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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Please find enclosed herewith the minutes of the 37th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Authority held on 30.12.2025 (Tuesday) under the Chairmanship of the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, for kind information and necessary action.

Encl: Minutes of the meeting of 37th Executive Committee



(Anand Mohan)

Chief Executive Officer
National Authority

Distribution:

1. The Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, MoEF&CC, GoI.
2. Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, MoEF&CC, Member.
3. Additional Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEF&CC, Member.
4. Additional Director General of Forests (Wildlife), MoEF&CC, Member.
5. Additional Director General of Forests, NFCA, MoEF&CC, Member.
6. Mission Director, National Mission of Green India, MoEF&CC, Member.
7. Inspector General of Forests, FC Division, Member.
8. Inspector General of Forests (WL Division), Member.
9. Prof. S.K. Barik, Expert Member of Executive Committee.
10. Shri Shailesh Tembhurnikar, Expert Member of Executive Committee.
11. Shri Ramesh Kumar Srivastava, Expert Member of Executive Committee.
12. Smt. Mahua Mukherjee, Expert Member of Executive Committee.
13. Concerned Head of Integrated Regional Offices of MoEF&CC.
14. The PCCF & HoFFs, States of Bihar, Manipur and Odisha.
15. The CEOs of State CAMPA of Bihar, Manipur and Odisha.

Copy to:

1. Member Secretary (MS), Central Zoo Authority (CZA) of India.
2. Sr. Technical Director, NIC, MoEF&CC.

MINUTES OF THE 37th MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL CAMPA

The 37th meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of the National CAMPA was held in the National CAMPA Office, 3rd Floor, Supreme Court Metro Station Building, New Delhi on 30th December, 2025 under the chairmanship of the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary (DGF&SS), MoEF&CC. The list of participants is attached at **Annexure I**.

PART A: GENERAL DISCUSSION AND DIRECTIONS

1. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), National CAMPA welcomed the Chairman, members of the Executive Committee and other officers present in the meeting.
2. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary (DGF&SS) and the Chairman of the Executive Committee welcomed the members and other officers present in the meeting.
3. The CEO informed that based on the decision taken in 36th meeting of Executive Committee of National Authority approval letters for deferred/spill over/additional APOs of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Ladakh, Mizoram, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand have been communicated.
4. The CEO, National Authority CAMPA apprised the Executive Committee that the only Eleven (11) States/UTs namely Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Odisha, Telangana, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh have furnished reconciliation statement of Compensatory Afforestation from 1980 to 2024-25.
5. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary (DGF&SS) directed the States/UTs of Delhi, Haryana, Gujarat and Rajasthan to develop satellite nurseries to facilitate plantation activities under the Aravalli Green Wall Project. He further emphasized that, in case of financial constraints faced by the States/UTs, the National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board (NAEB) may be approached with an appropriate scheme/project for funding support from the National Fund.
6. The Executive Committee directed the State of Bihar and other Ganga River States (Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal) to furnish detailed information on the status of plantation activities being implemented under the Namami Gange Programme.
7. Prof. S. K. Barik, Expert Member of Executive Committee emphasized the need for systematic documentation of rare, endangered and threatened (RET) plant species of India. The Executive Committee directed NAEB and BSI to jointly prepare a detailed project proposal for the documentation and conservation of these plant species. The Executive Committee further directed that the proposed project should include clear objectives, scope of work, methodology, timelines, and estimated financial requirements, and be submitted for consideration within a stipulated timeframe.

8. The DGF&SS directed National Authority to review the status of e-Green Watch portal and the KML of plantation sites uploaded in e-Green Watch portal by States/UTs.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 36th MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL AUTHORITY

The Chief Executive Officer, National Authority informed that no comments/ suggestions have been received from any member or the State/UT on the Minutes of the 36th meeting of Executive Committee of National Authority circulated vide OM of even No. dated 9th October, 2025. The Chairperson after taking views of the members confirmed the minutes of 36th meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: ACTION TAKEN ON 36th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY

The CEO, National CAMPA presented the action taken report on the decision of the 36th Executive Committee meeting before the EC. The CEO informed that based on the decision taken in 36th meeting of Executive Committee, the approvals of APOs of States & UTs CAMPA have been communicated to the concerned States/ UTs.

Decision of the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee noted Action Taken on 36th meeting of EC.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (MIS) PORTAL FOR SCHEMES SUPPORTED UNDER NATIONAL FUND OF THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY

1. Background

The National Authority, Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) supports the funding of specific schemes/programmes in accordance with the provisions of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016, vide section 5(b)(iii) from the National fund and the National Authority is also responsible for the execution of these schemes vide section 15(1)(iii).

In pursuance of these statutory mandate, the National Authority, CAMPA supports eligible national-level schemes relating to forestry, wildlife conservation, ecological restoration, capacity building, research, and other activities aligned with the objectives of compensatory afforestation and environmental sustainability.

To streamline the end-to-end process of scheme proposal, formulation, appraisal, approval, and monitoring, an online Management Information System (MIS) Portal has been

developed with the technical support from BISAG-N (Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics), Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

2. Purpose of the MIS Portal

The MIS Portal aims to provide an integrated digital platform that facilitates:

1. Submission of Scheme Proposals by Implementing Agencies (Central Ministries, Institutions, Research Bodies, etc.).
2. Verification and Technical Appraisal of proposals by the concerned Programme Divisions.
3. Placement of Appraised Schemes before the National Authority, CAMPA for consideration and approval.
4. Funding Workflow Management.
5. Tracking, Monitoring, Reporting, and Evaluation of scheme progress throughout its lifecycle.

3. Structure and Workflow of the Portal

The portal has been structured to ensure transparency, accountability, and efficiency through the following sequence:



Fig: Flow diagram for the MIS portal for schemes

4. Key Features of the MIS Portal

1. End-to-end digitised workflow to eliminate manual processing.
2. User-specific dashboards for Implementing Agencies, Programme Divisions, and Authority members.
3. Built-in scrutiny checklists to enhance accuracy of appraisal.
4. Automated notifications and reminders for timely actions.
5. Document repository for all scheme-related files and approvals.
6. Real-time monitoring module for financial and physical progress.
7. Audit-ready, time-stamped records for all actions taken.

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5. Benefits of the Digital Intervention

A. Enhanced Transparency

1. All proposals, actions, and decisions are digitally logged and time-stamped.
2. Users can view the status of schemes at each stage, reducing opacity.
3. Approvals are documented in a structured and verifiable format.

B. Improved Accountability

1. Clearly defined roles and responsibilities at each level.
2. Automated audit trails ensure accountability of decisions and fund utilisation.

C. Efficient Monitoring & Reporting

1. Centralised dashboard presents progress of all schemes under the National Fund.
2. Facilitates data-driven decision-making, mid-course corrections, and impact assessments.
3. Enhances institutional memory and long-term record maintenance.

D. Timely Processing and Reduced Delays

1. Digital workflows shorten the time required for scrutiny and approval.
2. Quick communication between Programme Divisions and Implementing Agencies.

E. Strengthening Governance

1. Supports compliance with CAF Act, 2016.
2. Ensures optimal utilisation of National Fund resources for high-impact schemes.
3. Promotes standardisation across Ministries and institutions.

6. Agenda for Consideration

The Governing Body/National Authority requested to:

1. **Consider and approve** the launch of the MIS Portal for Schemes supported under the National Fund of CAMPA.
2. **Authorize the adoption** of the portal as the mandatory medium for submission, appraisal, approval, monitoring, and reporting of all schemes under Rule 5(b)(iii).
3. **Permit necessary refinements** and integration with existing Government systems (e.g., PFMS, e-office) as required.
4. **Direct Implementing Agencies and Programme Divisions** to operationalise the system from the date of its notification.

Approval solicited:

Approval is solicited for the formal rollout and operational use of the MIS Portal for National Fund Schemes of the National Authority, CAMPA.

Decision of the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee approved the Management Information System (MIS) portal for Schemes.





AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: MONITORING & EVALUATION PORTAL FOR CAMPA WORKS

Background

In order to strengthen transparency, accountability, and evidence-based decision-making in implementation of CAMPA-supported activities, a two-tier Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) framework is envisaged. The framework integrates pre-approval scrutiny of activities through the Digital APO portal and post-approval monitoring through a dedicated M&E portal, supported by advanced geospatial and remote sensing tools.

The proposed system builds upon existing digital platforms and leverages decision-support mechanisms to enable effective monitoring at field, State, and National levels.

I. Pre-Approval Monitoring and Evaluation through Digital APO Portal

At the first level, monitoring and evaluation are integrated prior to approval of activities proposed by States through the Digital Annual Plan of Operations (Digital APO) portal.

Key Features:

1. **Dashboard-Based Monitoring at Multiple Levels:** The Digital APO portal provides role-based dashboards for:
 - 1) Divisional Forest Officer (DFO)
 - 2) Conservator of Forests (CF) / Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF)
 - 3) State CAMPA CEO
 - 4) National CAMPA CEO

These dashboards enable real-time review of proposed activities and associated geospatial data.

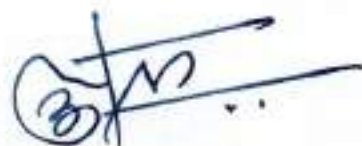
2. **KML Verification and Checker Mechanism:** A dedicated KML verification checker section is embedded within the Digital APO portal to examine spatial correctness of proposed activities. This ensures alignment of locations with approved forest land boundaries and compliance with approved Forest Clearance (FC) conditions.
3. **Decision Support System (DSS):** A Decision Support System, developed by the PARIVESH team, is envisaged within the Digital APO portal. The DSS will support decision-making at all dashboard levels by:
 - 1) Flagging observations on KML files
 - 2) Integrating inputs from the FC module
 - 3) Highlighting spatial inconsistencies or overlaps

The observations in respect of KML files are based on Forest Clearance approvals granted by the FC Division, thereby ensuring regulatory consistency.

II. Post-Approval Monitoring and Evaluation through M&E Portal

At the second level, post-approval monitoring of CAMPA works is proposed through a dedicated M&E portal, being developed in collaboration with technical partner BISAG-N.

Key Features:



1. **Six-Monthly Drone-Based Monitoring by States:** States shall upload **drone imagery of CAMPA-supported works every six months** to capture physical progress and on-ground implementation status of approved activities.
2. **Advanced Geospatial Analysis Using PM Gati Shakti Tools:** The M&E portal will leverage **PM Gati Shakti analytical tools**, supported by use of the following layers:
 - 1) High-resolution satellite imagery
 - 2) Land Use/ Land Cover (LULC) analysis
 - 3) Vegetation indices
 - 4) Soil moisture layers
 - 5) PF/ RF forest cover layers

These layers will aid objective assessment of progress and outcomes of CAMPA works.

3. **Evidence-Based Monitoring and Reporting:** Integration of drone and satellite-based analytics will enable:
 - 1) Verification of actual implementation against approved plans
 - 2) Identification of deviations, delays, or non-compliance
 - 3) Generation of standardized monitoring reports at State and National levels

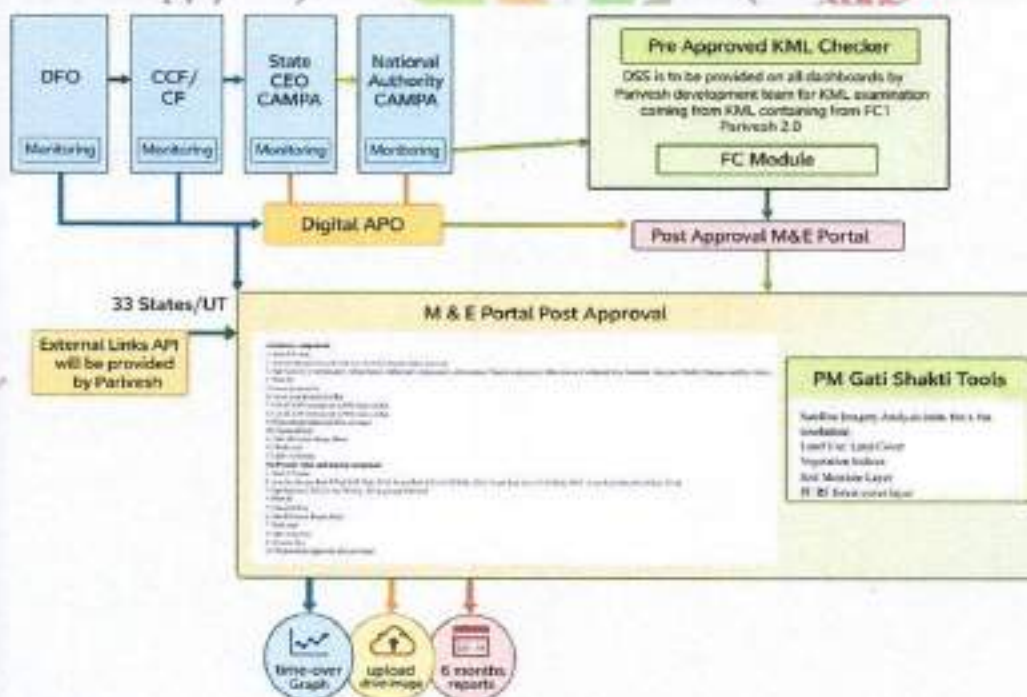


Fig: The flow diagram for the monitoring and evaluation portal for CAMPA works

Expected Outcomes

- 1) Strengthened pre-approval scrutiny of CAMPA activities through spatial validation
- 2) Data-driven decision-making supported by dashboards and DSS tools
- 3) Objective, technology-enabled post-approval monitoring of field implementation
- 4) Enhanced transparency and accountability in utilisation of CAMPA funds
- 5) Improved convergence between regulatory approvals and field execution

- 6) Approval is solicited for the formal rollout and operational use of the MIS Portal for National Fund Schemes of the National Authority, CAMPA.

