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2.	Strengthening location specific/ region specific, commodity based processing, value addition centres coupled with market intelligence/market services.	With the involvement of BFAC suggestions, more value addition on commodity based group formations are mobilized that are location specific & region specific. Wherever FPOs are existing, the market linkages are ensured through ATMA. Various trainings are organized on e-marketing for the benefit of farmers at Dist level.
3.	Convergence of all line departments is needed at Hobli/block level in order to meet the location specific issues.	Block action plan & Dist action plan focusing on converging of all scheme with the help of BTT & BFAC at Block level & DFAC as well as GB at Dist level which are addressing more of location specific issues.
4.	Major outcome of the FGD is to increase & strengthen the concept of model village.	Apart from MP adopted village programmes & NMSA, the model village program is also ensured under State sector scheme like Bhoo-samrudhi. Apart from IFS emphasis the allied sectors enterprises are converged through ATMA functionaries in the model villages in each Hobli.
5.	Prepare calendar of specific ATMA activities/events in relation to topic/subject, season, crop requirement etc sector wise.	Through joint workshops with the help of SAMETI's the Dist ATMA action plan is planned & implemented through calendar of events. However, in the failure of monsoons /deficit rainfall, the contingency crop plan keeping location specific crop requirement is also ensured by Dist ATMA's.
6.	Enforce monthly technical review of the programme and progress of ATMA activities for effective implementation & monitoring.	Every month along with other schemes ATMA scheme progress are reviewing through Video Conference from State level officers. At District level ATMA progress is regularly reviewed by conducting review meetings by DPDs & ADAs.

7.	Need for capacity building of ATMs/BTMs through refresher courses at District level by SAMETI(S) & (N). ✓		From 2018-19, every year both SAMETI(S) & (N) have been organizing such trainings & workshops at District level exclusively for ATMA staff.
8.	PanchayatRaj Institutions are to technically strengthened at all levels.		The recent revised guidelines provide the involvement of PRIs & their representatives in BFAC & DFAC which automatically takes care of technical interventions by way of exposure to trainings & workshops that are organized from time to time.
9.	Though it is mandatory to involve Non-Govt sector agencies as per ATMA guidelines, it is not being involved adequately, need to be strengthened. ✓		Efforts are being made to involve NGO's in implementing ATMA activities like training programmes, group formations etc. NGO's representatives are involved in the GB's, workshops, Kisan ghosits also. As such separate allocation as per guidelines will be ensured in the coming years.
10.	Validation of success stories by the respective line department officers before releasing or publishing. ✓		With the due consultation & coordination of line Depts the success stories are being published.
11.	Impact assessment studies of extension work done since inception of the scheme by farm schools, CIG's, FIG's demos under ATMA needs to be taken up and published. ✓		Apart from Annual Report publications few success stories also being published separately which are based on the various farm based activities like FS, Demos and value additions resulted through group formations. However on the strength of these publications the assessment studies are going to be ensured accordingly in the coming days.

Major Bottlenecks

1.	Misunderstanding of the concept of ATMA by other convergent departments as Agricultural department programme / scheme	The active involvement of BTT at Taluk level & MC & GB at District level is now ensured that ATMA is an autonomous scheme/body where all the line Dept functionaries are actively involved. Thus, the misunderstanding meaning is avoided in converging the benefits as such.
2.	Irregular manpower for implementation of ATMA.	The ATMA staffs are on contractual terms & they have been providing timely induction & refresher training. Hence, it is difficult to maintain the regularity of the man power in view of better opportunities exist from time to time.
3.	More absentees of members at Block / District level in the committee meetings leading to less convergence.	Efforts are made to involve the presence of absentee members at block & District level committees by meeting them individually to present their suggestions in the subsequent meetings.
4.	Non-participation of Heads of Departments in ATMA committee meetings.	Regular monitoring & Video Conferencing by the State office with Dist ATMAs will ensure the effective involvement of line Dept Heads both at Dist & Taluka level meetings respectively.
5.	Inadequate scientific involvement in ATMA activities.	Farmer Scientist interaction, field visit & involvement of KVK experts in all the ATMA programmes provides more participation & involvement.
6.	Non/ Inadequate review of ATMA activities at each level at regular intervals.	Instructions have been given from SNO for ensuring review of ATMA activities at Districts & Taluka level regularly. The same will be monitored through VC from State level with Dist ATMAs.
7.	In release of grants is to be based on cafeteria of activities.	Based on cafeteria of activities & keeping the point of GOI financial allocations the releases of grants are ensured from time to time.
8.	Inadequate/Non-participation of Department officials in Training programmes. Hence FFS, Demos,	From time to time circulars being issued to ensure better participations in all the activities by officials & the DPD at the District level is made responsible to ensure for such arrangements that the concerned officers & resource persons presence at the time of

<p>9. Diversion of funds to long distance tour instead of local specific achievements leading to financial drains.</p>	<p>From 2018-19 onwards the inter State Exposure visit/Tours are not planned in the action plan. However, instructions being given in few cases wherever necessary subjected to approval of GB of the concerned District.</p>
<p>FGDs, Field days is to be made mandatory.</p>	<p>training programs & other such activities.</p>


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