

Administration of DRDAs

5.1 As indicated, the role of the DRDA is to perform tasks which are distinctly different from other institutions / departments. However, the DRDAs are very much a part of the district. They shall function accordingly.

5.2 The DRDA shall be a registered society registered under a Societies Registration Act or a district cell in the Zilla Parishad having a separate identity. The chairman of the Zilla Parishad shall be the chairman of governing body of the DRDA. The Executive and financial functions shall however lie with CEO, Zilla Parishad / District Collector who shall be designated as the Chief Executive Officer or Executive Director. It shall be his responsibility to ensure that the administration of DRDA and the programmes are conducted in accordance with the guidelines. Wherever the Zilla Parishads are not in existence or are not functional, the DRDAs would function under the Collector / District Magistrate /Deputy Commissioner of the District, as the case may be.

5.3 The administration of the DRDA shall be carried out by a governing body. The Governing Body of the DRDA will provide policy directions, approve the annual plan and also review and monitor the implementation of the plan, including the different programmes. They shall give such directions to the DRDA as may be necessary from time to time. The Governing Body of the DRDA will meet once in a quarter.

5.4 The composition of the governing body shall be as follows.

1. Chairman of Zilla Parishad Chairman
2. All MPs and MLAs and MLCs of the District
3. 1/3rd of Panchayat Samiti Chairpersons to be nominated by rotation in alphabetical order for a tenure of one year, one of whom must belong to SC/ST and another a woman.
4. CEO of Zilla Parishad / District Collector  Chief Executive Officer / Executive Director
5. Head of the Central Cooperative Bank of the District
6. Chairman Regional Rural Bank
7. District Lead Bank Officer
8. Representative of the Reserve Bank of India at district level

9. NABARD representative at district level
10. General Manager, DIC
11. Representative of KVIB
12. District Officer in charge of Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe Welfare
13. District women & Child welfare officer
14. District officer dealing with welfare of the disabled
15. One representative from technical institutions
16. Two representatives of NGOs
17. Two representatives of the weaker sections, one of whom may be drawn from SCs and STs
18. One representative of rural women
19. Project Director, DRDA - Member Secretary

Wherever the Zilla Parishads are not in existence, the State Governments may nominate elected members of the State Legislature from the concerned districts to act as Chairman of the Governing Bodies of the DRDAs.

Executive Committee (EC)

5.5 All executive and financial powers of the DRDA shall be exercised by the executive committee as per a scheme of delegation of financial and executive powers to be determined by each State/UT Government and this Committee will be fully accountable in all matters of DRDA to the governing body as well as to the Government. The Executive Committee of DRDA shall be headed by the Chief Executive Officer / Executive Director and shall consist of all the District level officers and any other officer deemed necessary for planning and implementation of the anti-poverty programmes. The Project Director DRDA will be the Member-Secretary of the EC.

The Executive Committee will meet at least once in a month.