Approval solicited:

Approval is solicited for the formal rollout and operational use of the **two-level Monitoring and Evaluation framework** for CAMPA works taken up by the States while executing the APOs.

Decision of the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee approved the Monitoring & Evaluation Portal for CAMPA Works.



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AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: HARIT-SANKALP (SYSTEM FOR ACCREDITATION, NURSERY KNOWLEDGE FOR AFFORESTATION LINKAGE PLATFORM)

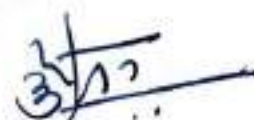
Background

In order to strengthen planning, transparency, and traceability in nursery management and supply of planting material under Forest Nurseries, the **Harit-SANKALP (System for Accreditation, Nursery Knowledge for Afforestation Linkage Platform) Portal** has been developed as a centralized digital platform with FAO-India as the consultative partners.

The portal interface reflects a comprehensive, role-based workflow covering advance planning, inventory management, traceability, and monitoring from seed source to dispatch.

Key Functional Features:

1. **Unique Code Generation for Every Entity:** As reflected in the nursery registration and master data screens, the portal generates a **system-defined unique identification code** for each registered- a) Seed Production Areas, b) Seed Orchards, c) Seed Processing Units, d) Seed Storage Units and e) Nurseries, ensuring uniform identification and eliminating duplication across States and Divisions.
2. **QR Code Generation:** The portal interface displays **auto-generated QR codes** linked to nurseries and planting material batches. These QR codes enable instant access to nursery and batch details through scanning, facilitating field-level verification and monitoring.
 
3. **Mapping of all Existing Nurseries of Forest Departments in States:** The nursery mapping screens demonstrate the integration of **all existing nurseries** into the Harit-SANKALP framework. Each mapped nursery is converted into the standardized digital format and assigned a unique code and QR code.
4. **End-to-End Traceability of Planting Material:** The portal workflow screens illustrate **complete traceability from seed source to nursery raising and final dispatch**, enabling tracking of planting material across stages and ensuring quality control and accountability.
5. **Role-Based Dashboards for Improved Visibility:** The portal home screen provides **dashboard-based visual summaries**, displaying key information such as nursery capacity, availability of planting material, bookings, and dispatch status. Dashboards are customized based on user roles to enhance visibility and decision-making.
6. **Advance Booking Facility:** The portal provides an online **advance booking module**, visible on the user dashboard, enabling field units and implementing agencies to book planting material in advance based on plantation schedules. This supports better production planning and demand forecasting at nursery level.
 
7. **Multi-Level Login and Access Control:** The login and user management screens show **multi-level, role-based access** at all levels of the Forest departments hierarchy:
 - 1) National
 - 2) State (All three- CEO, State Authority; PCCF Development and PCCF Silviculture)



- 3) Circle
- 4) Division
- 5) Range

This ensures decentralised data entry, controlled approvals, and secure access aligned with administrative hierarchy.

Expected Outcomes

- Enhanced transparency and accountability in nursery and planting material management.
- Improved advance planning and optimal utilisation of nursery capacity, seed production supply chains in various agroclimatic zones.
- Real-time, dashboard-based monitoring at all administrative levels.
- Strengthened traceability and quality assurance under CAMPA-supported activities.
- Seamless coordination between National, State, and field units through a single digital platform.



Fig: Harit-SANKALP Portal

Approval solicited:

Approval is solicited for the formal rollout and operational use of the Harit-SANKALP portal by the States.

Decision of the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee approved the Harit-SANKALP (System for Accreditation, Nursery Knowledge for Afforestation Linkage Platform).

PART B: APPROVALS OF STATES ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATIONS FOR FY 2025-26

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION (APO) FOR THE YEAR 2025-26 BIHAR AUTHORITY

1. Date of Receipt : 01.09.2025
2. Date of approval of EC of State/UT : 20.06.2025
3. Date of approval of the Steering Committee of State : 27.08.2025
4. Total Amount/Outlay : Rs. 50.78 Crore
5. Year wise number of State/UT meeting details:

Year	Executive Committee meetings of the State/UT (As on 30.09.2024)	Steering Committee meetings of the State/UT (As on 30.09.2024)	Governing Body meetings of the State/UT (As on 30.09.2024)
2018-19	1	1	0
2019-20	2	2	0
2020-21	2	2	0
2021-22	0	0	0
2022-23	2	2	0
2023-24	1	1	0
2024-25	1	1	0
Total	9	9	0

6. Funds status with the State/UT along with Outlay proposed:

(Amount in Rs. crore)

Sr. No.	CAMPA Activity	Funds Available with State/UT as on 01.04.2025	Outlay proposed	% of fund proposed by State
1	Mandatory Activity [Section 6(a) of CAF Act, 2016]			
	CA/PCA/Additional CA	140.43	27.46	
	Catchment Area Treatment Plan	0.00	0.00	
	Integrated Wildlife Management Plan	0.00	0.00	
	Others	0.00	0.00	
	Sub Total	140.43	27.46	
2	Net Present Value [5(2)(3)(4) of CAF Rule, 2018]	59.38	14.61	24.60 % 5(2) 90.07 % 5(3) 9.93 %
3	Interest [6(a) (b) of CAF Rule, 2018]	32.61	2.63	8.07 % 6(a) 84.04 % 6(b) 15.96 %
4	Other Components	218.99	6.07	
	Total	451.41	50.78	

7. (i) Funds released by State Government during the FY

(Amount in Rs. crore)

Year	Total Outlay of the APO	APO approved by National Authority	Fund Released by State Government	Fund Utilized by State Authority	Funds released by State Government w.r.t funds approved by NA (%)	Utilization percent with respect to fund approved by NA (%)	Utilization percent with respect to fund released by State Government (%)
1	2	3	4	5	6=4/3	7=5/3	8=5/4
2019-20	140.18	140.181	140.181	125.397	100.00%	89.45%	89.45%
2020-21	242.11	239.47	239.46	183.206	100.00%	76.50%	76.51%
2021-22	108.34	106.84	0.28	0.18	0.26%	0.17%	64.29%
2022-23	116.56	115.42	115.42	77.69	100.00%	67.31%	67.31%
2023-24	100.565	37.88	37.22	29.59	98.26%	78.12%	79.50%
2024-25	65.51	65.18	65.18	60.57	100.00%	92.93%	92.93%

(ii) Committed liabilities/Spill over activities/works of previous years under CA & NPV till date

(Amount in Rs. crore)

S. No.	CAMP Activities	Details	Amount
1	CA	2024-25 (Maintenance)	4.34
		2023-24 (Stage-I) (Maintenance)	0.82
		2023-24 (Stage-II) (Maintenance)	1.93
		2022-23 (Maintenance)	5.44
		Total (CA)-	12.53
2	NPV	2024-25 (Maintenance)	4.44
		Total (NPV)-	4.44
3	Interest		0.00
		Total (Interest)-	0.00
4	Others	2023-24 (Maintenance)	0.41
		Total (Others)-	0.41
		Grant Total (CA+NPV+Interest+Others)-	17.38

8. Status of Compensatory Afforestation

(Area in Ha)

Afforestation required as per site specific scheme submitted along with approved proposal for diversion of forest land under FC Act, 1980 till 20.12.2024			Afforestation carried out in the State as per site specific scheme till 2024-25			Afforestation to be carried out 2025-26	Afforestation carried out percentage	Total Balance up to 2026-27
(CA)	(PCA)	(CA+PCA)	(CA)	(PCA)	(CA+PCA)	(CA+PCA)	(CA+PCA)	(CA+PCA)
7,353.47	386.3	7,739.82	6,858.8	386.3	7,245.22	352.21	93.61	142.40

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9. Balance Afforestation status

(Area in Ha)

Balance Afforestation required as per FC Act (in ha)	Balance Afforestation to be completed in Financial Year (In Ha)
	2026-27
142.40	142.40

10. Details of APO are as under

(Amount in Rs. Crore and Area in Ha)

S. No.	CAF Act/Rule	Activity	Proposed outlay		Decision of EC
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
1	Site-specific activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016				
	Mandatory Activity	Compensatory Afforestation			
		i. Advance soil work	352.21 Ha	1.82	Approved
		iii. New plantation	932.74 Ha, 283.92 Km.	17.06	Approved
		iv. Maintenance of existing / older plantation	1862.42 ha, 322.24 km	8.59	Approved
		Other (Site Specific activities in accordance with FC proposal)			
		i. Advance soil work	1.00 Ha	0.004	Approved
		ii. New plantation	2.00 Ha 63.50	1.84	Approved
		iii. Maintenance	20.04 Ha 34.20 Km	0.41	Approved
		iv. Wildlife Mitigation Plan (Additional Charges for protected Area)			
			1. Wildlife Monitoring and Conservation	0.79	Approved
			2. Community participation and livelihood	0.86	
			3. Infrastructure for wildlife conservation, monitoring and rescue	0.57	
			4. Awareness campaign of wildlife of	0.31	

S. No.	CAF Act/Rule	Activity	Proposed outlay		Decision of EC
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
			VGDS		
			5. Development of Website	0.02	
			6. Others liabilities /Expense	1.27	
	Sub-Total of Items shown in Sr. No. 1			33.54	
2	Activities as per Rule 5(2) of the CAF Rules, 2018				
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		Advance soil work	1.50 Km	0.03	Approved
		New plantation	150.00 Ha 172.63 Km	9.76	Rationalized on request of State CAMPA & approved for Rs. 7.00 Crore
		Maintenance	202.70 Km	3.37	Approved
	Sub-Total of Items shown in Sr. No. 2			10.40	
3	Activities as per Rule 5(3) of the CAF Rules, 2018				
	5(3)c	Purchase and maintenance of equipment or devices for communication information and technology			
		Others	0	0.55	Approved
	5(3)d	Independent concurrent monitoring and Third-party monitoring and evaluation			
		Third party monitoring and evaluation	0	0.90	Approved
	Sub-Total of Items shown in Sr. No. 3			1.45	
4	Activities as per Rule 6(a) of CAF Rules, 2018				
	6(a)iv	For disbursement of salary and allowances State CAMPA Authority & staff	0	0.02	Approved for Rs. 0.01 crore as per details provided.
	6(a)vi	Activities referred to in sub rule-(2) and (3) of Rule 5			Approved
		Canal side plantation New Schemes	91.50 Km.	2.19	
Sub-Total of Items shown in Sr. No. 4			2.20		
5	Activities as per Rule 6 (b) of CAF Rules, 2018				
	6(b)i	Management of office establishment State CAMPA CEO with detail	0	0.07	Approved
	6(b)ii	Office equipment including computers and peripherals and its maintenance	0	0.08	Approved
	6(b)iii	Hiring of staff cars for the use only for CEO office	0	0.27	Approved
	Sub-Total of Items shown in Sr. No. 5			0.42	

S. No.	CAF Act/Rule	Activity	Proposed outlay		Decision of EC
			Phy. Target	Fin. Target	
		Total			Rs. 48.01 Crore

Decision of the Executive Committee: The EC approved **Rs. 48.01 crore** during 37th EC (as indicated in the table) for the FY 2025-26.



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PART C. APPROVAL DEFERRED/ SPILL OVER /ADDITIONAL ITEMS IN APO OF 2025-26

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: APPROVAL OF DEFERRED/SPILL OVER ACTIVITIES AND ADDITIONAL APO FOR FY 2025-26

7.1 ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION (APO) FOR THE YEAR 2025-26 MANIPUR STATE AUTHORITY

REVISED ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION (2025-26)

1. Date of Receipt : 18.02. 2025
2. Date of approval of EC of State/UT : 16.12. 2024
3. Date of approval of the Steering Committee : 26. 12. 2024
4. Total Amount/Outlay : Rs. 65.34 crore
5. Fund approved in the 34th & 35th EC : Rs. 44.52 crore
6. Year wise number of State/UT meeting details:

Year	Executive Committee meetings of the State/UT	Steering Committee meetings of the State/UT	Governing Body meetings of the State/UT
2018-19	2	2	0
2019-20	1	1	0
2020-21	1	1	0
2021-22	2	2	0
2022-23	1	0	0
2023-24	1	1	0
2024-25	1	2	0
Total	9	9	0

7. Funds status with the State/UT along with outlay proposed

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	CAMPA Activity	Fund Available with the State/ UT as on 31.01.2025	Outlay proposed during current FY	% of fund proposed by State
1	Mandatory Activities			
	CA/PCA/Additional CA	110.1726	14.72961	
	Catchment Area Treatment Plan	18.14377	3.3041	
	Integrated Wildlife Management Plan	0.0384	0.0375	
	Others	38.8117	0.17105	
2.	Net Present Value	276.9726	46.93198	16.94 %
3.	Interest	11.33089	0.16976	1.50 %
	Total	455.47	65.34	

8. Funds released by State Government during the FY

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Total Outlay of the APO	APO approved by National Authority during current financial year	Fund released by State Government	Fund Utilised by State Authority	% of fund w.r.t. APO approved by NA	% of fund w.r.t. fund released by State Government
2018 – 19	27.95	24.85	24.85	24.85	100 %	100 %
2019 – 20	30.97	30.97	30.97	30.97	100 %	100 %
2020 – 21	27.878	27.79	27.79	27.79	100 %	100 %
2021 – 22	25.099	25.099	25.099	25.099	100 %	100 %
2022 - 23	22.59	22.59	22.59	22.59	100 %	100 %
2023 – 24	21.848	20.26	20.26	20.26	100 %	100 %
2024 – 25	27.36	27.36	27.36	27.36	100 %	100 %

(Rs. in crore)

9. Status of Compensatory Afforestation

Afforestation required as per site specific scheme submitted along with approved proposal for diversion of forest land under FC Act, 1980 till 31.12.2024 (Creation)			Afforestation carried out in the State as per site specific scheme till 2024 – 25 (Creation)			Afforestation to be carried out in 2025 – 26 (Creation)	Afforestation carried out percentage	Total balance upto 2025 – 26
CA	PCA	(CA+PCA)	CA	PCA	(CA+PCA)	(CA+PCA)	(CA+PCA)	(CA+PCA)
9148.53	739.49	9888.02	6192.33	739.49	6931.82	989.97	70.103	2956.20

10. Balance afforestation status

Balance required as per FC Act (in ha.) (Creation)	Afforestation to be completed in Financial Year (in ha.)	2025 – 26	2026 – 27	2027 – 28
2956.20	989.97	1855.234	NA	

11. Details of APO are as under

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Proposed outlay		Decision of 35 th EC	Proposed outlay for 37 th EC		Decision of EC
			Phy. Target	Fin. target		Phy. Target	Fin. target	
1		Activity as per Rule 5(2) of CAF Rules, 2018						
		5(2)(d) Protection of plantations and forests						
		Purchase of vehicle for field staffs for patrolling	20 nos. (Boleros)	2.38	Approved	14 nos. (Scorpios)	2.38	Explanation given not found plausible.

