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**Minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee under West Bengal State CAMPA  
held on 12.02.2014 at 4 pm at Aranya Bhawan, Saltlake, Kolkata**

**1. Confirmation of the proceedings of 12<sup>th</sup> Executive committee meeting:-**

Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting is confirmed and taken as approved, as there is no observation or comments from the members present in the meeting.

**2. Action taken report of 12<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting:-**

*a. Issue of LOC for the unspent balance of Rs. 87.41 lakhs:-*

The statement of pending LOC for each division is annexed in Annexure –I which is noted by the Committee.

*b. Updation of PF Notification: -*

The Committee reviewed the progress of declaration of PF notification and noted that so far 11 cases out of 30 land diversion cases are declared as PF.

*c. Draft reply of CAG report (item no 3 of the 12<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting) :-  
Agenda item no 3 of the 13<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting.*

*d. Discrepancies in Estimates (item no. 4 of 12<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting) :-  
Agenda item no 4 of the 13<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting.*

*e. Accounting Procedure: -*

The Committee was informed that the Accounting procedure adopted in the 12<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting has been circulated to all concerned.

*f. Opening of website: - Under process.*

**3. Reply on Observation in CAG Report: -**

The draft reply has already been circulated to the members of the committee. The member Secretary read out in detail the reply in respect of each of the relevant paragraphs. It is noticed that figures of forest land diverted, non- forest land received, were wrongly mentioned in the report, necessary correction will be made. After due deliberation the committee approved the draft reply which will be placed before the Steering Committee and communicated to GOI.

**4. Discrepancies in estimates submitted by various divisions for Work Programme of 2013-14.**

Details of discrepancies are given in Annexure II. The observations and decision of the committee are as under:-

*i) Less achievement of Compensatory Afforestation (CA):-*

It was decided that the Kalimpong Division must raise CA in full. If required the refractory sites on which such plantation will be raised be suitably treated with SMC work first, so that the area becomes suitable for afforestation.



- ii) *Approved rate of SMC work under CAT Plan:-*  
The committee resolved that as proposed by the CAT Monitoring committee RKVY rates for various SMC work will be adopted and advised member secretary to take action accordingly for release of fund.
- iii) *Selection of sites for SMC work:-*  
The Committee did not approve the DFO/Bankura (South)'s proposal for undertaking SMC work at different location where CA is raised.
- iv) *The Work programme of Wildlife – II Division:-*  
The committee did not approve DFO/ Wildlife – II's proposal for construction of 1000 nos. boundary pillars under soil conservation work as well as fencing of the area at same site. The committee approved development of Butterfly Park under Wildlife management and protection as the same has been recommended by PCCF/WL. The committee did not approve the estimate of Rs. 23.93 lakh under contingency etc. as the same is not in keeping with the guidelines of CAMPA works.
- v) *Proposed location of SMC work of Darjeeling Division :-*  
The committee did not approve the location.
- vi) *Proposed location of SMC work of Darjeeling(Territorial)Division:-*  
The committee did not approve the change of site.
- vii) *Work Programme of Kurseong Division:-*  
The committee noted with concerned the loss of CA due to damage caused by the wild elephant. The chairman pointed out that the site seemed to be particularly suitable as wildlife habitat and requested PCCF/WL for offering his opinion in this regard. The committee was informed that under CAT plan, out of 9 different item of work under engineering measure DFO has proposed work under 3 item only (Boulder sausage, palm concrete and palisade ) resulting in achievement exceeding physical targets in these items. The committee resolved that expenditure towards contingency and administrative cost will be allowed proportionally if the same was deposited by the user Agency and advised the member secretary to take necessary action accordingly.
- viii) *CA in Medinipur Division:-*  
The Committee did not approve the change of site.
- ix) *Work Programme of Wildlife – I division:-*  
The committee requested the member secretary to make necessary arrangement for enhancement in allocation for CA and SMC work only.
- x) *Non- submission of work programme :-*  
The Committee requested PCCF/WL for immediate submission of Work programme in respect of Wildlife – III , BTR (West) and 24 pgs (South) division.

**5. Engagement of Chartered Accountant Firms, Forestry expert and other Consultants:-**

Attention of the members was drawn to the eligibility criteria of the Chartered firm for taking appropriate decision and finalisation of Expression of Interest (EOI) and Request for Proposal (RFP). The Committee advised the member secretary to finalise the same and place before the committee in its next meeting.

**6. Fund released from State CAMPA for implementation of Work Programme of 2013-14 and progress of work: -**



The matter is placed before the Committee vide Annexure - III. The figures were noted by the Committee.

**7. Release of LOC in respect of unspent balance of CAMPA fund lying with various divisions: -**

This was discussed in Action Taken Report in subpara (a) of para 2. Annexure I may be referred for detail.

**8. Finalization of Work Programme of State CAMPA for 2014-15:-**


Project-wise details of balance Compensatory Afforestation, in respect of land diversion cases from 01/04/2006 to 31/03/2012 over 141.9780 which remains to be accomplished, is enclosed as Annexure - IV and it was discussed by the Committee. The Committee resolved that Compensatory Afforestation over balance area of 141.9780 ha will be taken up in the next financial year and advised member secretary to draw up work program accordingly. The Committee also advised that adequate fund for advance and creation including fencing etc need to be earmarked separately for this purpose so that progress of work is not hampered for late receipt of fund from GOI.

Requirement of fund for Compensatory Afforestation over 141.9780 ha is stated below.

Advance Work :-	Rs. 13,14,635.00
Creation Work :-	Rs. 30,44,123.00
Fencing :-	Rs. 37,13,321.00
Enhancement due to increased wage rate:-	Rs. 9,96,354.00
Improvement of Central Nursery :-	Rs. 14,05,780.00
Overhead Charges :-	Rs. 4,17,057.00
Contingency :-	<u>Rs. 6,04,671.00</u>
	Rs.1,14,95,981.00

**9. Miscellaneous:-**

- a. The committee requested the member secretary for taking necessary action for moving Hon'ble Supreme Court for filing IA application for release of CAMPA fund.
- b. The committee also requested member secretary to write to Income Tax Department for exemption from paying tax if permissible under income tax rules and take immediate action for remitting the IT deducted from consultants from payments made to them.
- c. The Committee decided that the State CAMPA should operate in accordance with the GOI guideline only and no account in non-nationalized bank to be opened.
- d. The committee approved the construction of boundary wall and release of 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment (Rs. 55.55 lakh).
- e. The Committee expressed concerned with the difficulties faced by the Darjeeling (Territorial) Division under GTA for opening separate savings account and requested member secretary to take up the matter with Forest Deptt.
- f. The Committee also suggested that photographs need to be taken before and after execution of CAMPA work so that the changes due to forestry works can be kept on record.

  
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Chairman