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Record of Discussions of the meeting held on 01.10.2020 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS, Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests/ HoFF regarding preparation of Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) for FY 2021-22.

The meeting was held through video conferencing. The representatives of Implementing Agencies/DFOs/District level officers and their controlling officers including Chief Conservators of Forests, Jammu/Kashmir participated in the meeting.

2. The CEO, CAMPA welcomed the chairman and the participants. He referred to the CAMPA communication dated 26.09.2020 giving the outlay for the next FY and detailed guidelines for the preparation of the APO including a set of suggestions from PCCF& HoFF for innovative proposals. He underscored the following points for consideration during formulation of the APO:

- As far as possible, large areas adopting ridge to bottom approach should be selected for site specific interventions.
- Holistic approach should be adopted for treating a site, as per the prescriptions of Working Plan, which would include silvicultural operations, soil conservation works, plantation of fodder and MFP species, and sowing of grass slips, so as to develop a multistory forest to meet the requirement of the local people. Thus the APO should focus on producing measurable output in medium and long run.
- Consultation with Panchayat and their active involvement in respect of each proposed site is mandatory.
- Two trainings have been conducted by the FSI on E-green watch, one in the April 2019 and the other, on 18.09.2020. Now IAs are expected to be conversant with preparation and uploading of KMZ files. Nonetheless, the KMZ should be submitted by IAs to the Photo Interpretation Division for checking their accuracy before the same are uploaded on the e-Green watch portal.
- Site specific interventions should be prepared as per the prescribed format. It must be ensured that the required information is filled up diligently by the officers. Site inspection in respect of each proposal has to

be conducted by an officer not below the rank of Range Officer, prior to formulation of APO.

- All works executed under CAMPA including awareness events and publications must prominently display the name of the scheme.


The PCCF & HoFF referred to the communication of CAMPA dated 26.09.2020, particularly the suggestion for innovative APOs and stressed on following points:

- Engagements of casual watch & ward and need based workers under CAMPA must be carefully examined by the IAs. In respect of each IA, the no. of casual watch & ward have been already audited and communicated to the Administrative Department. It must be ensured that only those watch & ward are paid who have already been accounted for. As regards need based workers, adherence to their terms of engagement, including their period of engagement, must be ensured by the IAs.
- Baseline data of each intervention site including status of regeneration should be prepared before undertaking any intervention using sample surveys, and same can be documented using drones and modern cameras. The proposed activities should include rejuvenation of existing crop, augmentation of natural regeneration and MFP. Expected output from the proposed intervention should also be assessed.
- Low cost greening options including through broadcast of seed balls and seed pellets on stabilized muck dumping sites and landslide should be proposed.
- Silvicultural operations including tending of plants (pruning, training, singling or coppicing) in 0 to 10 dia class (10-20 cm dia class in exceptional cases) should be included in the proposed activity, which should also be as per Working Plan prescription.
- ANR should be proposed in forest areas having canopy cover of close to 0.4.
- DFOs of fire prone areas e.g. Nowshera, Udampur, Jammu and P.P. Division Budgam to prepare special APOs for fire prevention and control operation.
- Re-fixation of boundary pillars by territorial divisions in areas prone to encroachment should be included in the APOs.
- Pest and diseases control measures, wherever required, must be included in the APO.
- Soil conservation measures, including through biological material, should be integral part of the APO. Soil & Water Conservation Department may focus its activities on the upper reaches of the catchment in coordination with territorial divisions.

- Provision of wood saving devices for remote areas not covered under distribution of LPG scheme could be included as a separate APO for that forest area.
- Provisions relating to conservation of biodiversity under the CAF Rules, 2018 should be utilised for conservation of RET species.
- Forest Protection equipments have been procured in the past years by most of the IAs from liberal funding available under CAMPA. The available equipments with IAs should be audited and the proposals for additional required equipments (GPS, Camera and Digital logger) should be made.
- The APOs should include proposals for forest protection measures, including setting up of joint control rooms, B.O./Guard huts, procurement of drones and wireless sets.

Besides, the prescribed timelines for IAs and their controlling officers should be adhered to. CFs/RDs should scrutinise APOs of all IAs under their administrative control. Subsequently HoDs/CCFs should scrutinise the APOs of IAs under their administrative control. The properly scrutinised APOs by HoDs/CCFs should reach CAMPA Secretariat by 11 November 2020. CAMPA Secretariat will organise presentation of the APOs at Jammu/Srinagar in the third week of November 2020.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.


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 - 14) Private Secretary to PCCF & HoFF for kind information of the worthy Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force.
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