Decision of the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee maintained approval of 20 nos. Boleros for Rs. 2.38 crore in its 35th meeting, vide O.M. no. NA-5/1/2020-NA dated 22.07.2025.



7.2 ANNUAL PLAN OF OPERATION (APO) FOR THE YEAR 2025-26 ODISHA STATE AUTHORITY

REVISED AND ADDITIONAL PLAN OF OPERATION (2025-26)

1. Date of Receipt : 10.11.2025
2. Date of approval of EC of State / UT : 21.08.2025
3. Date of approval of the Steering Committee : 01.11.2025
4. Total Amount Outlay : Rs. 1078.10 Crore
5. Total amount approved in the 34th, 35th & 36th EC : Rs. 1012.63 Crore
6. Amount proposed for the 37th EC : Rs. 123.583 Crore
7. Year wise number of State/UT meeting details:

Year	Executive Committee meetings of the State/UT (As on 30.09.2024)	Steering Committee meetings of the State/UT (As on 30.09.2024)	Governing Body meetings of the State/UT (As on 30.09.2024)
2018-19	-	-	-
2019-20	1	1	0
2020-21	1	1	0
2021-22	1	1	0
2022-23	1	1	0
2023-24	1	1	0
2024-25	2	1	0
2025-26	1	1	0
Total	8	7	0

8. Funds status with the State / UT along with outlay proposed

(Rs. in Crore)

S. No	CAMPA Activity	Fund Available with the State as on 10.09.2025	Outlay proposed in F.Y. 2025-26	Addition al Outlay proposed during Current FY	Total Outlay proposed in F.Y. 2025-26 (% w.r.t funds available within State/UT)	Approved Amount in 34 th , 35 th & 36 th EC (% w.r.t funds available within State/UT)	Total amount approved and additional outlay proposed (% w.r.t funds available within State/UT)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8=5+7
1	Mandatory Activity [Section 6(a) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016]						
	CA/PCA/Additional CA	1450.69	169.45	1.678	171.13	407.68	481.06
	Catchment Area Treatment Plan	105.88	3.37	0.02	3.39		
	Integrated Wildlife Management Plan	1209.08	274.67	71.6322	346.30		
	Others [Site-specific schemes]	551.96	14.33	0.05	14.38		

	Sub Total	3361.71	461.82	73.3802	535.20		
2	Net Present Value [5(2)(3) (4) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018]	3103.68	514.68	34.3125	548.99 (17.68 %)	513.35 (16.54 %)	547.66 (17.65%)
3	Interest [6(a)(b) of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 2018]	1341.54	101.6	15.89	117.49 (8.75%)	91.60 (6.82 %)	107.49 (8.01%)
Total		7731.33	1078.10	123.58	1201.68	1012.63	1136.21

9. Funds released by State Government during the FY

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Total Outlay of the APO	APO approved by National Authority during current financial year	Funds Released by State Government	Fund Utilized by State Authority
2018-19		APO SKIPPED		
2019-20	618.52	610.52	600.00	421.06
2020-21	803.66	773.39	825.00	674.98
2021-22	903.03	901.03	903.03	841.67
2022-23	1241.34	1191.31	1155.02	931.10
2023-24	1085.94	948.04	1055.13	833.87
2024-25	1167.52	1112.93	1138.54	1016.32
2025-26 (up to 31.10.2025)	1078.10	1012.63	612.37	543.04

10. Status of Compensatory Afforestation

Afforestation mandated as per site specific scheme submitted along with approved proposal for diversion of forest land under FC Act, 1980 till 30.09.2024			Afforestation carried out in the State as per site specific scheme till closure of 2024-25			Afforestation carried out during 2025-26	Afforestation carried out mandated (percentage) %	Total Balance after 2025-26 plantation
(CA)	(PCA)	(CA+PCA)	(CA)	(PCA)	(CA+PCA)	(CA+PCA)	(CA+PCA)	(CA+PCA)
		95848.231			79,264.744	4698.152	87.60	11,885.335

11. Details of Additional APO (2025-2026) are as under:

(Amount in Rs. Crore and Area in Ha)

S. No.	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Sub-activities	Unit	Physical	Amount proposed for Additional work	Decision of EC
1	Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan (SSWLCP)						
	Mandatory Activity	Integrated Wildlife	New Project to be executed	Nos	42	61.20	Approved

	Section 6	Management Plan (IWLMP)	Old Projects	Nos	230		Approved
	Sub-Total of Items shown in Sr. No. 1					61.20	
	Activities as per Rule 6 (b) of CAF Rules, 2018						
2	6(b)i	Management of office establishment	Management of office establishment of State Authority including remuneration/Salary of Consultants/ Experts/DEOs engaged in State CAMPA		LS	0.75	Approved
	Sub-Total of Items shown in Sr. No. 2					0.75	
	Total Approved					Rs. 61.95 crore	

12. Details of Revised APO (2025-2026) are as under:

(Amount in Rs. Crore and Area in Ha)

S. No.	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Sub-activities	Unit	Physical	Financial Outlay as per 35 th & old wage rate @452/-	Approval in 34 th & 36 th EC	Revised Outlay based on enhanced wage rate @462/- and plantation cost approval norm	Differential outlay to be considered for approval	Decision of EC
1		Site-specific activities as per Section 6(a) of the CAF Act, 2016								
		Mandatory Activity Section 6 Compensatory Afforestation	Advance work (0th Year)							
			Nursery/Planting Stock for plantation during 2025-26	Nos	36,68,557	1.94	1.94	2.32	0.38	Approved
			P.O. work for Nursery for plantation during 2026-27	Nos	31,35,462	21.27	21.27	21.67	0.40	Approved
			PO works for Block Plantation during 2026-27	Ha	500	1.84	-	1.88	0.04	Approved
			PO works for ANR Plantation during 2026-27	Ha	4000	6.64	-	6.68	0.04	Approved
			PO works for Bald Hill Plantation during 2026-27	Ha	500	7.52	-	7.66	0.14	Approved
			Planting Activities (1st Year)							
			Plantn.(Creation) under CA	Ha	6371.15	112.48	112.48	112.86	0.38	Approved
			Transportation of Saplings to the Planation site	No.	3627790					However, inaccuracies noticed
			Plantation and refilling of pits	No.	3627790					

S. No.	CAF No. Act/ Rules	Activity	Sub-activities	Unit	Physical	Financial Outlay as per old wage rate @452/-	Approval in 34 th , 35 th & 36 th EC	Revised Outlay basing on enhanced wage rate @462/- and plantation cost approval norm	Differential outlay to be considered for approval	Decision of EC
			Casualty replacement		No. 3627 80					in the mentioned activities related KML files received,
Post Plantation Care along with maintenance of old plantations										
			2nd year Maintenance of old Plantations	Ha.	3924 .56	10.67	-	10.81	0.14	Approved
			3rd year Maintenance of old Plantations	Ha.	1628 .67	1.26	-	1.29	0.03	Approved
			4th year Maintenance of old Plantations	Ha.	4158 .22	1.14	-	1.16	0.03	Approved
			5th year Maintenance of old Plantations	Ha.	3501 .45	0.91	-	0.93	0.02	Approved
			6th year Maintenance of old Plantations	Ha.	3802 .20	1.38	-	1.41	0.03	Approved
			7th year Maintenance of old Plantations	Ha.	3399 .60	0.82	-	0.84	0.02	Approved
			8th year Maintenance of old Plantations	Ha.	1303 .09	0.32	-	0.33	0.01	Approved
			9th year Maintenance of old Plantations	Ha.	3071 .25 + 100 Nos Tree	0.6	-	0.613	0.013	Approved
			10th year Maintenance of old Plantations	Ha.	2726 .96	0.65	-	0.66	0.01	Approved
		Catchment Area & Treas	New Plantation (Creation)	Ha	300	1.42	-	1.43	0.01	Approved
			Maintenance of old Plantn. a. 2nd Yr. Maint. - 200Ha b. 3rd Yr. Maint. -45	Ha	307	1.95	-	1.96	0.01	Approved

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		Time nt Plan	Ha c. 10th Yr. Maint. -62 Ha Total area (Ha) - 307 ha							
		Integrated Wildlife Management Plan (IWLMP)	Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan (SSWLCP)							
			New Project to be executed	No s	42					
			Old Projects	No s	230	143.53	-	143.53	9.50 (Spill over)	Approved
			Regional Wildlife management Plan (RWLMP) 19 nos of activities	No of activities	Wild life estimation and census, Habitat Management, Conflict Management, Crime Control, Research Development etc.	77.00		77.00	0.93 (Spill over)	Approved
			Refund of Compensatory Levies			54.14	Not Approved	54.14	-	Already decided during 36 th EC.No change in the decision.
		Other site-spec	Other stipulations			14.33	14.33	14.38	0.05	Approved
			New Plantation (Creation)							However,

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		ific activities in accordance with FC proposal	Plantation Creation	Ha	251.10					
			Avenue Plantation	RK M	19.00					
			Tree Plantation	Nos	9575					
			Maintenance of old Plant.							
			Maintenance of Plantation	Ha	3779.82					
			Tall Tree Plantation	Nos	104618					
			Avenue Plantation	RK M	42.82					inaccuracies noticed in the mentioned activities related KML files received,
Sub-Total of Items shown in Sr. No. 1									12.17C	
Activities as per Rule 5(2) of the CAF Rules, 2018										
2	5(2)a	ANR	ANR Plantation							
			1st Year New Plantation	Ha	18285	78.05	-	79.50	-	Approved
			2nd Year Maintenance of old Plantation	Ha	17057	21.69	-	22.11	-	However, inaccuracies noticed in the mentioned activities related KML files received, needs to be clarified to National Authority by State/OF D before 31.01.2026
			3rd Year Maintenance of old Plantation	Ha	28532	33.14	-	33.80	-	
			4th Year Maintenance of old Plantation	Ha	51867	36.92	-	37.74	-	
			Total ANR Plantation			169.8	169.8	173.15	3.35	

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			Provision to meet additional requirement due to change of plantation cost norm			1.58	1.58	14.00	12.42	Approved
			Spillover work and committed liabilities			1.5	1.5	6.00	4.50	Approved
			AR Plantation							
			1st Year New Plantation	Ha	1215	25.03	-	25.31	-	Approved
			2nd Year Maintenance of old Plantation	Ha	1626	7.95	-	8.09	-	However, inaccuracies noticed in the mentioned activities related KML files received, needs to be clarified to National Authority by State/OF D before 31.01.2026
			3rd Year Maintenance of old Plantation	Ha	2547	8.9	-	9.07	-	
			4th Year Maintenance of old Plantation	Ha	3670	5.78	-	5.91	-	
			Total AR plantation			47.66	47.66	48.38	0.72	
			Provision to meet additional requirements due to change of plantation cost norm			0.45	0.45	9.12	8.67	Approved
			Spillover work and committed liabilities			1.5	1.5	2.13	0.63	Approved
5(2)c		Silvicultural Operations (SSO)	Cleaning, Pruning, Climber Cutting, Removal of high stump, earthen mounding to each clump etc.	Ha	45000	16.27	16.27	16.63	0.36	Approved However, inaccuracies noticed in the mentioned

