

**Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of the West Bengal CAMPA held on 14.09.2016 at 2.30 PM in the Office Chamber of the PCCF(HoFF) at Aranya Bhawan, Kolkata.**

The following members participated in the meeting.

- 1) Sri P. Shukla, IFS, PCCF (HoFF) – Chairperson
- 2) Sri N. Pandey, IFS, PCCF (General) – Member
- 3) Sri R. K. Mahtolia, IFS, PCCF, Research, Monitoring & Development – Member
- 4) Sri P. T. Bhutia, IFS, Addl. PCCF, North Bengal – Member
- 5) Sri R. P. Saini, IFS, Addl. PCCF, Wild-life- On behalf of PCCF WL & CWLW, WB-Member.
- 6) Sri T.V.N. Rao, IFS, Addl. PCCF, Finance- Member
- 7) Sri RRP Singh, IFS, Addl. PCCF, CAMPA & Nodal Officer, FCA, W. B. – Member Secretary.

Note: Due to pre-occupation, Sri P. Vyas, IFS, PCCF, Wild Life took leave of absence and send his representative Sri RP Saini, IFS. Both NGO members remained absent.

The Member Secretary initiated the proceedings of the meeting by welcoming the members of the Executive Committee and briefed the house on different issues and placed the agenda item circulated vide this office no. 6533/CAMPA/2C-34 dated 07/09/2016, one by one for discussion and taking decision. The meeting was chaired by the PCCF (HoFF) as Chairperson of the Executive Committee of State CAMPA.

**Agenda Item No. 1.: Confirmation of the proceeding of the 17<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting**

The minutes of the 17th Executive Committee was circulated and there was no comments & observation, therefore, the minutes considere confirmed & approved.

**Agenda Item No. 2.: Action taken Report of the 17th Executive Committee Meeting.**

Action taken Report was placed before the Committee and was approved with following decision

**Agenda Item No. 2(a): Modification of the composition of the Governing Body of the SLSC of State Committee.**

The matter has been referred to the Forest Department, West Bengal for needful modification vide letter No. 4445/CAMPA/2C-138 dt. 02.08.2016.

**Agenda Item No. 2(b): Fund lying with the treasury.**

The Committee requested to provide details of the CAMPA fund still lying in the treasury to Smt. Lipika Roy, DCF/ Finance for needful action.

**Agenda Item No. 2(c): Monitoring & Evaluation of various activities undertaken in CAMPA.**

The Member Secretary stated that initially it was thought that Research, Monitoring & Development wing of the West Bengal Forest Department would take up the issue of Monitoring & Evaluation of the activities of CAMPA. But later it was decided that the monitoring works will be taken up by the Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi. PCCF (HoFF) has requested the Director, Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi for the same vide letter 6012/CAMPA/2C-135 dt. 31.08.2016. The Committee ratified the action.

Agenda Item No. 2(d): Report of a Constituted Committee for suggesting suitable forestry works over the unsuitable land for plantation handed over by NHPC.

Based on the report submitted by the constituted committee the EC approved for undertaking Additional Compensatory Afforestation in lieu of unsuitable land for plantation handed over by NHPC Ltd. in Samthar and Suruk Khasmahal of Kalimpong Forest Division and Gorumara W.L. Division to the tune of 48.71 ha against Samthar; 36.64 ha against Suruk of Kalimpong and 74.37 ha. against Gorumara Division. The additional CA will be in lieu of unsuitable land for plantation and can be taken up anywhere in degraded forest land of the respective division with proper record and justification.

Agenda Item No. 2(e): Non-release of Fund by Govt. of India to execute APO.

It is decided to utilize the available fund with the State (CAMPA). The Member Secretary stated that funds will be released for creation of 33.9013 ha. during 2016-17, Maintenance of older plantation 47.6387 ha. & Adv. Work of 50.096 ha. amounting to Rs. 22.82 lakhs. However, steps should be taken to get the release of fund from GOI.

Agenda Item No. 3: 12-Point Check list: Status Report of West Bengal CAMPA

The committee decided that the report on check list should be sent to Central Office, Bhubaneshwar for appropriate action.

Agenda Item No. 4: e-green Watch & Capacity Building

Decided to provide 1200 sq ft space in Aranya Bhavan for e-green cell along with CAMPA Cell & Land Cell. Also decided to engage technical person and qualified consultants from third party service provider.

Agenda Item No. 5: Engagement of Chartered Accountant for conducting the statutory Audit of the Account : FY 2015 -16 and approval of placed account.

The Committee approved the engagement of the Chartered Accountant for conducting Statutory Audit for the account FY 2015-2016.

Supplementary information placed before the EC for perusal of statutory audited account of 2015-16 with balance sheet. With due permission it was circulated and placed before the Executive Committee for proper auditing of both receipt and expenditure of funds. After detailed deliberation the account placed before EC considered approved.

Agenda Item No. 6: Submission of Annexure -II to GOI in reference to annexure -I in respect of Land Diversion Cases of West Bengal

The Committee decided to remind all CCFs concerned to direct DFOs for submission of Annexure II without further delay.



Agenda Item No. 7: Release of fund from state CAMPA

Since the Balance Sheet for the Account of F.Y. 2015-16 was passed and the quarterly progressive report was sent to GOI, the Member Secretary informed that substantial amount of unutilised fund is still lying unutilised with Divisional Manager, Kalimpong Forest Division, DFOs/ Darjeeling wild life and Gorumara Wild life Divisions, therefore, it was decided to inform the Managing Director, WBFDC Ltd. and PCCF/Wild life to seek the present status and future plan for utilisation of CAMPA fund by the Division concerned.

The Committee approved the release of fund for advance and creation of Compensatory Afforestation along with maintenance of older plantations & Advance work for 2017 plantation during 2016-17 as per the detailed information provided thereby.

It was also decided to explore the possibility of CAT Plan expenditure in North Bengal to utilise the fund available with CAMPA.

Agenda Item No. 8: CAMPA/NCAC – School Nursery Yojana – Release of fund

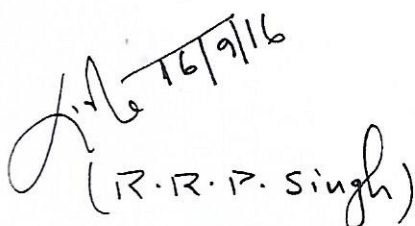
It was decided that the required fund will be released by the State CAMPA to concerned DFOs in respect of enlisted schools to be provided by the CCF/Finance where the utilization certificate should be obtained by the DFOs from the School and UC along with PR should be submitted to State CAMPA while submitting the account.

State CAMPA will create separate Head of Service as this fund has come from National CAMPA Component.


Agenda Item No. 9: Engagement of one technical person as Data Entry Operator

The Executive Committee ratified the action of engagement of one Data Entry Operator through WEBCON.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair and each member present in the meeting.

  
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