The DRDA was formed since 1981 vide resolution No.21966 dated 6.7.81 of erstwhile CD & RR Department, Government of Orissa & registered vide No. Koraput 40-12 of 1981-82 under the Societies Registration Act. (No.XXI of 1860). The Governing Body of DRDA, Koraput was constituted as per Byelaws modified & amended by Government vide Letter No.2920 dated 17.3.1997. DRDA is a body corporate. The DRDA, Koraput is functioning w.e.f. 12.8.1981. Following 73rd amendment of the Constitution and formation of elected Panchayati Raj Institutions in the State, this DRDA has been restructured in accordance with the instructions communicated vide Panchayati Raj Department Letter No.2920/PR dated 17.3.1997.

The Governing Body of District Rural Development Agency, Koraput which is at the apex of the administrative hierarchy has been reconstituted under the Chairmanship/Chairpersonship of President, Zilla Parishad who is the Ex-officio Chairman/Chairperson of the Governing Body of District Rural Developing as Ex-Officio Chief Executive Officer of DRDA. There are 47 members in the Governing Body. The Governing Body is providing policy direction, approving Annual Action Plan as well as Schemes both in Physical and Financial terms and also reviewing and monitoring their implementation.

The Chief Executive Officer-cum-Collector provides necessary leadership to the team of officers and other functionaries of D.R.D.A. in planning, execution, monitoring and evaluation of different schemes and programmes. He/She renders his/her valuable advice and direction to the D.R.D.A. in discharging various statutory and administrative duties as well as day-to-day functions. The Chief Executive Officer-cum-Collector sanctions funds and implements projects. The Secretary-cum-
Project Director, DRDA looks after the proper planning and execution of different activities. There are two Addl.Project Directors, One Administrative and the other Technical. Apart from them, there are two Asst. Project Directors i.e. Asst.Project Director (MIS) and Asst.Project Director(Training) working in DRDA, Koraput at present.

The District Rural Development Agency, Koraput is implementing various Anti-poverty, Self Employment and Development Programmes. The D.R.D.A. receives funds from the Govt.of India in Ministry of Rural Development and the State Govt. for implementation of various schemes. The D.R.D.A. sanctions and releases funds to different implementing agencies like Panchayat Samities, Gram Panchayats, Line Deptt.Officers. After release of funds, the qualitative and quantitative aspect of execution and progress is regulated and monitored by DRDA as well as Zilla Parishad and various Committees. The Dist.Level and Block Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have been constituted to monitor proper implementation of the guidelines and to provide necessary transparency to their execution.

The organizational chart of DRDA is as follows.