S. No.	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Sub-activities	Unit	Physical	Financial Outlay as per old wage rate @452/-	Approval in 34 th , 35 th & 36 th EC	Revised Outlay basing on enhanced wage rate @462/- and plantation cost approval norm	Differential al outlay to be considere d for approval	Decision of EC
		Bamboo)								d activities related KML files received, needs to be clarified to National Authority by State/OF D before 31.01.2026
5(2)d	Protection of Plantations and forests	Spill over-Maintenance of boundary of protected areas		LS	0.75	-	0.75	0.012	Approved	
		Protection of Wildlife, its habitat and prevention of Wildlife Crime	Nos	15	1.53	-	1.56	0.03	Approved	
5(2)f	Forest fire prevention and control operations	Fire line creation/maintenance	Km	24500	11.07	11.07	11.32	0.25	Approved	
		Hiring of fire watchers (Squads with mobility facilities)	No	261	23.57	23.57	23.96	0.39	Approved	
		Construction of Fire Watch Tower	No	10	2.5	2.5	2.52	0.02	Approved	
								0.16 (Spill over)	Approved	
5(2)g	Soil and moisture conservation work	SMC structures								
		Trenches/Check dams/ Spur / Staggered trench (ST), Percolation Pit (PP), Check Dam, Loose Boulder Check Dams (LB CD), LB CD with wire Mesh, Diaphragm Wall/Sub-surface Dyke (SSD).	As per DPR	5500 Ha.	21.4	21.4	21.73	0.33	Approved	

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			Graded Earthen Bund, Water Harvesting Structure (WHS), Cattle Proof Trench, Earthen Check Dam, Conour Trench (CT), Stone Bonding etc							
			1. Habitat management for flora and Fauna							
			Eco-development work in surrounding village to reduce conflict (Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes (MISHTI))	Division	4	1.34	Not Approved	1.34		Already decided during 36 th EC There is no change in the decision.
5(2)		Improvement of wild life habitat	Invasive weed eradication.	Ha.	700	1.19	1.19	1.21	0.02	Approved
			Bamboo clump improvement through appropriate silviculture operation	Ha	1,050	0.38	0.38	0.39	0.01	Approved
			Monitoring, surveillance and protection of meta population of important wildlife species including RET species outside protected areas through local communities.	Nos.	90	25.65	-	26.10	0.45	Approved
			Sub-Total of Items shown in Sr. No. 2						32.32	C
			Activities as per Rule 5(3) of the CAF Rule, 2018							
3	5(3)	c	Purchase and maintenance of equipment of devices for communication, information and technology							

S. No.	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Sub-activities	Unit	Physical	Financial outlay as per old wage rate @452/-	Financial outlay in 34 th , 35 th & 36 th EC	Revised Outlay basing on enhanced wage rate @462/- and plantation cost approval norm	Differential outlay to be considered for approval	Decision of EC
		Purchase and maintenance of equipment of devices for communication, information and technology	Spill Over- Installation of New VHF base station including satellite tracking thereof.	Nos.	40	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.006	Approved
5(3)d		Construction, upgrade and maintenance of inspection paths, forest roads in forest areas, fire line, watch	Repair/ Construction of Roads in Territorial Division -350 RKM and 626 RKM in Wildlife Divisions.	Km	976	7.81	7.81	7.91	0.10	Approved

S. No.	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Sub-activities	Unit	Physical	Financial outlay as per old wage rate @452/-	Approval in 34 th , 35 th & 36 th EC	Revised Outlay basing on enhanced wage rate @462/- and plantation cost approval norm	Differential outlay to be considered for approval	Decision of EC
		towers, check posts and timber posts								
	5(3) e	Construction of residential and official buildings	Range Office	Nos	4	1.59		1.60	0.01	
			Range Officer Residence	Nos	4	1.20		1.21	0.01	
			Forester Quarter	Nos	34	8.71	-	8.77	0.06	
			Forest Guard Quarter	Nos	50	10.13	-	10.20	0.07	
			Total Construction of residential and official buildings	-	-	21.63	21.63	21.78	0.15	Approved
			2. Spill over/ committed liabilities	-	-	1.00	1.00	1.60	0.60	Approved
	5(3) f	Casual engagement	Casual engagement of local people or labours to assist regular staff of State Forest Department (10 persons per squad)	No of squads	227	52.85	52.85	53.98	1.13	Approved
	Sub-Total of Items shown in Sr. No. 3								1.97Cr	
	Activities as per Rule 6(a) of CAF Rules, 2018									
4	6(a) vi	Activities referred to in sub-rule-(2) and (3) of Rule	Raising & Maintenance of 18-month-old seedlings including transportation	Nos Lak h	386	83.60	83.60	98.74	15.14	Approved

S. No.	CAF Act/ Rules	Activity	Sub-activities	Unit	Physical	Financial outlay as per old wage rate @452/-	Approval in 34 th , 35 th & 36 th EC	Revised Outlay basing on enhanced wage rate @462/- and plantation cost approval norm	Differential outlay to be considered for approval	Decision of EC
		5								
			Sub-Total of Items shown in Sr. No. 4						15.14Cr	
			Activities as per Rule 6(b) of CAF Rules, 2018							
5	6(b)	Management of office establishment	Audio-Visual and Furnishing works of State Forest Academy		LS	10.00	Not Approved	10.00		Already decided during 36 th EC
			Total Approved			Rs. 45.28 crore (Revised APO) Rs. 16.35 crore (Spill Over activities for FY 2024-25)				

Decision of Executive Committee: The Executive Committee approved Rs. 61.95 crore for additional APO, Rs. 45.28 crore revised APO and Rs. 16.35 crore for spill over activities (2024-25) for the FY 2025-26.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: EXTENSION OF ONGOING SCHEMES/PROJECTS**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.1: CONSERVATION ACTION FOR MANIPUR'S BROW-ANTLERED DEER OR SANGAI: AN INTEGRATED APPROACH**

Name of Scheme	Conservation Action for Manipur's Brow-antlered Deer or Sangai: An Integrated Approach -ESRP-WII
Implementing Agency	WII, Dehradun
Project Duration/Period	5 year (Extension up to December 2025)
Project Outlay	Rs. 19.95 crore
Fund released	Rs. 10.30 crore
Expenditure	Rs. 8.39 crore
Programme Division	Wildlife Division, MoEFCC
Objectives of the Project - Strengthening the existing population of Sangai in KLNP - Establishment of a second population in the wild, - Involving the local community in conservation efforts, - Conducting applied research on Sangai and associated species in KLNP - Improve habitat conditions and protection measures	
Project Outcomes - Integrated Management Plan of KLNP at various stages of implementation. Two Fire-fighting stations established and capacity building trainings of frontline staff for rescue operations, fire-fighting and wildlife monitoring have been conducted. - Livelihood trainings of park dependent communities and formation of 13 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) around KLNP. - Habitat restoration and management including phumdi consolidation, controlled burning and routine patrolling inside the Park with frontline staff. Collaborative population estimation of Sangai and Hog deer conducted in 2023. - Long-term data on hydrological parameters and water levels of Loktak Lake & KLNP collected and analyzed to document the ecological damage and dialogue for maintaining sustainable water levels with NHPC & Loktak Development Authority. - Land-use & Land-cover map of KLNP (1980-2024) for change in land-use patterns around KLNP. Habitat suitability mapping of Sangai completed. - Conservation Breeding Plan for Sangai has been prepared. Reintroduction site for second home has been identified out of five potential sites within Manipur. - Livelihood trainings, consultation workshops and awareness programs conducted for local communities at second home site. - Proposal for declaration of Pumlun Pat as Conservation Reserve has been recommended in SBWL meetings.	
Request for No Cost Extension: WII has requested for the No Cost Extension of the scheme up to December 2026 and the same has been recommended by the Programme Division i.e. Wildlife Division vide their letter no WL-8/195/2025-WL dated 27.11.2025.	

Decision of the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee recommended the No Cost Extension of scheme up to **December 2026**.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.2: RECOVERY OF DUGONGS AND THEIR HABITAT IN INDIA: AN INTEGRATED PARTICIPATORY APPROACH

Name of Scheme	Recovery of Dugongs and their habitat in India: An Integrated participatory approach -ESRP-WII
Implementing Agency	WII, Dehradun
Project Duration/Period	5 year (Extension up to December 2025)
Project Outlay	Rs. 23.57 crore
Fund released	Rs. 18.38 crore
Expenditure	Rs. 16.47 crore
Programme Division	Wildlife Division, MoEFCC
Objectives of the Project	
a. Species conservation and management. b. Habitat conservation and management. c. Participatory management of dugong and their habitats. d. Capacity-building of state forests department & local communities.	
Project Outcomes	
a. Monitoring plans: Site-specific plans for seagrass monitoring are being developed. b. Gujarat: >10 reef- meadows, 4 vast mid-intertidal meadows and >5 subtidal meadows were charted. c. Awareness programs: >100000 people, including fishermen, school children and local youths were sensitized. d. Dugong Volunteers network: > 1000 people registered as volunteers (fisherman, coast guards, marine police, local youth, tourist guides, and divers). e. >90 frontline forests staff trained in SCUBA diving & underwater monitoring technique. f. > 500 Indian Coast Guard, Indian Navy and Marine Police personnel were sensitized towards Marine Biodiversity conservation. g. >200 aerial sorties conducted for Dugong population estimation h. Population estimation techniques with drones have been standardized.	
Request for No Cost Extension: WII has requested for the No Cost Extension of the scheme up to June 2026 and the same has been recommended by the Programme Division i.e. WL Division vide their letter no WL-8/195/2025-Wildlife Division dated 27.11.2025.	

Decision of the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee recommended the No Cost Extension of scheme up to **June 2026**.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.3: DEVELOPMENT OF CONSERVATION ACTION PLAN FOR THE GANGES RIVER DOLPHINS

Name of Scheme	Development of Conservation Action Plan for the Ganges River Dolphins -ESRP-WII
Implementing Agency	WII, Dehradun
Project Duration/Period	5 year (Extension up to December 2025)
Project Outlay	Rs. 23.00 crore
Fund released	Rs. 21.37 crore
Expenditure	Rs. 20.88 crore
Programme Division	Wildlife Division, MoEFCC
Objectives of the Project - To develop monitoring protocol for dolphins. - To assess the status of Ganges River dolphin and associated river fauna like Gharial, Otter, Turtles, Fishes, Skimmer and planktons. - Quality assessment of river habitats in terms of water quality, anthropogenic pressure and landscape surrounding riverscape. - To evaluate the status of invasive species in riverscape. - Involve stakeholders to develop a network which will assist in dolphin conservation.	
Project Outcomes - Developed a scientifically robust population estimation protocol. - Identified key habitat factors for Ganges dolphins through acoustic study and recorded 5900+ hours of dolphin communication. - Intensive monitoring at key sites is ongoing in dolphin inhabited river states - To understand habitat utilization, first ever Ganges river dolphin was tagged in Assam and was monitored till Feb 2025 till the signals ceased. - Threat mapping for Ganges dolphins completed in Ganga and Brahmaputra, with 30-year change detection in Brahmaputra. - High pesticides concentration (organochlorine & organophosphate) and organic load found in Ganga River stretch of (Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal). - Market and fish landing sites surveys revealed invasive species (n=10) in dolphin hotspot; studies are underway to assess their spread. - Community awareness campaigns in Assam (9000 participants) and Bengal (1228 participants), including Dolphin Day celebrations (180 participants). - Fishery awareness campaigns (1097 fishers) and ghost net management workshops (1277 fishers).	
Request for No Cost Extension: WII has requested for the No Cost Extension of the scheme up to March 2026 the same has been recommended by the Programme Division i.e. Wildlife Division vide their letter no WL-8/200/2025-WL (E-284688) dated 15.12.2025 and WII further requested for release of final instalment of Rs. 1.63 crore and the same has recommended by Wildlife Division vide their O.M. no. WL-8/200/2025-WL-(E-2846888) dated 1 st December 2025.	

Decision of the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee recommended the No Cost Extension of scheme up to **March 2026**.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: GEO-REFERENCING OF FORESTLANDS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT'S DIRECTIONS IN LAFARGE CASE

1. Background & Need

Most States/UTs still rely on **legacy forest maps** that lack geodetic coordinates, accuracy, and interoperability with modern geospatial datasets. This results in:

- Misidentification of forest areas
- Inability to detect encroachments and land-use changes
- Difficulty in settling rights under FRA (2006)
- Weak enforcement of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
- Overlaps and disputes between Forest, Revenue, and Tribal departments

The **Hon'ble Supreme Court's Lafarge Umiam Judgment (2011)** mandates creation and periodic updating of a **GIS-based decision support database** for forest boundaries, protected areas, wildlife corridors, and forest-diversion records.

2. Objective

To create a statewide, **authoritative, DGPS/CORS-based geo-referenced forest-boundary dataset** and a **GIS-enabled Decision Support System (FB-DSS)** through a three-year programme financed under **State/UT CAMPA funds** (Rule 5(3)(g), CAF Rules 2018).

