

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS AND WILDLIFE PRESERVATION
(FOREST BRANCH)

NOTIFICATION

No. 27/6/2006/FT-IV/8654

DATED THE 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2009

The Governor of Punjab is pleased to constitute Punjab Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority to be known in short as PUNCAMPA in accordance with the guidelines of Ministry of Environment and Forests issued vide letter No. 1-58/09-MoS (I/C) dated 15.7.2009 for the purpose of management of funds receivable towards compensatory afforestation, net present value and any other funds recoverable in pursuance of Hon'ble Supreme Court's order in this regard and in compliance of the conditions stipulated by Central Government while according approval under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for non forestry uses of the forest land.

1. The PUNCAMPA shall be registered as a Society by the State Government under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 with its address at Office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Punjab 17-Bays Building, Sector-17, Chandigarh - 160017.

2. **OBJECTIVES:**

The PUNCAMPA shall have the following objectives, functions and constitution:

- 2.1 PUNCAMPA will be an instrument to accelerate activities relating to conservation of forests and wildlife, development of infrastructure in these sectors and other allied works.
- 2.2 PUNCAMPA would receive funds collected from user agencies towards compensatory afforestation, additional compensatory

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afforestation, penal compensatory afforestation, Net Present Value (NPV) and the amounts already recovered from such agencies under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 lying with the Adhoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (Adhoc CAMPA). It will also be authorised to receive any other funds by way of benefaction, gift or donations, fee, grants and other charges levied by Central/State Government for providing forestry/wildlife related services.

2.3

PUNCAMPA would administer the aforementioned amount received for undertaking compensatory afforestation, assisted natural regeneration, conservation and protection of forests, infrastructure development, wildlife conservation and protection, other related activities and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto including forestry research, extension, training, monitoring and evaluation and general administration as per Government of India/State Government guidelines.

2.4

PUNCAMPA would provide an integrated framework for utilizing multiple sources of funding and activities relating to conservation and management of forests and wildlife. Its prime task would be enhancing the green cover of the State through regenerating natural forests and other afforestation measures, building up of institutions engaged in this work in the State including capacity building of the forest officials of various levels with emphasis on training of the cutting edge field staff (Forest Range and below) and stakeholders engaged in forest protection activities.

2.5

The funds for meeting recurring and non-recurring expenditure towards the management of PUNCAMPA, the salary and other allowances of the contractual personnel and other similar staff consultants etc. who have been engaged to meet the objectives of