

# Chapter 1 - Overview

## 1.1 Introduction

The Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (Central Act) as amended in 1984, empowers the Government to acquire land for public purposes such as construction of roads, bridges, irrigation projects, houses for poor, development of industries in public as well as private sectors, public utilities, etc. Standing orders of the erstwhile Board of Revenue (BSO) and the Andhra Pradesh (Telangana Area) Alienation of State lands and Land Revenue Rules, 1975 authorise the State Government to alienate Government land for bonafide public purposes to a person, institution or a local body.

## 1.2 Organizational structure

Principal Secretary, Revenue Department is responsible for overall management of the matters relating to land and is vested with the power for alienation, and the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration (CCLA) is responsible for land administration. The latter is assisted by Collectors at district level and Revenue Divisional Officers (RDO), who are the Land Acquisition Officers (LAO) at the divisional level.

Organogram of land management is given below.