3. Key Components of the Project

3.1 Data Preparation

- Digitization of all forest block maps, notifications, and pillar registers
- Creation of a **0.5m-resolution geo-referenced base map** using satellite imagery and SOI GCPs
- Integration of cadastral, revenue, working plan, and FSI forest-cover data
- Identification of inconsistencies prior to field survey

3.2 Field Survey & DGPS Demarcation

- Joint Forest–Revenue–Panchayat field verification
- Creation of FPCPs and FSCPs
- DGPS/CORS-based mapping of boundaries, pillars, and encroachment zones
- Application of "Metes and Bounds" principle

3.3 GIS Database Creation & Validation

- Accuracy standards: **≤ 30 cm horizontal error**, WGS-84/UTM
- Integration of all forest categories, protected-area zones, wildlife corridors, diversion cases, encroachments, etc.
- Review by State Expert Body and quality control agencies

3.4 Legal Review & Public Disclosure

- Display of draft maps at Gram Panchayats (FRA 2006 requirement)
- Multi-level dispute resolution mechanism
- Preparation of **re-notification proposals** with certified geo-coordinates
- Publication in State Gazette for legal enforceability

3.5 GIS-Based Decision Support System (FB-DSS)

- Transparent appraisal of diversion proposals
- Real-time encroachment monitoring
- Automated reporting to National Authority CAMPA and FSI
- Spatial planning for afforestation/restoration

3.6 Capacity Building & Sustainability

- State-level GIS Cell
- Training for Forest Revenue/GIS staff
- Continuous update cycle and national-level integration

4. Role of National Authority CAMPA

National Authority CAMPA will provide:

- Policy and regulatory oversight
- Technical standardization (WGS-84/UTM, metadata, DGPS accuracy norms)
- National Digital Forest Boundary Repository (NDFBR)
- Capacity building & technical handholding via FSI, NRSC, BISAG-N, SOI
- Monitoring & quality assurance through a National QC Framework
- Fund approval and resource allocation under CAF Rules 2018

5. Implementation Timeline (3 Years)

- **Year 1:** Data compilation, base map creation, pilot surveys
- **Year 2:** Full-scale DGPS/CORS survey, verification, GIS integration
- **Year 3:** Legal finalization, Gazette notification, DSS deployment, training

6. Expected Outcomes

- Legally authoritative, geo-referenced forest boundaries for the entire State/UT
- Transparent and scientifically defensible forest diversion decisions
- Improved detection of encroachments and land-use changes
- Clearer resolution of FRA claims and inter-departmental disputes
- Strengthened compliance with Supreme Court mandates and national policies
- Creation of a long-term **National Forest Boundary Repository**

Therefore, as concept document outlining a comprehensive, technology-driven, and legally sound program to digitize, geo-reference, validate, and officially re-notify all forest boundaries across States/UTs. It integrates DGPS/CORS surveys, satellite imagery, GIS databases, public consultation, and national-level quality control to create an authoritative

decision-support system that fulfills Supreme Court directives and strengthens India's forest governance framework. for the Establishment of a GIS-Integrated and Geo-referenced Forest Boundary Information System in Compliance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Lafarge Umiam Judgment (2011) is communicated to **the State CEO, PCCF/HoF, and the Head of the State Forest Department**, apprising them of the objectives and functionalities of the digitization of forest boundaries and seeking their cooperation for effective implementation. The States have been requested to ensure necessary institutional coordination at the field level and facilitate timely onboarding and operationalisation of the portal.

The agenda is placed for kind perusal and approval of the Executive Committee of National Authority, CAMPA.

Decision of Executive Committee: The Executive Committee directed National Authority to conduct a meeting with States/UTs under the chairmanship of DGF&SS to discuss geo-referencing of forestlands in compliance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court's directions in Lafarge case.



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ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR 37th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10. 1: Proposal for accord of allowances for payment of telephone charges and mobile data usage to the all officials (contractual and outsourced) of National Authority CAMPA.

Proposal for grant of allowances to the all officials (contractual and outsourced) of National Authority CAMPA.

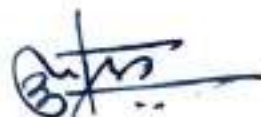
The National Authority has been constituted under Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Act, 2016. It consists of a Governing Body, an Executive Committee, a Monitoring Group and an Administrative Support Mechanism for management of compensatory levies placed with National and State funds.

The requirement of adequate support staff at different levels was assessed in November, 2019 for discharge of its duties in an efficient and effective manner and four group 'A', fifteen group 'B' and twenty-three group 'C' posts of officers and officials were proposed for creation. The proposal for creation of these 37 posts was approved by the Governing Body of National Authority in its 1st meeting held on 15.11.2019. Out of 37 posts, only 21 posts will be created through deputation basis and rest of 16 posts will be filled through the outsourcing basis. The proposal with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division of the MoEF&CC was submitted in January 2023 to the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure and the proposal for creation of these posts was approved by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance in December 2023.

With the prior approval of the Competent Authority, applications/nominations for appointment to various posts viz. Under Secretary, Senior Accounts Officer, Section Officer, Technical Officer (Forestry), Assistant Section Officer, Accountant/Auditor, PPS, Sr. PS, PA, and Legal Assistant/Law Officer were invited vide Advertisement circulated (through inter-ministerial set up) on DoPT site on 31.01.2024, 27.09.2024, 01.04.2025 and 21.07.2025. However, no application as per eligibility criteria have been received in National Authority and these posts are lying vacant since the date of creation.

For proper functioning of the Authority adequate administrative support mechanism is extremely essential. Presently, the entire work of National Authority is being carried out by the contractual and outsourced staff.

In this backdrop, following proposal for grant of allowances to the all officials (contractual and outsourced) of National Authority CAMPA are proposed: -



AGENDA ITEM NO. 10. 1.1: Proposal for accord of allowances for payment of telephone charges and mobile data usage to the all officials (contractual and outsourced) of National Authority CAMPA.

The Department of Expenditure has from time to time issued instructions on provision of telephone facilities, monetary ceilings on reimbursement to the officers of the Government of India. Given the increasing dependence on telecommunication technology including mobile telephones for carrying out official work.

There has been a significant increase in the reliance on telecommunication technology, particularly mobile phones, for official communication and coordination in the discharge of official duties. Officials are required to regularly interact with State CAMPAs and various Government agencies, exchange information through digital platforms such as WhatsApp and make extensive use of mobile data for emails, online meetings, video conferencing and transmission of documents.

In view of this increased dependency and the need for seamless communication, adequate support for mobile usage has become essential for the efficient discharge of official responsibilities.

In this connection, it is stated that as per the Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) OM No. 24(3)/E. Coord/2018 dated 26th March, 2018, the monthly limit for reimbursement of telephone/mobile bills for Secretary to the Government of India and below the rank of Deputy Secretary is from Rs. 3,000/- to Rs. 1200/- per month plus applicable taxes.

There is no specific guideline on reimbursement of telephone call charges and mobile data usage to the officials engaged on contractual basis. However, high rate of inflation has pushed up the cost of living for each worker/employee. Most of the consultants/ YPs engaged in National CAMPA belongs to other part of the country and residing on rental houses/ hostels in Delhi. Therefore, reimbursement of telephone call charges and mobile data usage incurred monthly by employees for performing official duties is proposed as it is done in case of regular staff. Further, Consultants/ Young Professionals/OAs are often working from home after office hour and on holidays. There is also a need of availability of hi-speed broadband in their houses.

Accordingly, it is proposed to accord a fix allowance towards the expenses incurred on telephone call charges, mobile data and wi-fi usage by officials of the National Authority CAMPA, including Retired Officers engaged in National CAMPA, Young Professionals, Consultants and Supporting Staff.

The allowance shall be admissible at a rate of Rs. 1,000/- per month (inclusive of applicable taxes) which shall be inclusive of mobile call charges and data usage. Additionally, any expenditure incurred in excess of the prescribed ceiling shall be borne by the official concerned. Officials shall be free to choose the service provider and the tariff package for mobile phones, and no detailed call records or personal usage data will be required for processing the payment.

As per Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure OM No. F. No. 3-25/2020-E.IIIA dated 09.12.2020, the superannuated officers engaged as Consultant in Government

Organization shall be allowed allowances not exceeding the rate applicable to the appointee at the time of retirement. Accordingly, the retired officers engaged in National CAMPA may be allowed monthly allowance of telephone call charges as per the rates notified by Department of Expenditure in OM dated 26th March, 2018,

The approved allowance shall be released along with the regular monthly remuneration. The allowance shall be admissible only where the mobile connection is registered in the name of the official. The payment of mobile and data usage charges will be admissible with effect from 01st January, 2026.

Total financial implication works out as under: -

S. No.	Post	Sanction Strength	Present strength	Estimated expenditure per month (in Rs.) as per strength present
1.	Retired officers (i) Sr. Consultant @Rs.2700/- PM (ii) Consultant @Rs. 2230/- PM	04	02	4,950.00
2.	Consultants (contractual)	12	05	5,000.00
3.	Young professionals (contractual)	15	13	13,000.00
4.	a) Office Assistants/ Attendants (Outsourced) working in National CAMPA b) Office Assistants/ Attendants (Retired) working in National CAMPA	21	15	15,000.00
	Total strength of CAMPA	53	35	37,950.00

Total annual financial implication (in case of full strength except Retired officers) works out to Rs. 6,00,000.00 (Rs. 50,000.00x 12) and Rs. 1,13,850.00 (Rs. 37,950.00x 3) for the financial year 2025-26 in respect of existing strength. No additional fund is sought from Government of India and the expenditure will be met from the authorized budget of National CAMPA.

Decision of Executive Committee: The Executive committee approved the above proposal for payment of allowance towards mobile and data usage charges with effect from 01.01.2026.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10. 1. 2: Subject: Proposal for Introduction of Medical Insurance Coverage for existing contractual and outsourced employees of National Authority CAMPA.

'Health For All' is a goal of the World Health Organization (WHO) that has been popularized since the 1970s, which envisions securing the health and well-being of people around the world. It is the basis for the World Health Organization's primary health care strategy to promote health, human dignity, and enhance quality of life. Article 21 of the Indian Constitution guarantees the Right to Life, which has been expansively interpreted by the judiciary to include the right to health.

At present, contractual and outsourced employees are engaged in National Authority. Few superannuated officers are engaged as Sr. Consultant/ Consultant who are eligible for benefit of Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) at par with the facilities of regular officer/ employees.

The contractual employees viz. Consultants and Young Professionals are being paid from the budget head of National Authority CAMPA through PAO, MoEFCC and the outsourced employees viz. Office Assistants and Office Attendants are being paid through outsourced agency viz. M/s Aeologic Technologies Pvt Ltd.

As per the provisions of the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970, National Authority being the 'Principal Employer' is not only responsible for watching that his employees are being paid reasonable dues adequately but also to ensure that employees is provided health cover and to have universal access to good quality hospital services without anyone having to face financial hardship as a consequence of using health services.

At present, there is no comprehensive medical insurance coverage available for existing employees of the National Authority. In order to strengthen employee welfare measures and provide financial protection against medical expenses, it is proposed to introduce a medical insurance policy for existing contractual and outsourced employees.

It is therefore proposed to obtain a single, cost-effective health policy applicable for a small/ medium enterprise (SME) to cover National CAMPA employees through a suitable insurance provider. Premiums for group plans are generally lower per person than individual policies because the risk is spread across a group. Providing health benefits is a key perk that increases employee satisfaction, a sense of security to employees and loyalty and retain talent. The policy would cover hospitalization and related medical expenses as per the terms and conditions of the policy.

Financial Implications:

The annual premium as per the quotation (indicative copy enclosed) of SME Group Health Insurance product of HDFC ERGO is Rs. 5,14,021.00 (inclusive of GST) for group of 40-50 employees. The selection of service provider and health insurance product will be conducted as per the provision of GFR. The amount of annual premium may vary depending on the selected plans and service provider. The annual expenditure on premium for group health plans is estimated between Rs.4,00,000.00 to Rs.8,00,000.00 per annum (including premium

for OPD). No additional fund is sought from Government of India and the expenditure will be met from the authorized budget of National CAMPA. This medical insurance scheme will be admissible with effect from 01st January, 2026.

Decision of Executive Committee: The Executive Committee approved medical insurance coverage for all the contractual and outsourced employees.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10.1.3: Payment of House Rent Allowances (HRA) to the all officials (contractual and outsourced) of National Authority CAMPA.

Consequent upon the decision taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission, Ministry of Finance Department of Expenditure, New Delhi issued notification vide OM No. 2/5/2017-E.II(B) dated 7th July, 2017 about the classification of cities/towns and admissibility of House Rent Allowance (HRA) as under:-

Classification of Cities/Towns	Rate of House Rent Allowance per month as a percentage of Basic Pay only
X	24%
Y	16%
Z	8%

The rates of HRA will be revised to 27% 18% & 9% for X, Y & Z class cities respectively when Dearness Allowance (DA) crosses 25% and further revised to 30%, 20% & 10% when DA crosses 50%. At present, the rate of DA to Central Government employees is more than 50%.

There is no specific guideline regarding payment of House Rent Allowances (HRA) to the officials engaged on contractual basis. However, high rate of inflation has pushed up the cost of living for each worker/employee. Most of the consultants/ YPs/ OAs engaged in National CAMPA belongs to other part of the country and residing on rental houses/ hostels in Delhi. Therefore, payment of HRA at suitable rates may be allowed to the employees engaged in National Authority CAMPA on contractual basis.

Accordingly, it is proposed to allow HRA@ 15% of basic pay to all officials of the National Authority CAMPA, including Retired Officers, Consultants, Young Professionals and Supporting Staff.

The total financial implication works out as under: -

S. No.	Post	Sanction Strength	Criteria	Present strength	Estimated expenditure per month (in Rs.) as per present strength
1.	Sr. Consultant/ Consultant	05	MoF, DoE OM No. 3-	02	38,610.00

	(Retired officers-recruitment through open sources i.e. interview method)		25/2020-E.IIIA dated 09.12.2020-15% of last basic pay drawn		
2.	Consultants (contractual)	12	15% of initial pay- Rs. 80,000.00	05	60,000.00
3.	Young professionals (contractual)	15	15% of initial pay- Rs. 50,000.00	13	97,500.00
4.	Office Assistants (Outsourced)	12	15% of basic pay as indicated by the outsourced agency/ NICS	10	30,855.00
5.	a) Office Attendants (Outsourced)	09	15% of basic pay as indicated by the outsourced agency/ NICS	07	10,380.00
	b) Office Attendant (Retired)		MoF, DoE OM No. 3-25/2020-E.IIIA dated 09.12.2020-15% of last basic pay drawn	01	6,330.00
	Total strength of CAMPA	53		38	2,43,675.00

Total annual financial implication (in case of present strength) works out to Rs. 29,24,100.00 (Rs. 2,43,675.00x 12) and Rs. 7,31,025.00 (Rs.2,43,675.00x 3) for the financial year 2025-26 in respect of existing strength. No additional fund is sought from Government of India and the expenditure will be met from the authorized budget of National CAMPA. The payment of HRA will be admissible with effect from 01st January, 2026.

