Executive Summary

- The study indicates an overall expenditure of Rs 1491.381 lakhs against financial target of Rs 1925.43 lakhs under District level activities which works out to 77.46%.
- An Amount of Rs 429.55 lakhs earmarked to all ATMA districts in Bengaluru and Kalaburgi Revenue Division for utilizing the same for implementation of Farmer oriented activities including Farm Field Schools of which Rs 297.83 lakhs utilized which works out to 69.34%.
- The SREP have been prepared originally during 2005-06 to 2007-08 in all 14 districts. These SREPs should have been revisited after every five years considering research activities of different departments at field level. But this is being done now.
- The social mobilization of farmers by way of formation / skill development of FIGs, CIGs and FSGs have been done in all districts. But the progress under food security groups is average (39% and 16%) in case of Bengaluru &Kalaburgi RD respectively.
- The overall expenditure under Farm information Dissemination is Rs 94.70 lakhs against target of Rs 136.20 lakhs which works out to 69.53%.
- Under Agriculture Technology, Refinement, validation & Adoption, as against a target of Rs. 40.22 lakhs, an amount of Rs 24.568 lakhs has been spent which amounts to 61.08%.
- Out of Rs.128.90 lakhs allocated for other innovative activities, an amount of Rs 47.784 lakhs only have been spent which works out 37.07%.
- Out of the total expenditure of Rs 1491.381 lakhs incurred during the year 2017-18, an amount of Rs 912.465 lakhs was towards administrative expenditure which works out to 61.18% as against 28% specified in the guidelines.
- Meetings of ATMA GB in the district under the chairmanship of CEO, against four meetings to be conducted in a year, one meeting each conducted in majority of the districts. However in Chickabalapur, Tumkur conducted three meetings each.
- Similarly against 4 meetings of DFAC, only one or two meetings during 2017-18 have been conducted except 2 districts, Representation to women farmers to the extent of 10% provided in the districts of Bengaluru RD, where as in Kalaburgi RD it is 19%.
• As many as 89 success stories have been prepared in majority of districts in Bengaluru & Kalaburgi RD. But few of them were published at local level, and few of districts have failed to brought out.

• Comparatively good progress achieved in respect of farmers field schools in both the RD. But Kalaburgi RD achieved 68% progress compared to Bengaluru RD (40%). However the progress in both RDs is more compared to previous years.

• Rewards / incentives to farmer groups and farmer awards: Of the two components, the progress achieved under farmers award could be considered as satisfactory, but below average progress seen under incentive/rewards registering achievement of 50% and 26% in case of Bengaluru and Kalaburgi RD respectively.

• Convergence and participation of Agriculture / allied sectors in majority of the districts during 2017-18 observed compared to previous years.

• Almost all training programmes have been designed based on cafeteria of activity and based on regional/local requirement.

• The concept of farm school/demonstration programme on specific activity of the technology has been well understood and adopted by the community.

• Women farmers benefitted to the extent of 31% and 24% in respect of Bengaluru and Kalaburgi Revenue Divisions respectively. Similarly SC/ST together benefitted to the extent of 26% in Bengaluru & Kalaburgi RD respectively. Similarly SC/ST together benefitted to the extent of 27% and 29% in Bengaluru and Kalaburgi RD respectively.

• In total 69,006 farmers have been benefitted under the scheme of which women beneficiaries registered 29% (19,939 No.)

• In both Revenue Divisions the project staff have taken adequate care / measures to carryout/ adopt new crops/new farm activities, new and sustainable technologies.

• SEWP prepared based on bottom-up planning needs to be reviewed at all levels of implementation.

• Inadequate participation of scientist of SAU observed. Inter Departmental Working Group (IDWG) need to be conducted as per guidelines.