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### Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee of Jammu and Kashmir Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA).

The 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of Executive Committee of J&K Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) was held on 18 January 2022 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mohit Gera, Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chairman, Executive Committee of CAMPA.

2. Heads of Departments and senior officers of Forest and allied departments and representatives of Departments of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Agriculture, Forest, Environment & Ecology, Planning & Monitoring, Revenue, Tribal Affairs and Science & Technology participated in the meeting. Non-official members -- Shri Nazir Be Nazir, Dr S. Gurmeet Singh and Ch. Asif Iqbal (Advocate) – also participated in the meeting. List of participants is placed at Annexure 1.

3. At the outset, Dr Mohit Gera, PCCF (HOFF) gave an overview of the major initiatives of the Government including Green J&K Drive, Har Gaon Hariyali, creation of livelihoods from forests as well as on eco-tourism. He also spoke on major achievements of department during the current year.

4. The committee applauded the efforts of the CAMPA secretariat in development and operationalization of J&K CAMPA portal which enabled preparation of APO 2022-23 and scrutiny by controlling officers online.

5. Shri Sarvesh Rai, CEO CAMPA, made a detailed agenda point-wise presentation before the committee.

#### Agenda Point No.28.I - Part-I Brief History and past performance

A brief account of past performance of J&K CAMPA was presented before the committee covering the following points:

- Forests and forestry sector in UT of J&K.

- Compensatory afforestation, other forestry and related schemes undertaken (physical and financial) from the State Fund.
- Forestry and other related schemes (physical and financial) undertaken from the fund received under other schemes of the Government.
- Year-wise and division-wise total forest area diverted and compensatory afforestation carried out in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Brief description of the monitoring work done by the Forest Department.
- Brief description and abstract of the monitoring work done by the independent monitor (Third Party Monitoring).
- Fund Position of CAMPA.
- Audit of CAMPA accounts.
- Preparation of APO 2022-23 using J&K CAMPA Portal.
- Proposed Budget Estimates for FY 2022-23 under CAMPA.

The Committee was apprised about progress in execution of the current year's APO and preparation of APO for FY 2022-23. In the current financial year, a total of 5443 ha degraded forest area has been rehabilitated with planting of about 27 lakh plants including Beating up of Casualties (BUC) in Monsoon and autumn seasons, and winter planting is in progress. Tendering for remaining fencing, planting, soil conservation, nursery and infrastructure works approved for the current financial year has been completed.

**Agenda Point No.28.II - Activities to be undertaken for compensatory afforestation, additional compensatory afforestation and for any other site-specific scheme**

The committee was apprised about the proposed works in APO 2022-23 under Compensatory Afforestation (CA), Addl. Compensatory Afforestation and Integrated Wildlife Management Project titled "Mitigation Plan for Kishtwar High Altitude National Park (KHANP)". A total of 12.18 lakh plants are proposed to be planted under CA, Addl. CA and Mitigation plan for KHANP covering a total of 190 ha. Besides, low-cost afforestation measures -- patch sowing, dibbling and broadcast of seed balls -- and soil and water conservation works are proposed. The Mitigation Plan for KHANP prepared by the Wildlife Protection Department is currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of its implementation. Construction of forest protection infrastructure, improvement of wildlife habitat, training and capacity building of front line staff, development of animal rescue centres and eco development activities are the main focus of the mitigation plan.