Decision of Executive Committee: The Executive Committee directed the National Authority to furnish references of statutory bodies wherein contractual staff are provided with House Rent Allowance (HRA).





AGENDA ITEM NO. 10.2: Proposal for delegation of power to Chief Executive Officer for authorizing air travel for non-entitled officers, consultants engaged in National Authority CAMPA.

As per GIO (4) of SR 48-B full powers are delegated to the Secretaries of the Administrative Ministries to authorize air travel for non-entitled officers. Further, sub para (b) of para (xx) of Revised Guidelines for engagement of consultant in MoEF&CC dated 22.09.2020 stipulates that Research Associates / YPs and Consultants are entitled for journey by train in 2nd AC, however these officials may be allowed to travel by air in public interest if the journey period by train is more than 8 hours, with the approval of Secretary EF&CC.

As per MoF, DoE OM dated 24.12.2025, the receipt and utilization of National Compensatory Afforestation Funds (NCAF) is governed by its own Act, Rules and Accounting Procedure. The Governing Body under the National Authority is empowered under the Act and Rules to approve the proposals under NCAF.

The Chief Executive Officer is an authority declared as Head of the Department in relation to National Authority to exercise the financial powers delegated to him under Delegation of Financial Powers Rules, 2024 (copy of order is enclosed).

Air travel (economy/restricted fare tickets) is justified for urgency and efficiency, particularly for journeys exceeding 8 hours by train. This aligns with public interest provisions in existing guidelines. Without such support, productivity suffers despite these personnel's pivotal roles.

Air travel will enable staff to reach their destination more quickly, thereby optimizing working hours and reducing overall travel time. By minimizing travel time, the professional staff can arrive rested and prepared, which increases their productivity and effectiveness during the program. This judicious use of CAMPA manpower ensures that the resources are focused on the core tasks of the program rather than being spent on prolonged travel time.

It is proposed to delegate full powers to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), National Authority CAMPA, to authorize air travel (economy/restricted fare tickets) for all non-entitled personnel engaged in National Authority, undertaking official tours in public interest.

Decision of Executive Committee: The Executive Committee approved above proposal for delegation of full powers to the Chief Executive Officer, National Authority CAMPA, to authorize air travel (economy/restricted fare tickets) for all non-entitled personnel undertaking official tours in public interest as and when required.



AGENDA ITEM NO. 10.3: PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF OFFICE SPACE FOR SETTING UP NATIONAL CAMPA OFFICE AT NEW DELHI THROUGH NBCC.

The National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (National CAMPA) came into existence on 30 September 2018 as per provisions of the Compensatory Afforestation Act, 2016 (CAF Act, 2016) enacted on 3rd August 2016. The National CAMPA (National Authority), with the support of State/ UT CAMPA is working for compensating the loss of forests, tree cover and biodiversity due to diversion of forest land for various development/ non-forestry purposes. Apart from important works being done under State APO's, the NA is providing financial support to Scientific institutions viz., ICFRE, FSI, WII, and other Authorities / Divisions of the MoEFCC. As on date, National CAMPA is managing entire corpus of CAMPA funds including approving Annual Plans of Operations of State/UT CAMPA Authorities. The National Authority is supporting more than 50 schemes of National importance on varied subjects related with forestry, wildlife and ecological services. After transferring more than Rs.84,556.43 crores of State Shares of CAMPA funds to respective States/UTs the Authority is currently managing more than Rs. 10,000.00 crores of National Fund. The role and responsibility of the National CAMPA is expanding to fulfil the mandate given in the CAF Act, 2016.

Previously upto January, 2025, the National Authority was functioning from about 1500 sq. ft. at 4th Floor, 3rd Block, CGO complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi allocated by MoEFCC to National Authority which was insufficient for office of Joint CEO, Deputy CEO, 6 Consultants and 6 office Assistants. Due to shortage of space office of CEO, CAMPA was functioning from Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor bagh (IPB). The proper office space for employees is must for keeping the employees motivated for delivering desired outputs as mandated in Authority.

The office space is a major constraint for appointing regular staff of the Authority. Section-8 of the CAF Act mandates National Authority to manage and utilize CAMPA fund besides discharging other important duties and responsibilities like monitoring of utilization of CAMPA fund in various states and assisting Executive Committee and Governing Body in following functions:

- i. Approval of Annual plan of operations of State Authorities.
- ii. Formulation of proposals for schemes funded by National CAMPA.
- iii. Execution of schemes funded by National CAMPA.
- iv. Management and transfer of Fund.
- v. Annual report and Audit of National CAMPA.
- vi. Monitoring and Evaluation of CAMPA activities including State CAMPA
- vii. Organizing conferences/ seminars and publication of literatures.
- viii. Facilitation for scientific, technological and other assistance that may be required by State/UT Authorities, etc.

The requirement of office space of 13,902 sq. ft has been calculated for different ranks of Officers and Staff as per Ministry of Urban development O.M. dated 16.03.2017. CCU Division of the Ministry has already vetted 11,658 sq. ft. based on the MoHUA' circular vide above cited O.M. in this regard.

As informed by the GA Division of MoEF&CC, matter was taken up with the Directorate of Estates (DoE) vide letter No. 4-10/2010-CAMPA dated **15.02.2024** and DoE stated vide letter dated February 2024 (that National CAMPA Authority is a Statutory body created under Compensatory Afforestation Act, 2016 and as per DoE OM dated 16.03.2017 statutory body is not eligible for allotment of office space in General Pool Office Accommodation (GPOA) building. DoE also intimated that the DoE is facing an acute shortage of office space and there is no space readily available for allotment in any GPOA building in Delhi.

The proposal for purchase of office space from Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs through NBCC (INDIA) LTD (A Govt. of India Enterprise) on Freehold Basis in World Trade Center, New Delhi at Nauroji Nagar of 15,701 sq. ft. (carpet area of 11,829 sq. ft.) costing approx. Rs 62.39 crore for meeting the office space requirement for which technical vetting was obtained from the CCU and was placed as Agenda Item No. 13 of 26th meeting of Executive Committee held on 08.12.2023 (Date of E-Auction was 14.12.2023).

The EC agreed to the requirement of office space as vetted by CCU of the Ministry for the office of the National Authority. Further, the EC opined that the National Authority may apart from purchase of office space also explore the rental spaces for running the office of National Authority. The office space may be purchased or hired with the approval of the Competent Authority as this action is within the ambit of the rules framed under the CAF Act, 2018. The proposal was recommended to be placed before the Governing Body for approval. The decision of the EC was ratified by the Governing Body in its 4th Meeting held on 29.12.2023.

In this backdrop, with the prior approval of the Competent Authority and concurrence of Integrated Finance Division (IFD), office space of approximately 1417 sqm at 3rd Floor of Supreme Court Metro Station belonging to Delhi Metro Rail Corporation LTD (DMRC) was obtained in January, 2025 at Monthly Lease Fee Amount of Rs 59,85,974.80/- (@3580/sqm inclusive of GST).

Provision in the CAF Act, 2016-

The Section-8 of the CAF Act, 2016 mandates National Authority to manage, administer, plan and utilize CAMPA fund received from user agencies as compensatory levies for raising of CA and other activities for compensating ecosystem services besides discharging other important duties and responsibilities like monitoring of utilization of CAMPA fund in various states and UTs. Further, the section 5(b)(i), provides that for non-recurring and recurring expenditure for the management of the National Authority including the salary and allowances payable to its officers and other employees. Sufficient funds are available with the National Authority in public fund account which can meet the requirement of purchasing the office space.

The purchase of office space is one time expenditure and is very well covered under the non-recurring expenditure mentioned in the Section 5(b)(i) of the CAF Act, 2016. The Capital Expenditure is a type of non-recurring Expenditure and under the CAF Rules 2018, there is provision for creation of capital assets under non-recurring management expenditure, under rule 32 also.

The transaction would be Government to Government transfer of fund without asking any additional budget from the finance wing or the Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India, nor it will burden any of the organ of the Government setup as the fund proposed to be utilised are generated through the system provided in the CAF Act, 2016, which empowers the National Authority to incur non – recurring expenditure in accordance with the Rule 32 of CAF Rules, 2018.

Financial Implication

The National Authority may explore the possibility for purchase of ready to move office space 11,658 sq. ft. (vetted by CCU). The price discovery will be based on the Government bidding / E-Auction to be organized by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs through NBCC (INDIA) LTD.

Expected savings

Though the purchase of office space is one time expenditure, however the savings on payment of lease rent is expected to Rs. 8.00 Crore per annum.

Decision of Executive Committee: The Executive committee approved proposal for purchase of ready to move office space from Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs through NBCC (INDIA) LTD as one-time capital expenditure based on the price discovery through Government bidding/ E-Auction.



AGENDA ITEM NO. 11. GUIDELINES FOR PROPOSING ANY SCHEME FOR THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM NATIONAL FUND (AS STIPULATED IN SECTION 5(B)III OF CAF ACT, 2016)

Pursuant to the clarifications received from Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance vide their O.M. No. 54(04)/PF-II/2007 (E-30072584) dated 24th December, 2025, the National Authority has issued an Office Memorandum (O.M.) No. Na-13/13/2022 dated 29.12.2025 in suppression of the earlier guidelines issued in this regard. The same is placed before the Executive Committee.

Decision of Executive Committee: The Executive Committee noted the revised guidelines for proposing schemes/projects to obtain financial support from National Fund of CAMPA.



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AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Study Proposal for Project Titled "Implementation of the Dolphin Conservation Action Plan: Conservation and Recovery of River Dolphins and Their Aquatic Habitats"

Sr. No	Proforma for submission of Scheme/Project	
A	Background	Details
1	Name of Scheme/Project:	Implementation of the Dolphin Conservation Action Plan: Conservation and Recovery of River Dolphins and Their Aquatic Habitats
2	Name of the implementing agency	Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, Uttarakhand
3	Details of the Nodal Officer of the Implementing Agency/ Institute	Dr. Gobind Sagar Bhardwaj, Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Post Box # 18, Chandrabari, Dehradun 248001, Uttarakhand Email: dwis@wii.gov.in vishnundiva@wii.gov.in Phone-0135-2640114-15
4	Name of the Program Division of the MoEFCC	Wildlife Division, MoEFCC
5	Details of the Nodal Officer of the Programme Division, MoEFCC	
6	Whether the Scheme/ Project has State Component (Yes/No)	YES
7	If the answer to the above Item No. 6 is 'Yes', then whether State(s) is (are) on board based on any signed agreement. (a copy of the same to be attached)	Part A: Yes, the scheme/project includes multiple State components, and we have been holding meetings with various states. The state of Uttar Pradesh is already on board, and a formal agreement is expected to be signed very soon. A meeting with West Bengal, Jharkhand and Assam is scheduled soon
B	Objectives of Scheme/ Project (Preferably in bullet points and in not less than 250 words)	Part A: The objectives for the study, aligned with the Conservation Action Plan for River Dolphins in India, are outlined as follows: 1. Capacity building for rescue and rehabilitation of the Ganges River Dolphin (Action points 1.3, 1.6): Strengthening the knowledge, skills, and preparedness of trained veterinary personnel, forest department teams, and local stakeholders, and institutions to ensure rapid and effective response to dolphin strandings, injuries, or distress, including the provision of specialized equipment and structured rehabilitation protocols. 2. Promoting dolphin conservation among citizens and communities (Actions 1.6, 2.2, 2.4, 3.3, 3.4, 4.1, 4.2): Creating awareness on the ecological significance of the species through community workshops, school programs, media outreach, and cultural events, fostering behavioural change and active participation in conservation activities. 3. Promote technological intervention and strengthen fishermen/citizen community networks to reduce net entanglement and mortality (Actions 1.4, 1.7, 3.3, 3.5): Encouraging the adoption of eco-friendly fishing gear, advanced tracking, and early-warning systems, while building strong community-led surveillance and reporting networks to minimise accidental bycatch and mortality

