

**Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Forests**

NOTIFICATION

No. FFE-B-F-(2)-72/2004-Pt-II

Dated Shimla-2, the 30.9.2009.

In supersession of the earlier notification No.FFE-B-F-(2)-72/2004-Pt-II dated 3rd August 2009, concerning the guidelines for the preparation of the Catchment Area Treatment Plans (CAT Plans), it is stipulated that apart from the regular activities like afforestation, fuel-fodder plantation, pasture development, soil and moisture conservation measures including erosion control and protection against floods, forest protection including construction/ repair of boundary pillars, Forest infrastructure development, publicity, awareness, capacity building, training and Socio-economic development, every CAT Plan being submitted by the User Agencies shall mandatorily conform to the following requirements:

1. The CAT Plan size should be based on the actual extent of works to be done in the catchment, but shall not be less than 2.5% of the total project cost. The CAT Plan size would cover the outlay for all components/treatment measures, provisions for offsetting cost escalation, and other special provisions viz. Payments for Environmental Services (PES), Eco-Battalion, Monitoring & Evaluation, Eco-tourism etc. Total Project Cost shall be the cost of the project proposal mentioned in the Techno-Economic Clearance (TEC Cost).
2. Minimum area to be treated under the CAT Plan would be approximately 15% of the total effective catchment.
3. The total cost of the CAT Plan would be deposited by the User Agency in equal yearly instalments spread over the duration from commencement to commissioning of the project, with the last instalment payable at least 6 months before the commissioning of the Project.
4. A provision with appropriate budget is to be made in the CAT Plan for carrying out forestry research of relevance to the area.
5. A provision for establishment of silt observation posts at strategic points for recording soil and silt data at regular intervals.
6. Areas of operations may be depicted clearly on the Survey of India topo-sheet for effective monitoring and location of work sites.
7. A detailed chapter depicting the Joint Forest Management (JFM) processes/ activities including micro-planning may also be included.
8. 1% of the CAT Plan budget should be earmarked for Eco-tourism.
9. 5% provision for monitoring and evaluation activities.
10. A separate chapter for improvement and development of wildlife and reduction of human-animal conflicts duly vetted by the Pr.CCF (WL), H.P will be incorporated.
11. A provision is to be made for forest protection measures in view of the induction of a large number of outside work force/labour in the area for project activities.
12. A provision of 10% of total CAT Plan outlay is to be ear-marked for Payment for Eco-services to the local communities.
13. A provision of 10% per year to offset inflationary trends (Contingencies) to absorb any escalation in the cost of plan proposals on account of increase in wage- rate and material cost would be made. This provision could also be utilised to meet any

unforeseen expenses, arising in future, necessary for the achievement of the objectives of the CAT Plan.

14. A provision is to be incorporated for training of the forest staff involved and sensitisation of local communities.
15. Adequate provision for energy-saving devices to reduce the load on forests for firewood is required.
16. Rural infrastructure component may be deleted as similar works are provided for under the Local Area Development Fund (LADF) of the Hydro Electric Projects.

These instructions will apply to all CAT Plans which have not yet been approved by the H.P. Forest Department or forwarded to the Govt. of India, henceforth. It is further reiterated that the express approval of the HP Forest Department, to the CAT Plan, is mandatory before the said document can be submitted to the Environment Wing of the HP Government for onward transmission to Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India.

By order,

Additional Chief Secretary (Forests) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

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1. Sh. Vijay Sharma, secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
2. The Director General (Forests) & Spl. Secy., GOI, MoEF, Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. The Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India, Northern Regional Office, Bays No. 24-25, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh 160030.
4. The Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, HP.
5. The P.S. to the Forest Minister, HP.
6. The P.S. to the Chief Secretary to the Govt. Of HP.
7. All the Administrative Secretaries to the Govt. of HP.
8. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, HP, Shimla.
9. The Managing Director, HPSFC, SDA Complex, Shimla-9.
10. The Secretary to the Governor HP, Shimla-2.
11. All APCCF/CCF/CFs in HP.
12. The Controller P & S Department, Shimla-9 with the request to publish the Notification in extra ordinary gazette at an early date.
13. Section Officer (Forest-A).
14. Guard file.

Joint Secretary (Forests) to the

