

**THE BANGLADESH RURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
ORDINANCE, 1982
(Ordinance No. LIII of 1982)**

An Ordinance to provide for the establishment of the Bangladesh Rural Development Board.

2. **Definitions.-** In this Ordinance, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

- (f) "TCCA" means the Thana Central Cooperative Association registered under the Cooperative Societies Act, 1940 (Ben. Act XXI of 1940).

3. **Establishment of the Board.-**(1) As soon as may be after the commencement of this Ordinance, the Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, establish a Board to be called the Bangladesh Rural Development Board for carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance.

7. **Functions of the Board.-**(1) The functions of the Board shall be-

- (a) to promote village-based primary co-operative societies and TCCAs with a view to enabling them to be autonomous, self-managed and

financially viable vehicles for increasing production, employment generation and rural development;

- (b) to encourage functional cooperatives for generating income and employment for the rural poor;
- (c) to promote intensive irrigated agriculture as a means to cooperative development and also for efficient utilization, through the cooperatives, of irrigation facilities based on ground and surface water;
- (d) to channel and ensure productive utilization of institutional credit through the village cooperatives and the TCCAs and simultaneously promote members accumulation of shares and savings;
- (e) to encourage financially viable TCCAs to diversify activities specially in the marketing of agricultural inputs and produce as a service to their members.

8. **Director-General, etc.-**(1) There shall be appointed by the Government a Director-General who shall be the chief executive officer of the Board with responsibilities for carrying out the decisions and performing the executive functions of the Board.