

installation. Various supplies and services for the sector are procured on the basis of funds allocated by the Government for the particular fiscal year ( July to June). Usually the budget allocated for the year is released in four equal quarterly installment. Sometimes the last installments is readjusted, depending on the allocation revised by the Government in the last quarter of the fiscal year. Performance of the sector, utilizations of funds already released, yearly program, special circumstances (like, natural calamities and the need to bring about a change in priority of the Sector), etc., could change the fund to be released in the last quarter of the sector. The Planning Commission allocates fund as a combination of internal resources (mostly in local currency ) and external financing. The allocation is again divided into two Heads- the Revenue budget for O&M cost of completed projects and other revenue expenditure and the Development Head for implementation of projects. Self financing, if any, is also utilized for implementation of development projects.

The Project Control Cell in the P&D wing of BTTB monitors the progress of every project of the Board, reviews progress of implementation and maintains liaison with the Government.

The Co-ordination Cell maintains liaison with the Project Directors, Procurement Division and the Project Control Cell.

A completed project is handed over to the Maintenance and Operation (M&O) wing of the Board for offering services and maintaining the installation.

The whole country is divided into four Telecommunication Regions in order to facilitate operation and maintenance of the related facilities and to enhance the quality of local telephone and telegraph services to the customers. In addition there is a separate division for long-distance communication and another division for overseas and Telex services. Each Telecommunication Region is headed by a General Manager. These Regions are:

1. Dhaka Telecommunication Region with the Headquarters in Dhaka.
2. Chittagong Telecommunication Region with the Headquarters in Chittagong.
3. Khulna Telecommunication Region with the Headquarters in Khulna.
4. Rajshahi telecommunication region with the Headquarters at Rangpur.

All the telephone exchanges and other ancillary facilities are administered by the General Managers of the respective regions.

The set-up of the P&D wing of BTTB can be seen in **Figure 3.3**.

### **3.2.2 Private Participation in Telecommunication Sector under BTTB**

The government has recently initiated to promote the private sector to provide better telecommunication services to the subscribers. The government has ventured by floating a private company having minimum share of 40 % and pursuing investments from abroad. So far two companies came forward to invest in this sector; one is Gulf Bangladesh Joint Venture Funding Company who in collaboration with Mittel(Canada) has taken up 39 Upzilla to install telephone exchanges and connect them with BTTB network and second is Bangladesh Telecom Private Limited(BTPL) who are allowed to install exchanges for cellular telephone