

ferent local agencies of the public sector. Relation with such forums are briefly discussed in the following paragraphs.

### **2.3.1. Relation with international organizations**

In the field of telecommunication Bangladesh has established relation with different international organizations like, the Asian Broadcasting Union, the European Broadcasting Union, the International Telecommunication Union and the Interpol. Related obligations under the respective Charters and Consultative Committees of these organizations are discharged through various Ministries and agencies of the Government. Telecommunication services and facilities of the BTTB are usually used for maintaining regular and emergency contacts with these organizations.

### **2.3.2. Relation with regional organizations**

Bangladesh is a Member of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC). Telecommunication is identified as an important area of regional co-operation. Various meetings at expert level of the Member States, Workshops and discussions are taking place for identifying a common program for these countries under the overall charter of the SAARC. It is expected that an action program will soon be adapted by the SAARC Secretariat and funding will be provided by individual countries.

### **2.3.3. Local organizations**

BTTB is responsible for overall development and control of telecommunication sector in the country. However, many organization of the country are involved in this sector, some of which even participate in implementation of various telecommunication projects. Relationship among such organizations are complex as it involves various Ministries. Some of these organizations are listed below:

#### **a. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**

Key organizations in this Ministry are the National Broadcasting Authority(NBA), Bangladesh Television, Radio Bangladesh, various news agencies and other mass media. Facilities and services of BTTB are utilized by these organizations.

#### **b. Ministry of Home Affairs**

Key organizations in this Ministry are Bangladesh police, Bangladesh Rifles and Special Branch of Police. Most of these organizations use BTTB facilities, especially for telephones. These organizations also possess certain types of long distance telecommunication facilities of their own.

#### **c. Ministry of Defense**

Key organizations of this Ministry include, Army, Navy, Air Force and the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence. These organizations utilize a combination of in-house and BTTB telecommunication facilities.

#### **d. President's Secretariate**

A few departments and organizations, which utilize telecommunication facilities of significant extent, belong to the President's Secretariate. This includes, among others National security Intelligence (NSI), special agencies, special political agencies, President's Security Force (PSF), etc. In addition to their role as users of telecommunication facilities, these organizations also participate in control and regulation of various activities of the sector.

#### **e. Others**