA and utilize the monies collected for undertaking compensatory afforestation, assisted natural regeneration, conservation and protection of forests, infrastructure development, wildlife conservation and protection and other related activities and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.
- (d) State CAMPA would serve as a common repository of funds accruing on account of compensatory afforestation and NPV. It would deploy funds as per guidelines governing the use of funds for conservation, protection and management of forests. The amounts would also be deployed for wildlife preservation and enhancement of wildlife habitats.
- (e) State CAMPA would provide an integrated framework for utilizing multiple sources of funding and activities relating to protection and management of forests and wildlife. Its prime task would be regenerating natural forests and building up the institution engaged in this work in the State Forest Department including training of the forest officials of various levels with an emphasis on training of the staff at cutting edge level (forest range level). The amount received by it will also be utilized for providing residential accommodation to the field staff and necessary machines and equipments to them. These include appropriate arrangement for their conveyance during inspections and protection duty. In short, the department would be modernized to protect and regenerate the forests and wildlife habitat.

(f) The State CAMPA may decide to utilize a minor part of its funds for contractual engagement of personnel wherever there is shortage of personnel. This should be done cautiously to avoid recurring revenue expenditure on the State Government. It may also take up State-specific activity relevant to the State, in keeping with the core objectives.

(g) The State CAMPA would also promote a voluntary movement of youth and students for supporting conservation activities initiated/ongoing in the State Forest Department.

2. Aims and Objectives

State CAMPA shall seek to promote:

- (a) conservation, protection, regeneration and management of existing natural forests;
- (b) conservation, protection and management of wildlife and its habitat within and outside protected areas including the consolidation of the protected areas;
- (c) compensatory afforestation;
- (d) environmental services, which include:-
 - (i) provision of goods such as wood, non-timber forest products, fuel, fodder and water, and provision of services such as grazing, tourism, wildlife protection and life support;
 - (ii) regulating services such as climate regulation, disease control, flood moderation, detoxification, carbon sequestration and health of soils, air and water regimes;

- (iii) non-material benefits obtained from ecosystems, spiritual, recreational, aesthetic, inspirational, educational and symbolic; and
- (iv) supporting such other services necessary for the production of ecosystem services, biodiversity, nutrient cycling and primary production.

(e) Research, training and capacity building.

3. The Functions of State CAMPA shall include, inter alia—

- (a) funding, overseeing and promoting compensatory afforestation done in lieu of diversion of forest land for non-forestry use under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
- (b) overseeing forest and wildlife conservation and protection works within forest areas undertaken and financed under the programme.
- (c) maintaining a separate account in respect of the funds received for conservation and protection of Protected Areas.
- (d) creating transparency for the programme and mobilizing citizen support; and
- (e) earmarking up to two percent of the funds for monitoring and evaluation.

4. Sources of Funds of State CAMPA

- (a) Following funds/receipts shall be credited into the account of State CAMPA:
 - (i) Amount transferred to it by the ad-hoc CAMPA.

- (ii) receipt of all monies hereafter from user agencies towards compensatory afforestation, additional compensatory afforestation, penal compensatory afforestation, Net Present Value (NPV), Catchment Area Treatment Plan or any money for compliance of conditions stipulated by the Central Government while according approval under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;
 - (iii) the unspent funds already realized by the State from user agencies and not transferred yet to the Adhoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority for crediting into the Fund ;
 - (iv) the funds recoverable from user agencies in cases where forest land diverted falls within the protected areas, that is, areas notified under sections 18, 26A or 35 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for undertaking activities relating to the protection of biodiversity and wildlife, which would be maintained under a separate head; and
 - (v) Net Present Value of the forest land diverted for non-forestry purposes, collected under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the rules and the guidelines made thereunder and in pursuance of the judgment of the Supreme Court dated the 29th October 2002 from user agencies. And
- (b) The State Government may also credit to the State CAMPA—
- (i) grants or aid received if any;

- (ii) any loan taken by the Authority or any borrowings made by it; and
 - (iii) any other sums received by the Authority by way of benefaction, gift or donations.
 - (iv) any amount realized by Forest Department in lieu of expenditure incurred on plantations on Government / Community owned non-forest land.
- (c) The monies received in the State CAMPA shall be kept in interest-bearing account(s) in nationalized bank(s) and periodically withdrawn for the works as per the Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) approved by the Steering Committee.

