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To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
All States/UTS

Sub: **Nomination of a State Nodal Officer of for implementation of School Nursery Yojana.**

Sir,

I am directed to inform that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has launched the School Nursery Yojana on pilot basis for a period of 5 years, which aims at involving young students in growing plants in school nurseries to bring them closer to natural environment, help them understand the natural processes of germination and plant growth and feel the joy of watching saplings grow. The scheme, financially supported by NCAC from the National CAMPA fund aims to engage students of Class VI to Class IX. Each school will be provided a grant of Rs. 25,000/- in the first year and on successful implementation will further receive an amount of Rs. 10,000/- per year for continuation of the Nursery for subsequent two years. A copy of the scheme is enclosed.

It is requested to kindly nominate a nodal officer for coordination and implementation in your State at the earliest though fax at 011-2469 5378 and email at digfpolicy-mef@nic.in with copy to subhaash.chandra@gmail.com. A meeting of nodal officers will be held shortly.

Encl: as above.

Yours faithfully,

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SCHOOL NURSERIES YOJANA

"To observe, learn, grow and nurture your plant"

The School Nursery Yojana aims at involving school students in raising plant nurseries to bring them closer to natural environment, help them understand the natural processes of germination and feel the joy of watching saplings grow.

I. Objectives:

- ❖ To connect young students with plant, create sense of belonging and oneness with nature, sensitivity towards plants and living environment.
- ❖ To provide an opportunity for students to be in contact with soil, manure, seed, which students in cities are often missing.
- ❖ To make students learn and appreciate the natural process of growing saplings.
- ❖ To grow saplings of various plants for herbal medicinal, ornamental, shrubs, trees and potted plants etc. for planting in their neighbourhood, take care and watch them grow.
- ❖ To identify and learn the various benefits of trees and plants.
- ❖ To provide students observe their neighbouring trees, collect seeds for use in nurseries.
- ❖ To encourage students to use plants grown by them for distribution to visiting dignitaries and public on suitable occasions.

II. Salient Features:

1. The Scheme is initiated for a period of five years on Pilot Basis.
2. It will involve students of Class 6-9.
3. The schools should have open space of around 100 sq. meter for creation of nursery to raise 1,000 saplings in its School Nursery every year.
4. At the beginning of the planting season, each student will be encouraged to raise at least one sapling, nurture it and take the sapling at the end of the academic season to plant and take care.
5. In the first year 1,000 Schools will be selected and will be provided a grant of Rs. 25,000/- for development of Nursery Infrastructure, inputs etc and the raising cost of saplings. In subsequent two years, these School will be eligible for a maintenance grant of Rs. 10,000/= each subject to satisfactory performance.
6. Different Schools will be selected every year for Grants under the Scheme.
7. The selected Schools will maintain records as per the format enclosed.
8. The State wise project proposals shall be submitted by the State CAMPAs duly approved by the State CAMPA Steering Committee.
9. This Scheme will not be part of State CAMPA's Annual Plan of Operation. NCAC will release funds for the scheme from its corpus.
10. The funds released by the NCAC will be deposited in the State CAMPA accounts maintained by the States which will maintain a separate account for the scheme.

III. The Guidelines for implementation of School Nursery Yojana are as under:

(i) Eligibility:

1. All students from class 6-9.
2. Schools should have around 100 sq. meter of open green space for developing nursery and carry out green activities.
3. The schools with functioning Eco Clubs will be given preference.
4. School Principals must agree for maintaining the nursery for at least 5 years.
5. The Schools should have provision/ create facilities of rainwater harvesting and use recycled/ treated waste water for irrigation.
6. The Scheme will gradually try to cover one school in each district, which will later act as Lead Schools and guide other schools in such activities.

(ii). Procedure:

1. The Schools will apply as per the prescribed format to the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF)/ Divisional Forest Officer (DFO).
2. Each School will commit for raising at least 1,000 saplings of suitable plant species.
3. The DFO will forward the proposal with his recommendations to State CAMPA for consideration.
4. State CAMPA will forward the consolidated proposal to CAMPA steering Committee for consideration and approval for making grant.
5. The schools selected under this scheme will create a model nursery and submit their annual report certified by the Principal alongwith relevant photographs on the activities carried out by them under the nursery scheme.
6. The State CAMPA will create an **Online Interactive Web Portal** for disseminating information on Nursery raising and place all the reports/ information received from schools.
7. A list of forest officials and experts will be maintained by the State CAMPA/ DFOs to whom the schools can contact for professional guidance.

