

F. No. 11-100/2015-FC(Vol. III)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(National CAMPA)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi – 110003.
Dated: 26th June 2019.

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
All States / UT Governments

Sub: Guidelines regarding unspent balance of fund with State/UTCAMPAs – regarding extension of period to use the unspent funds available with the States/UT as on 30th June 2019 till 30th September 2019.

Sir,

This is in reference to guideline of this Ministry dated 28.09.2018 the States/UTs are allowed to execute the current year's activities approved in the respective APOs till the end of the financial year, i.e., 31st March, 2019. It was also directed that any unspent amount as on 31st March, 2019 shall be transferred to the respective interest bearing Public Account of the respective States as per CAF Act, 2016.

2. Funds managed by adhoc CAMPA were transferred to the public account of the Central Government as per the CAF Act with approval of the Hon'ble Supreme Court but despite all sincere efforts of the Ministry the fund could not be transferred by the Central Government to the State Compensatory Afforestation Fund (State Fund) because the funds deposited with adhoc CAMPA were not reconciled completely and all states have not notified the State Fund as per the Compensatory afforestation Fund (Accounting Procedure) Rules 2018.

3. Several States sought clarification on the issue of the transfer of the funds maintained in the various banks by the State CAMPA on 1st April 2019 as per the guideline dated 28.09.2018. Moreover the Annual Plan of Operation (APO) for the financial year 2019-20 were not submitted by majority of the State Authority to the National Authority as per the provisions of the CAF Act 2016 and CAF Rules 2018. States have raised genuine concerns on the ongoing forestry activities in the state undertaken from the CAMPA fund.

4. In view of above, the matter was examined in the Ministry and since the plantations and its maintenance is time bound and continuous process and unspent funds are available with the State CAMPA this unspent fund can be utilized for the new compensatory afforestation and maintenance of the old plantations undertaken in previous years and nursery works from CAMPA fund released for this purpose. The funds spent during the financial year 2019-20 on new compensatory afforestation and maintenance of the old plantations undertaken in previous years and nursery works should be as per the proposed APO for the year 2019-20 which will be submitted to the National Authority for approval as provided in the CAF Act.

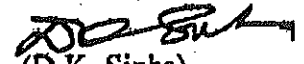
5. The Ministry issued guidelines F. No. 11-100/2015-FC(Vol. III) dated 5th April 2019 extending the date from 31st March, 2019 as decided vide guideline dated 28.09.2018 to 30th June, 2019.

6. The APOs of many States have not been received from states. The Fund has not been transferred to the respective states and the file for transfer funds to States/ UT as per their share is under submission.

7. Now many states have again requested to extend the period for another three months to use the unspent funds available with the States/UT as on 30th June 2019. Considering the fact that afforestation is ongoing activities with regular disbursement of fund, I am directed to state that the period is further extended upto 30th September 2019 on the same terms and condition referred in the guideline F. No. 11-100/2015-FC(Vol. III) dated 5th April 2019.

This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Yours faithfully,



(D.K. Sinha)

Inspector General of Forests and
Jt. Chief Executive Officer, National Authority

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1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), All States / UTs.
2. APCCF(Central), All Regional Offices of MoEF&CC.
3. The Nodal Officer, State CAMPA, All States/UTs.
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Dated: 5th April, 2019.

To

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All States / UT Governments

Sub: Guidelines regarding unspent balance of fund with State/UT CAMPAs - regarding.

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In view of above, the matter was again examined in the Ministry and since the plantations and its maintenance is time bound and continuous process and unspent funds are available with the State CAMPA this unspent fund can be utilized for the new compensatory afforestation and maintenance of the old plantations undertaken in previous years and nursery works from CAMPA fund released for this purpose. The funds spent during the financial year 2019-20 on new compensatory afforestation and maintenance of the old plantations undertaken in previous years and nursery works should be as per the proposed APO for the year 2019-20 which will be submitted to the National Authority for approval as provided in the CAF Act.

In light of the above I am directed to convey the extension of date from 31st March, 2019 as decided vide guideline dated 28.09.2018 to 30th June, 2019. You are requested to submit the APO for 2019-20 at the earliest for approval of the National Authority. Any

unspent amount as on 30th June, 2019 shall be transferred to the respective interest bearing Public Account of the respective States as per CAF Act, 2016.

This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Yours faithfully,


(Naresh Kumar) 05/4/2019

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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