5. Utilization of the money:- The money available with the state CAMPA shall be utilized for meeting—

- (a) expenditure towards the development, maintenance and protection of forests and wildlife management as per the approved APO;
- (b) the non-recurring as well as recurring expenditure for the management of the State CAMPA, including the salary and allowances payable to its officers and other employees, by utilizing a part of the income from interest received on funds invested by State CAMPA, but excluding income from funds recoverable from the user agencies in cases where forest land diverted falls within the protected areas, that is, areas notified under sections 18, 26A or 35 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for undertaking activities related to protection of biodiversity and wildlife;

- (c) the expenditure incurred on monitoring and evaluation subject to overall ceiling of 2% of the amount to be spent every year; and
- (d) disbursement on such other projects related to forest conservation.

6. **Disbursement of funds:**

- (a) The money received for compensatory Afforestation, additional compensatory afforestation, penal compensatory afforestation, Catchment Area Treatment Plan and for any other site specific scheme may be used as per site-specific schemes submitted by the State along with the approved proposals for diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- (b) After receipt of the money, State CAMPA shall accomplish the afforestation for which money is deposited in the Compensatory Afforestation Fund within a period of one year or two growing seasons after project completion, as may be appropriate.
- (c) The money received on account of Net Present Value (NPV) shall be used for natural assisted regeneration, forest management, protection, infrastructure development, wildlife protection and management, supply of wood and other forest produce saving devices and other allied activities.
- (d) Monies realized from the user agencies in pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's orders or decision taken by the National Board for Wildlife involving cases of diversion of forest land in protected areas shall form a distinct corpus and shall be used exclusively for undertaking protection and conservation activities in protected areas of the State.

- (e) State CAMPA shall release monies to the field officers in predetermined installments as per the Annual Plan of Operation (APO) finalized.

7. **State CAMPA shall consist of a Governing Body, a Steering Committee and an Executive Committee.**

- (a) The Governing body of the state CAMPA shall consist of the following:

- (i) Chief Minister - Chairperson
- (ii) Minister of Forests - Member
- (iii) Minister of Finance & Planning - Member
- (iv) Chief Secretary - Member
- (v) Principal Secretary, Finance - Member
- (vi) Principal Secretary, Planning - Member
- (vii) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests-Member
- (viii) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests-Member
& Chief Wildlife Warden
- (ix) Principal Secretary, Forests-Member Secretary

The Governing Body shall lay down the broad policy framework in consonance with the guidelines prescribed by National CAMPA Advisory Council for the functioning of State level CAMPA and review its working from time to time.

- (b) The Steering Committee of State CAMPA shall consist of following:

- (i) Chief Secretary -Chairperson
- (ii) Principal Secretary, Forests -Member
- (iii) Principal Secretary, Finance -Member
- (iv) Principal Secretary, Planning -Member

- (v) **Principal Chief Conservator of Forests-Member**
- (vi) **Principal Chief Conservator of Forests-Member
& Chief Wildlife Warden**
- (vii) **Additional Principal Chief Conservator-Member
of Forests, Forest Protection & Nodal Officer,
FCA**
- (viii) **A representative of the Ministry of -Member
Environment & Forests**
- (ix) **Two eminent NGO's to be nominated by
the-Member
State Government for a period of 2 years at
a time who shall be eligible for re-nomination**
- (x) **Additional Principal Chief Conservator –
Member Secretary of Forests(Development)**

