

replaced by suppliers from various countries in the Western Europe and U.S.A. to communicate with 30 combat aircraft, 4 transport planes and 6 helicopters.

Defense Field Intelligence units utilize equipment from various suppliers in America and Western Europe.

The office of the Director General, Defense Purchase receive yearly allocations from different components of the Army, including the Forces Intelligence and other Government agencies. This Organization floats International Tenders, evaluates commercial aspects of the offers and issues purchase orders. Like almost every other sector of economy, the military pays great attention to financial packages. A pictorial representation of this Office is given in **Figure 3.6**.

### **3.2.6. Police and other internal Security forces**

Bangladesh Police is administrated by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Police Directorate headed by the Inspector General of Police is responsible for all development projects. The Directorate has its own planning and procurement cells which manage the entire police forces, including the Metropolitan Police forces of Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi. Police use HF and VHF links for communication between different Police Stations and the Police Head quarters in Dhaka. Police has more than 600 Hand held Walkie-Talkie sets ( 1.5 Wt and 5 Wt) comprising of 300 from SHINWA, Japan and rest from YAESU and MOTOROLA. For VHF link, base stations police uses 25 Watt repeater stations of PYE, UK and sets of PYE, UK for HF base stations. So far as the telecommunication equipment are concerned police takes advice from the BTTB on selection of technology.

In addition, Bangladesh Ansar (local security force) belonging to the same Ministry is also a potential user of telecommunication facilities. The network of this organization which is administered by a separate Directorate ( The Ansar Directorate ), is quite extensive and is growing, especially in the rural areas. The number of such stations is about 500. The Directorate takes care of its planning and procurement .

### **3.2.7. Inland Water Transportation**

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) and Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) of the Ministry of Shipping are responsible for regulation and commercial operation of inland water transportation respectively. These organizations are autonomous and have their own planning and procurement units. These organizations are very important as water ways (estimated to be about 8433 kilometers of perennial and seasonal waterways ) is used for bulk of inland transportation in the country.