		Incidents. 4. Assessing the impact of river infrastructure and suggesting mitigation measures (Actions 2.1, 2.4, 4.4): Studying the ecological effects of barrages, dredging, and navigation projects on dolphin movement and habitat, followed by recommending practical mitigation strategies to safeguard their survival. 5. Addressing ecological knowledge gaps to inform management actions (Actions 5.1, 5.2, 5.3): Conducting scientific studies on habitat use, prey dynamics, and emerging threats to strengthen evidence-based policy and conservation planning. 6. Securing the health of the aquatic ecosystem for sustainable living and biodiversity conservation (Action 4.1): Implementing pollution control, habitat restoration, and 6. Securing the health to ensure a resilient river ecosystem that supports dolphins and other aquatic species. Part B: The objectives for the study, aligned with the Conservation Action Plan for Marine Dolphins in India, are outlined as follows: Outreach and Capacity Building: 1. Enhance awareness of dolphins, their habitat, ecological role and conservation through education, and art (Action plan Goal no. 4) 2. Establish structured citizen-science frameworks for dolphin monitoring 3. Build capacity and foster inter-agency collaboration of forest departments, navy, coast guard and other identified allied agencies in marine mammal response and ecosystem stewardship (Action plan Goal no. 5) 4. Promote and strengthen sustainable dolphin ecotourism through capacity building and livelihood diversification in coastal communities. Research: 5. Monitor marine dolphins and other marine mammal populations across Indian coast with combination of classic and modern approaches (Action plan Goal no. 1 & 3) 6. Identification and mapping of critical dolphin habitats and movement pathways in India (Action plan Goal no. 2) Threat Characterization and development of Mitigation strategies (Action plan Goal no. 1 & 2)
C	Project Duration and Year-wise activities (additional columns in the table may be added as per the requirement)	Project Duration – 5 years Part A: Year-wise details of activities in Annexure-1 Part B: Year-wise details of activities in Annexure-1B
D	Project Outlay & Evaluation	Part A: 3297.67 Lakhs (32.97 crores) for 5 years Part B: 2731.6 lakhs (27.31 Cr) for 5

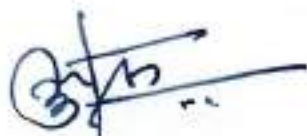
		years			
8	Year-wise estimated expenditure (additional columns in the table may be added as per the requirement)	Year-wise estimated expenditure details in Part A: Annexure-11 Part B: Annexure-11B			
9	Proposed midterm evaluation by Programme Division (additional columns in the table, may be added as per the requirement)	Midterm evaluation	1	2	3
		Tentative	At the end of 1.5 years of project initiation	At the end of 3 years of project initiation	At the end of 4.5 years of project initiation
10	New or extension/ modification of any existing schemes	New			
11	Revised outlay in case of existing scheme/project	NA			
12	In case of modification of an Existing scheme/project: The details of expenditure incurred as of the date, along with a copy of UG, indicating unutilized funds.	NA			
13	Brief note & Justification for seeking financial support from the National Fund (The Programme Division must categorically state the reason why regular budgetary support cannot be obtained for this scheme/project)	PART A: The proposed "Implementation of the Dolphin Conservation Action Plan" is a five-year, multi-state initiative critical to the survival of the endangered Ganges River Dolphin and the health of associated aquatic ecosystems. Its scope, covering 131 districts across nine states, includes specialised rescue and rehabilitation capacity building, advanced technology deployment (pingers, bubble/silt curtains), multi-taxa ecological monitoring, and community-led conservation and livelihood models. These activities are beyond the scope of routine state or central budgetary provisions, which are typically limited to site-specific or short-term actions. Given the national significance of Project Dolphin and the need for uniform protocols, cross-sectoral coordination, and sustained funding, dedicated National Fund support is essential to ensure timely, integrated, and impactful implementation, delivering both ecological and socio-economic benefits at a national scale. PART B: The "Dolphin Conservation Action Plan: Marine" is a five-year, multi-state initiative essential for safeguarding endangered marine dolphins and protecting coastal ecosystems. It includes expert rescue training, advanced technologies for ecological monitoring, and community-led conservation. These efforts exceed routine government budgets. To ensure consistent protocols, cross-sector coordination, and lasting impact, dedicated national funding is vital for delivering both ecological and economic benefits across India's coastal regions.			
14	Implementing Agency (IA) shall adhere to the Provision of GFR 2017 and the Government Accounting Rules	The Implementing Agency (WII) undertakes to adhere strictly to the provisions of the General Financial Rules (GFR) 2017, the Government Accounting Rules 1990, and the guidelines issued by the Department of Expenditure vide letter no.			

	1990. IA is required to comply with the guidelines letter no. 24(35) PF-II/2012 dated 05 th August, 2016 issued by Department of expenditure	24(35) PF-II/2012 dated 05 th August 2016, in the receipt, utilisation, accounting, and reporting of project funds.
E	Deliverables Outputs of scheme/project Outcomes of scheme/ project	Part A: Deliverables/Outputs/Outcomes of the scheme/ project mentioned in Annexure-III Part B: Deliverables/Outputs/Outcomes of the scheme/ project mentioned in Annexure-IIIB
F	Deliverables of scheme/ project (including year wise) (additional columns in the table, may be added as per the requirement)	Part A: Year-wise deliverables of projects mentioned in Annexure-IV Year-wise deliverables of projects mentioned in Annexure-IVB
15	Exit protocol of the scheme/project (in not less than 250 words)	Part A: The "Implementation of the Dolphin Conservation Action Plan: Conservation and Recovery of River Dolphins and Their Aquatic Habitats" is designed with a clear transition strategy to ensure the sustainability of outcomes beyond the project period. The exit protocol focuses on embedding capacities, systems, and resources within state agencies, local communities, and partner institutions to maintain and scale conservation actions without continued dependence on project funds. - By the project's conclusion, all participating State Forest Departments will have trained and certified personnel, including veterinarians, frontline staff, and community volunteers, equipped with standardised protocols for dolphin rescue, rehabilitation, habitat monitoring, and community engagement. Specialised equipment (pingers, inflatable boats, rescue kits, monitoring devices, and mobile app systems) will be handed over to state departments and local committees with appropriate training for upkeep and use. - Model conservation and ecotourism sites developed under the project will be managed by empowered village-level committees (e.g., Janitra Ecotourism Committees), with ongoing support from State Forest Departments and revenue generation through ecotourism, eco-labelling of dolphin-friendly fish, and convergence with schemes like IDWH, APR, and CSR initiatives. - The citizen science network, mobile app-based data reporting systems, and ecological monitoring protocols will be institutionalised within state monitoring frameworks, ensuring continued flow of data for decision-making. Annual review and refresher training modules will be made available to state agencies to maintain skill levels. - To address ongoing research and monitoring needs, long-term collaborations will be formalised with academic institutions, NGOs, and government research bodies. Policy-relevant findings, technical manuals, and awareness materials developed during the project will be archived with MoEFCC, State Forest Departments, and other stakeholders for replication. In this way, the project will exit with strengthened institutional

		capacity, community ownership, sustainable livelihood mechanisms, and embedded monitoring frameworks, ensuring that conservation gains for the Ganges River Dolphin and its habitat are sustained and expanded beyond the life of the project. Part B: The Wildlife Institute of India (WII), in collaboration with the respective State Forest Departments and allied agencies, will prepare and submit comprehensive final reports detailing all outreach activities, research findings, capacity-building efforts, and budget utilization. All datasets—including visual, acoustic, genetic, and GIS-based assessments—will be archived and made accessible to relevant stakeholders to support future conservation planning. All field equipment procured under the project, such as drones, acoustic recorders, cameras, and telemetry devices, will be formally handed over to the respective Forest Departments. Prior to handover, training sessions will be conducted to ensure operational continuity and proper maintenance. Final stakeholder debriefings will be organized to disseminate key findings, share lessons learned, and provide policy recommendations to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and state-level authorities. To ensure long-term sustainability, citizen science platforms such as the Dolphin Sighting App and Beach Survey Clubs will be institutionalized, and partnerships for dolphin ecotourism and community engagement will be formalized. A final outreach campaign—including digital media, school programs, and cultural events—will be launched to celebrate the project's achievements and reinforce public stewardship. Financial closure will be undertaken with the submission of audited statements and reconciliation of accounts for both WII and Forest Department allocations. This exit protocol is designed to uphold transparency, foster continued conservation efforts, and embed marine dolphin protection within national and regional frameworks.
16	Extension strategy (if any) (In not less than 250 words)	Part A: The proposed project is planned for a duration of five years. However, recognising the dynamic nature of field conditions, conservation priorities, and ecological responses, provision is kept for seeking an extension, if warranted, to ensure consolidation and sustainability of outcomes. A structured monitoring and evaluation framework will be implemented from the outset, with annual progress reviews and a detailed mid-term assessment. This will track biological indicators (species population trends, habitat quality, threat reduction), socio-economic indicators (community participation, livelihood linkages), and institutional indicators (capacity building, policy integration). If these evaluations indicate that critical objectives require additional time to be fully achieved, or that scaling of successful interventions can yield substantial long-term benefits, the Implementing Agency may seek either a no-cost extension (utilising unspent funds within an extended timeline) or a costed extension, depending on the resource requirements. The no-cost extension option will be prioritised where feasible to ensure efficient utilisation of sanctioned funds without additional financial burden.

		Part B: A no-cost extension may be required to ensure the effective completion and consolidation of key activities under the Marine Dolphin Conservation Action Plan. Given the vast geographic expanse of the project—covering diverse coastal and island ecosystems—and the seasonal variability in marine mammal presence, several field surveys and data validation exercises remain pending. Additionally, the dynamic nature of outreach and capacity-building efforts, which have evolved in response to local engagement and inter-agency collaboration, necessitates extended timelines for institutional embedding and impact assessment. The proposed no-cost extension will utilize existing personnel, equipment, and budgetary allocations without requesting additional financial support. Unspent funds within approved heads will be reallocated to complete pending activities, finalize publications, and strengthen stakeholder networks. Continued collaboration with Forest Departments, Coast Guard, Navy, and local institutions will be leveraged to maintain field operations and outreach momentum. This extension will enable the project to deliver a robust national dataset on marine dolphin populations, finalize conservation recommendations, and ensure that outreach and capacity-building efforts are sustainably integrated into regional frameworks. The strategy aligns with the overarching goals of Project Dolphin and supports India's commitments under international biodiversity conventions.
G	Recommendation of the Program Division	The Wildlife Division of the MoEF&CC has prepared the Project on "Implementation of the Dolphin Conservation Action Plan: Conservation and Recovery of River Dolphins and Their Aquatic Habitats" and seeking financial support from the National Fund as per the section 5 (b) (ii) of the CAF Act 2016. The Wildlife Division will function as Program Division for the project which will be implemented through Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun which act an Implementing Agency and monitor the physical and financial progress of the project as required under CAF Act 2016 and CAF Rules 2018 and submit the quarterly progress report and annual progress report to National CAMPA. The Program Division will ensure forwarding of Utilization Certificate as and when required and demand for the funds, duly filled with the relevant checklist.

Decision of Executive Committee: The Executive Committee recommended the above proposal for obtaining approval of Governing Body.

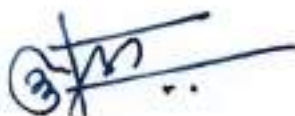


AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Proposal for the Project Titled "Project Snow Leopard: Population Assessment, Conservation and Monitoring of Snow Leopards in India"

Project Snow Leopard embodies India's commitment to conserving high-altitude biodiversity through landscape-level management that harmonizes wildlife protection with the livelihood security of mountain communities.

S. No.	Proforma for Submission of Scheme/Project	
A	Background	Details
1	Name of Scheme/Project:	Project Snow Leopard: Population Assessment, Conservation and Monitoring of Snow Leopards in India
2	Name of the Implementing Agency:	Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun
3	Details of the Nodal Officer of the Implementing Agency/ Institute	a. Name: Dr. G. S. Bhardwaj Project Lead Director, Wildlife Institute of India Dehradun – Uttarakhand, 248 001 E-mail: dwil@wil.gov.in Phone No. 0135-2640114 - N5 b. Name: Dr. Bilal Habib Project Coordinator Scientist – F Wildlife Institute of India Dehradun – Uttarakhand, 248 001 E-mail: bb@wil.gov.in Phone No. 0135-2646283
4	Name of the Program Division of the MoEFCC:	Wildlife Division, MoEFCC, New Delhi
5	Details of the Nodal Officer of the Programme Division, MoEF&CC	a. Name: Shri Aishwarya Raj Assistant Inspector General of Forest Email ID: hp187@ifs.ntc.in Phone No: +91-8700989495
6	Whether the Scheme/Project has State Component (Yes/No)	Yes – Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh.
7	If answer to above Item No. 6 is 'Yes' then whether State (s) is (are) on board based on any signed agreement. (a copy of the same to be attached)	Yes. As per the project's requirements, all concerned states are in agreement to participate in the state-wide estimation exercise, as per the meeting held on October 4, 2025. The Forest Departments of each state have already nominated nodal officers to coordinate and facilitate the survey in their respective jurisdictions.
B	Objectives of Scheme/Project (Preferably in bullet points and in not less	The objectives for the state-wide survey are outlined as follows: 1. Population and Ecological Monitoring

	than 250 words)	• Conduct a comprehensive and statistically robust population assessment of snow leopards, sympatric carnivores, and key prey species across their distribution range in India using standardized camera-trap based SECR, genetic, and occupancy approaches. • Assess the distribution, abundance, and ecological impacts of feral and free-ranging dogs across snow leopard habitats, with emphasis on disease transmission, competition, and predation risks. • Model current and future snow leopard habitat suitability under multiple climate-change scenarios to identify potential shifts in distribution, climate refugia, and areas of emerging conservation concern. 2. Habitat Assessment and Landscape Management • Identify and map critical snow leopard habitats across the trans-Himalayan landscape, using habitat-suitability models, prey distribution data, and field-based validation. • Prioritize and delineate key ecological corridors and landscape linkages essential for snow leopard movement and gene flow. • Assess spatial overlap between feral dog populations and critical wildlife habitats to evaluate risk zones and inform management strategies. • Implement habitat restoration interventions in degraded and high-priority wildlife areas, based on ecological suitability and community participation. 3. Establishment of Long-Term Monitoring Framework • Develop and institutionalize a robust, multi-tiered ecological monitoring protocol for snow leopards, co-predators, and prey species, to be implemented annually and in four-year population cycles aligned with national monitoring frameworks. 4. Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation • Identify and map conflict hotspots across the snow leopard range using empirical data on livestock depredation, community perceptions, and ecological drivers. • Develop and operationalize a real-time conflict monitoring and response system involving
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		local communities and government agencies. • Test, implement, and scale innovative conflict-mitigation interventions, combining community-based livestock protection measures, improved husbandry, technological solutions, and socio-economic incentives. 5. Capacity Building and Community Stewardship • Strengthen the capacity of frontline forest staff, defence forces, and local communities through structured training programmes on snow leopard ecology, monitoring techniques, and conservation practices. • Support sustainable pastoral livelihoods and promote wild ungulate conservation through improved grazing management, disease-risk reduction, and socio-ecological interventions. • Pilot community-level plastic waste recycling and circular-economy models to reduce environmental pollution and strengthen conservation stewardship in high-altitude ecosystems.						
C	Project Duration and Year-Wise activities (additional columns in that table may be added as per the requirement)	Project Duration – 5 years The year-wise details of activities as per above objectives are placed in Annexure-1						
D	Project Outlay & Evaluation	7923.03 lakhs over 5 years						
8	Year-wise estimated expenditure (additional columns in the table may be added as per the requirement)	The year wise details of expenditure is placed at Annexure – II along the component wise details for the States and Wildlife Institute of India (Annexure IIA and IIB)						
9	Proposed midterm evaluation by Programme Division (additional columns in the table may be added as per the requirement)	<table> <tr> <th></th><th>1</th><th>2</th></tr> <tr> <td>Midterm Evaluation (Tentative)</td><td>At the end of 2 years of the project initiation.</td><td>At the end of 4 years of the project initiation.</td></tr> </table>		1	2	Midterm Evaluation (Tentative)	At the end of 2 years of the project initiation.	At the end of 4 years of the project initiation.
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10	New or extension/modification of any existing scheme	New						
11	Revised outlay in case or existing	NA						

