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To:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, General, West Bengal.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, West Bengal.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Executive Officer, WB CAMPA.
4. The Additional Chief Secretary, Dept. of Environment, Govt. of West Bengal.
5. The Additional Chief Secretary, Dept. of Agriculture, Govt. of West Bengal.
6. The Additional Chief Secretary, Dept. of Finance, Govt. of West Bengal.
7. The Additional Chief Secretary, Dept. of Planning & Statistics, Govt. of West Bengal.
8. The Additional Chief Secretary, Dept. of Panchayat & Rural Development, Govt. of West Bengal.
9. The Principal Secretary, Land & Land Reforms Deptt., Govt. of West Bengal.
10. The Principal Secretary, Tribal Development Deptt., Govt. of West Bengal.
11. The Principal Secretary, Dept. of Science & Biotechnology, Govt. of West Bengal.
12. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, FCA, West Bengal.
13. The Member Secretary, State Forest Development Agency, West Bengal.
14. The Financial Adviser, Forest Department, West Bengal.

Sub.: Minutes of the Meeting of The Executive Committee of West Bengal State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management And Planning Authority (CAMPA), held on 08.03.2019, at Aranya Bhawan, Kolkata.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Kindly find herewith the enclosed minutes of the aforesaid meeting for your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Encl.: As stated.

(SANDIPAN MUKHERJEE)
Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
&
Nodal Officer, FCA, West Bengal.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF WEST BENGAL STATE
COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION FUND MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING AUTHORITY
(CAMP A), HELD ON 08.03.2019, AT ARANYA BHAWAN, KOLKATA.

The Meeting of the Executive Committee was held under the Chairmanship of Shri N.K.Pandey, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head of Forest Force), West Bengal and Chairman of the State Executive Committee.

The Meeting was attended, among others, by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (General), West Bengal, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Wildlife), West Bengal and representatives of Department of Environment, Agriculture, Finance, Planning & Statistics Department, Panchayet& Rural Development Department, Land & Land Reforms Department, Tribal Development Department, Science & Technology and Bio-technology Department. (Attendance sheet is enclosed herewith).

First, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head of Forest Force), West Bengal and Chairman of the Executive Committee welcomed all the Members of the Committee and briefed them on the background of formation of the West Bengal Compensatory Afforestation Management And Planning Authority (WB CAMP A)-the State CAMP A Authority under the provision of The Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act 2016 (CAF Act 2016). He introduced the provisions of the CAF Act 2016, Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules 2018 and Compensatory Afforestation Fund (Accounting Procedures) Rules, 2018.

It was explained that under the provisions of above said Act and Rules, the funds received from the User Agencies will be deposited in the Public Accounts of the State and that the fund will also be non-lapsable and also interest bearing.

Agenda Item No. 1

The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, CAMP A & Nodal Officer, FCA, W.B. who is currently also designated as the Chief Executive Officer of the State Authority briefed the members on the major decisions taken by the earlier committees and constitution, powers and functions of the Executive Committee as per the CAF Act 2016.

Agenda Item No. 2

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, CAMP A, gave a presentation on the draft Annual Plan of Operation(APO) prepared for the financial year 2019-20. It was explained that the draft APO has been formulated as per the manner as specified under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules 2018

wherein the activities to be taken up from the Compensatory Afforestation (CA), Net Present Value (NPV) and interest accrued. The APO was discussed in detail as prepared in Form-XII of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules 2018 and then certain modifications were suggested by the members of the Committee. The issues pertaining to the draft APO was discussed and after approval of the committee the same were modified/included in the final APO.

In particular the following decisions were taken:-

- 1) Part- 1(C) of Form-XII of the APO should reflect the expenditure under State Plan for various schemes in the previous financial year.
- 2) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), West Bengal advised that a separate rate for CAMPA plantations may be made for subsequent years, by way of introducing some work items, which will ensure protection and survival of plantations as the CA plantations are made in refractory sites. He suggested to include financial provisions for good & effective site specific fencing of CA plantations. He further suggested that CA plantations may be created with good nursery stock of 1 year old seedlings, so that the seedlings could withstand adverse conditions of refractory sites.
- 3) It was decided to emphasize on wildlife management in the APO, especially on activities in support of man-animal conflict resolutions.
- 4) It was also decided to include the expenses of TA, DA and medical allowances in respect of the newly created posts under WB CAMPA which are within the provision of 60 % of accrued interest as mentioned, in Section 6 of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules 2018.
- 5) The Committee was of the opinion to increase the works of building construction and repairs in areas affected by LWE in South-West Bengal.

Agenda Item No. 3

As per section 11 of CAF Act 2016, a notification has been issued by Forest Department of West Bengal sanctioning creation of 12 new posts under West Bengal CAMPA, vide notification no. 414-For/FR/O/L/6M-04/2019 dated 08.03.2019. The officials under these posts are to be employed under the State Authority, on deputation/contract basis, for day to day management of West Bengal CAMPA. Section 12 of the CAF Act 2016 also has the provision to get concurrence of state government for creation of other posts at the level of Assistant Conservator of Forest and other officials in order to assist the Steering Committee and Executive Committee. The Committee Members were informed about such provisions of the CAF Act 2016 that are supportive to kick start the operation of the newly formed WB CAMPA Authority.

4. Miscellaneous issues:

The Committee also suggested to update the public information system i.e. www.wbcampa.org and also to complete the Annual Report for 2017-18.

The committee approved the APO for the year 2019-20 with a financial target of Rs 28,00,00000/- which is to be placed before the Steering Committee for its final approval and for onward forwarding to the National Authority.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the chair.



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