(c) **The Steering Committee shall–**

- (i) **lay down and/or approve rules and
procedures for the functioning of the body
and its Executive Committee, subject to the
overarching objectives and core principles of
State CAMPA;**
- (ii) **monitor the progress of the utilization of
funds released by the State CAMPA;**
- (iii) **approve the Annual Plan of Operation (APO)
prepared by the Executive Committee;**
- (iv) **approve the annual reports and audited
accounts of the State CAMPA;**
- (v) **ensure inter-departmental coordination;**
- (vi) **meet at least once in six months.**

(d) The Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

(i) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests-Chairperson

(ii) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests -Member
& Chief Wildlife Warden

(iii) Additional Principal Chief Conservator- Member
of Forests (Development)

(iv) Financial Adviser in the O/o the Principal-Member
Chief Conservator of Forests

(v) Two eminent NGO's to be nominated by-Member
the State Government for a period of 2 years at a
time who shall be eligible for re-nomination

(vi) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of -
Member Secretary

Forests, Forest Protection & Nodal Officer, FCA

(e) The Executive Committee shall –

(i) take all steps for giving effect to the State CAMPA and overarching objectives and core principles, in accordance with rules and procedures approved by the Steering Committee and the approved APO;

(ii) prepare the APO of the State for various activities, submit it to the Steering Committee before end of December for each financial year, and obtain the Steering Committee's concurrence for release of funds, while giving break-up of the proposed activities and estimated costs;

(iii) supervise the works being implemented in the State out of the funds released from the State CAMPA;

(iv) be responsible for proper auditing of both receipt and expenditure of funds;

- (v) develop the code for maintenance of the account at the implementing agency level;
- (vi) submit reports to the Steering Committee for review/consideration; and
- (vii) prepare Annual Report by end of June for each financial year.

8. Accounting Procedure

- (a) State CAMPA shall prepare, in such form and at such time in each financial year as may be prescribed, its budget for the next financial year, showing the estimated receipts and expenditure of the State CAMPA.
- (b) State CAMPA shall adopt financial regulations and procedures, in particular the procedure for approval and implementing the APO.
- (c) State CAMPA shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepare an annual statement of accounts in such form as may be prescribed in consultation with the Accountant General concerned.
- (d) The accounts of the State CAMPA shall be audited by the Accountant General at such intervals as may be specified by him and any expenditure incurred in connection with such audit shall be payable by the Authority to the Accountant General.
- (e) The Accountant General and any other person appointed by him in connection with the audit of the accounts of the State CAMPA shall have the same rights and privileges and authority in connection with such audit as the Accountant General generally has in connection with the audit of the Government accounts and, in particular, shall have the right to demand the production of books, accounts, connected vouchers and other documents and papers and to inspect the office of the State CAMPA.
- (f) The accounts of the State CAMPA as certified by the Accountant General or any other person appointed by him in this behalf together with the

audit report thereon and annual report, shall be forwarded annually to the State Government, the MoE&F and the Adhoc CAMPA by the State CAMPA.

- (g) The State Government and the MoE&F shall have the power to conduct special audit or performance audit of the State CAMPA.
- (h) The Annual Report shall provide, inter alia, for—
 - (i) the details of various works done and the amount spent;
 - (ii) the details of the amount received by the State CAMPA from various sources; and
 - (iii) the observations made in the audit report.

9. Monitoring and Evaluation of the works

- (a) An independent system for concurrent monitoring and evaluation of the works implemented in the State utilizing the funds available shall be evolved and implemented to ensure effective and proper utilization of funds.
- (b) The National CAMPA Advisory Council shall have the powers to order special inspection and financial audit of works executed by the State CAMPA utilizing CAMPA money.
- (c) If satisfied that the funds released are not being utilized properly, the National CAMPA Advisory Council as well as the state level Steering Committee shall have the power to withhold or suspend the release of remaining funds or part thereof.

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