

facilities. It is reported that BTPL has so far received 30,000 applications from subscribers. By the end of february'90, the capacity of the first telephone exchange will be determined. Motorola, USA will supply hardware and expertise services.

### **3.2.3. Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB)**

The Department of Civil Aviation was neglected during the Pakistan period and its facilities were devastated in 1971 during the liberation war period. In 1982 the Civil Aviation Department was renamed as Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh and amalgamated the Airport Development Agency. In 1985, the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh was given full Autonomy and as a result the organization now stands as a separate corporate body, headed by a Chairman and a Board of Directors at the top level. In order to run the organization smoothly the whole organization is decentralized into various Divisions, namely, Administration Division, Air Traffic Services Division, Communication Engineering Division and Works Division etc. Organogram of CAAB is shown in **Figure 3.4**. This Corporate Body is centrally controlled by Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism.

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) is responsible in organization, management, development and construction of Airports/Aerodromes in Bangladesh. CAAB is also responsible for formulation and regulation of different bilateral agreements with other countries in coordination with Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism. CAAB also controls crew licenses in the country.

The main function of Civil Aviation Authority is to establish safety to all Airline Operators at all Airports in this country. Bangladesh has got eight Airports/Aerodromes out of which two are International, namely, ZIA International Airport and Chittagong International Airport.

ZIA International Airport is equipped with sophisticated Navigational aids like Doppler VOR, ILS, NDB, RADAR, and various HF/VHF Transmitter/Receivers for the purpose of Homing, Instrument landing, Air traffic Control Service, etc. Chittagong International Airport, the next busy Airport of the country is also equipped with reasonably standard Navigation/communication system.

Like any other public sector organization, CAAB receives annual budget allocation from the Government as a combination of Revenue Head for operation and maintenance of all on-going projects and a Development Head for implementation of approved development projects. Budget consists of funds in local currency, while most of the foreign exchange are provided from foreign sources.

### **3.2.4. Bangladesh Rifles (BDR)**

East Bengal Rifles was formed by the then Pakistan Government based on the model of paramilitary forces (Frontier Rangers) of the North Western part of Pakistan. Following the war of liberation, this force was renamed as the Bangladesh Rifles, popularly known as BDR. This organization, under the Ministry of Home Affairs, is responsible for border security and anti-smuggling activities along the border of the country.

In the beginning, BDR did not have communication network of its own. A fresh program had to be initiated to build up the much needed communication facilities. BDR started with a High Frequency network with equipment procured from Motorola Corporation of U.S.A. Its