

ATMA GOVERNING BOARD (GB)

The ATMA Governing Board (GB) is a policy making body which provides guidance, reviews & steers the progress and functioning of the ATMA.

Composition:

1.	District Magistrate / Collector	Chairman
2.	Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Development Officer (CDO) District Head of Agriculture Department	Vice-Chairman Deputy Chairman
3.	Representative of Zila Panchayat/Zila Parishad	Member
4.	Joint Director / Deputy Director (Agri.)	Member
5.	Joint Director / Deputy Director (Hort.)	Member
6.	Joint Director / Deputy Director (Animal Husbandry/Fishery/Sericulture)	Member (one of them as per local priorities)
7.	A representative from Zonal Research Station (ZRS)	Member
8.	Programme Coordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra	Member
9.	One Farmer representative (nominated from DFAC)	Member
10.	One Livestock Producer (nominated from DFAC)	Member
11.	One Horticulture Farmer (nominated from DFAC)	Member
12.	Representative of Women Food Security Group	Member
13.	Representative of FIG/CIG	Member
14.	One SC / ST farmer representative (nominated from DFAC)	Member
15.	A representative of NGO	Member
16.	Lead Bank Officer of the District	Member
17.	A representative of District Industrial Center	Member
18.	Representative of Agriculture Marketing Board	Member
19.	Representative of input supplying Associations	Member
20.	A representative of trained input dealers who is also providing extension services	Member
21.	One Fisheries / Sericulture representative	Member
22.	A DRDA Representative	Member

23.	Project Director ATMA	Member-Secretary-cum- Treasurer (Ex-officio)
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Note: i) States may identify any other officer, not below the rank of CEO, Zila Parishad /Chief Development Officer/Additional District Collector for 1& 2 above, under intimation to DAC.

ii) States may also co-opt additional members, if required.

iii) All farmer representatives are to be nominated by the District Farmers Advisory Committee by consensus or by majority.

Appointment / Nomination / Term of Members:

Non-official members of GB will be appointed for a period of 2 years by APC on the recommendation of the Chairman of GB.

Some initial appointments would be staggered to ensure that about two-thirds of the members would carry on for an additional year on the GB.

Thirty per cent of the farmer representatives on the GB would be reserved for women farmers to ensure that their interests are fully represented.

Key functions of ATMA Governing Board

The key functions of ATMA Governing Board would be to:

1. Review and approve Strategic Research and Extension Plan (SREP) and annual action plans that are prepared and submitted by the participating units.
2. Receive and review annual reports presented by the participating units, providing feedback and direction to them as needed, for various research and extension activities being carried out within the district.
3. Receive and allocate project funds to carry out priority research, extension and related activities within the district.

4. Foster the organization and development of Farmers' Interest Groups (FIGs) and Farmers Organizations (FOs) within the district.
5. Facilitate greater involvement of private sector and firms and organizations in providing inputs, technical support, agro-processing and marketing services to farmers.
6. Encourage agriculture lending institutions to increase the availability of capital to resource poor and marginal farmers, especially SC, ST and women farmers.
7. Encourage each line department, plus the KVK and ZRS, to establish farmer advisory committees to provide feedback and input for their respective Research - Extension Programmes.
8. Enter into contracts and agreements as appropriate to promote and support agricultural development activities within the district.
9. Identify other sources of financial support that would help in ensuring the financial sustainability of the ATMA and its participating units.
10. Converge human and financial resources available for extension under different schemes and programmes of DAC.

11. Establish revolving funds / accounts for each participating unit, and encourage each unit to make available technical services, such as artificial insemination or soil testing, on a cost recovery basis moving towards full cost recovery in a phased manner.
12. Arrange for the periodic audit of ATMA's financial accounts; and
13. Adopt and amend the rules and by-laws for the ATMA.
 14. Hold meetings of ATMA GB every quarter or frequently.
15. Any other functions that support effective functioning of ATMA in the district.