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12	In case of modification of an existing scheme/project: The details of expenditure incurred as on date. Along with a copy of UC indicating unutilized fund.	NA
13	Brief note & justification for seeking financial support from National Fund (the Programme Division must categorically state the reason why regular budgetary support cannot be obtained for this scheme/project)	The Wildlife Institute of India (WII), under the Project Snow Leopard mandate, completed the first-ever population estimation of the species (<i>Panthera uncia</i>) across its distributional range in India from 2018 to 2024. The second cycle of estimation (SPAI 2.0) is now crucial for assessing population trends, understanding distributional shifts, monitoring emerging threats, and providing science-based inputs for conservation action planning at the national and state levels. The SPAI 1.0 was instrumental in enhancing the learning for the implementation of the SPAI 2.0 Such large-scale, range-wide surveys are resource-intensive, involving multi-state coordination and the deployment of scientific teams across thousands of areas of mountain landscapes, which have a limited window of opportunity for working, manpower, and capacity. Extensive field logistics, as well as the integration of advanced monitoring technologies, AI-based systems, camera traps, DNA analysis, GPS tagging, and UAV monitoring, can be implemented to arrive at more accurate estimates. Regular institutional or project budgetary allocations are insufficient to support this specialised, large-scale scientific exercise, as they are primarily earmarked for routine research, staff salaries, and ongoing project activities. Monitoring snow leopards across their vast Himalayan landscapes is not simply a species-recovery exercise—it is an ecological necessity for safeguarding the "Third Pole," the planet's largest reservoir of ice and snow outside the Arctic and Antarctic. Snow leopards are the apex indicators of high-altitude ecosystem health, and their presence signals intact trophic interactions, resilient prey populations, and functional habitats that regulate climate and hydrology. These mountains feed the great river systems of Asia, sustaining nearly one-third of humanity, including the water security of India. Protecting snow leopards

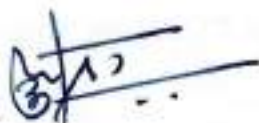
	therefore directly contributes to conserving fragile alpine grasslands, regulating glacial meltwater systems, and maintaining the socio-ecological stability of trans-Himalayan communities. Landscape-level monitoring enables early detection of population shifts, climate-driven habitat change, anthropogenic pressures, and disease and feral-dog threats, ensuring adaptive and scientifically grounded conservation action. In essence, to secure snow leopards is to secure the Himalaya—and thereby India's long-term water, climate, and ecological security. Justification for not obtaining regular budgetary support: The scale and specialized requirements of this nationwide estimation extend beyond the scope of regular budgetary provisions of WII, state forest departments, or the CAMPA-funded activities that are largely site-specific and short-term. Regular budgetary resources are already committed to core institutional activities and cannot accommodate the exceptional financial and logistical demands of this exercise. The National Fund is the most suitable source for supporting this unique, high-priority, nation-level survey, which is essential for snow leopard conservation and informed policy decision-making. Population & Distribution: Estimates suggest India hosts the third-largest population of snow leopards. With the use of Technology, reliable data has been generated in recent years. Threats: • Decline in prey base due to overgrazing and poaching • Habitat degradation, linear infrastructure, and loss of corridors • Human-wildlife conflict, particularly livestock depredation • Emerging disease threats and feral dog predation • Climate-induced ecosystem shifts in high-altitude rangelands Need for Action: A coordinated approach is required across all range states to strengthen research, management, and community involvement, aligning with the National Snow Leopard & Ecosystem Protection Programme (NLSEP) and India's international commitments under the Global Snow
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		Leopard Ecosystem Protection (GSLEP) initiative.
14	Implementing Agency (IA) shall adhere to Provision of GFR 2017 and Government Accounting Rules 1990. IA is required to comply with the guidelines letter no. 24(35)PF-II/2012 dated 05 th August, 2016 issued by Department of expenditure	The Implementing Agency (WII) undertakes to adhere strictly to the provisions of the General Financial Rules (GFR) 2017, the Government Accounting Rules 1990, and the guidelines issued by the Department of Expenditure vide letter no. 24(35) PF-II/2012 dated 05 th August 2016, in the receipt, utilisation, accounting, and reporting of project funds.
E	Deliverables of scheme/project	Annexure-III
	Outputs of scheme/project	
	Outcomes of scheme/project	
F	Deliverables of Scheme/project (including year wise) (additional columns in the table may be added as per the requirement)	Annexure-IV
15	Exit protocol of the scheme/project (In not less than 250 words)	At the conclusion of field surveys and data analysis, a comprehensive final report will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), state forest departments, and other stakeholders. This report will include detailed population estimates of state-wide surveys. The outputs will be integrated into a GIS-based digital database, hosted by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), and made accessible to government agencies for planning and monitoring purposes. A PMU will be established to undertake this exercise and will serve as a base for all future similar programs. The project will ensure capacity transfer by institutionalising the training of forest department frontline staff, researchers, and NGOs conducted during the project. Training manuals, survey protocols, and digital modules will remain available as reference materials for future surveys. This will enable states to conduct monitoring beyond the project period independently. Knowledge dissemination will be ensured through

		scientific publications, policy briefs, and stakeholder workshops, which will bridge the gap between research and management. The project will also create awareness materials for outreach to local communities and schools, ensuring long-term sensitization. Finally, the project's exit strategy emphasizes mainstreaming results into Project Snow Leopard (SPAI 2.0), enabling MoEFCC and state governments to adopt identified conservation actions, strengthen landscape conservation, and generate information for high conservation value areas (HCVAs). Additionally, the project aims to expand its surveys across over 1 lakh potential snow leopard range. In this way, the project will not only deliver robust scientific outputs but also build institutional capacity and provide a framework for continuity, even after financial and administrative closure.
16	Extension Strategy (if any) (In not less than 250 words)	The nationwide estimation of snow leopards (SPAI 2.0 - 2nd cycle) is designed as a multi-year, phased scientific assessment covering the mountain landscapes of Kashmir, Ladakh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh. West Bengal has been included to strengthen its ex-situ conservation efforts and areas that have linkages to snow leopard habitats and mountain landscapes. While the project has been structured with clear timelines and milestones, the ecological, geological, and logistical challenges inherent in such a large-scale survey necessitate a well-defined extension strategy to ensure scientific rigour and data reliability. The project is scheduled to complete the surveys in a phase-wise manner (Phase I - November–March 2025–26), followed by Phase II (Remote Sensing and GIS) and Phase III (Camera trapping) in the subsequent season (October 2026–March 2027), with data analysis and reporting concluding by May 2028. However, certain contingencies may warrant an extension: • Ecological and Seasonal Factors: Unpredictable geological and short working season events such as unseasonal floods, prolonged snow levels, or delayed access may hinder field surveys. To avoid biased or incomplete data, extensions may be required to align surveys with suitable ecological windows. • Logistical and Administrative Challenges: Given

		the involvement of multiple states, delays in permissions, mobilisation of teams and staff, or disruptions in inter-state coordination could impact the timeline. An extension may allow for a smooth completion without compromising coverage. • Laboratory and Analytical Delays: Processing of Camera trap data and DNA samples requires precision. If laboratory backlogs or unforeseen complexities occur, an extension would ensure robust and validated outputs. • Pandemic/Disaster Contingencies: Natural disasters, health emergencies, or unforeseen socio-political disruptions could necessitate additional time to safeguard staff and resources. Extension Strategy: If such situations arise, the project will adopt a phased extension model, seeking approval from the Programme Division for a limited no-cost or cost-justified extension. Priority will be given to completing unfinished surveys first, followed by pending laboratory and reporting tasks. Any extension will be accompanied by a revised activity calendar, budget reallocation plan, and clear justification, ensuring accountability and minimising overlap with the next survey cycle.
G	Recommendation of the Programme Division	The proposal submitted by the WII titled, Project Snow Leopard: Population Assessment, Conservation and Monitoring of Snow Leopards in India for seeking financial support from the National Fund as per the section 5 (b) (ii) of the CAF Act 2016. The Wildlife Division will function as Program Division for the project and will be implemented through Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun which act as implementing Agency and monitor the physical and financial progress of the project as required under CAF Act 2016 and CAF Rules 2018 and submit the quarterly progress report and annual progress report to National CAMPA. The Program Division will ensure forwarding of Utilization Certificate as and when required and demand for the funds, duly filled with the relevant checklist on the basis of the report produced.

Decision of Executive Committee: The Executive Committee recommended the above proposal for obtaining approval of Governing Body.



AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: PROPOSAL FOR ECOLOGICAL NICHE MODELING OF IMPORTANT FOREST INSECTS IN UTTARAKHAND: UNDERSTANDING DISTRIBUTION PATTERNS AND ENVIRONMENTAL DRIVERS-ICFRE

Name of Scheme	Ecological Niche Modeling of Important Forest Insects in Uttarakhand: Understanding Distribution Patterns and Environmental Drivers-ICFRE			
Implementing Agency	ICFRE, Dehradun			
Project Duration/Period	3 years			
Project Outlay	Rs. 70.00 lakhs			
	(Rs. In lakhs)			
	Year	1	2	3
	Estimated Expenditure	28.00	23.00	19.00
Programme Division	RT Division, MoEFCC			
Objectives of the Project	a) To identify the ecological niches of important forest insects in Uttarakhand by integrating spatial and environmental data. b) To investigate the distribution patterns of key insects across Uttarakhand. c) To analyse the environmental drivers influencing the presence and abundance of important insects in Uttarakhand. d) To assess the potential impact of climate change on the ecological niches and distribution patterns of key forest insects in Uttarakhand. e) To identify areas of conservation priority for beneficial insects i.e., pollinators and indicators species. f) To identify areas at high risk of infestation by insect that can adversely affect the trees, prioritize targeted management strategies for them and give recommendations along with climate change adaptation strategies.			
Project Outcomes	The research will generate spatially explicit maps of distribution of key insects, identifying areas of high risk of insects that can adverse effect the trees and of pollinators of importance in forest areas of Uttarakhand. The results will be used to inform the development of targeted insect management strategies and conservation plans for Uttarakhand's forest ecosystems by stakeholders. Extension materials will be developed in the form of Book, e-files which will be uploaded in websites and will be provided to the stakeholders. (Forest department, Research Institutes, NGOs, Universities etc.)			
Brief Justification of the project/scheme:	Uttarakhand's unique and ecologically diverse forest ecosystems are significantly influenced by insect communities, encompassing both economically damaging insects and ecologically vital pollinators. Understanding the spatial distribution and environmental drivers of these insect groups is crucial for effective forest management, conservation, and sustainable resource utilization. However, existing ecological niche modeling (ENM) studies often lack the regional specificity necessary to capture the fine-scale variations in insect distribution within Uttarakhand's complex landscape. This research directly addresses this gap by conducting a comprehensive Ecological Niche modeling study of key forest insects in the region. Presently the ICFRE-Forest Research Institute or Zoological Survey of India do not have enough budget/resources to carry of field-based research projects of this scale on their own besides this project needs training component for which project staff (3no.) is required that will be training by IIRS, Dehradun.			

Decision of Executive Committee: The Executive Committee recommended the above proposal for obtaining approval of Governing Body.



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Annexure I

List of participants of 37th EC Meeting of National Authority CAMPA.

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8. Dr Bilal Habib, Scientist-F, WII, Dehradun.
9. Shri V Clement Ben, IGF, WL Division, MOEFCC, New Delhi.
10. Shri S.K. Barik, Expert Member of Executive Committee.
11. Shri Nisheeth Saxena, Senior Consultant (F&W), National Authority CAMPA.
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