

**a) State Land Use Board**

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**State Land Use Board** under the Administrative Control of the Development and Planning Department has been reconstituted vide resolution No.1990/SLUB/Misc-3/2006 dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2006. The composition of the State Land Use Board (SLUB) is as follows:-

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| 1) | Shri V.K. Ramachandran   | --- | Chairman  |
| 2) | Additional Chief Secretary,<br>Development & Planning Department   | --- | Member    |
| 3) | Land Reforms Commissioner,<br>West Bengal                          | --- | Member    |
| 4) | Principal Secretary, Panchayat and<br>Rural Development Department | --- | Member    |
| 5) | Secretary, Agriculture Department.                                 | --- | Member    |
| 6) | Director   | --- | Secretary |

The secretariat of the Board consists of one UDA, two Statistical Assistants, one Stenographer and three Group D staff.

The objectives of the Board are:-

- To create a consolidated data base on land and water resources, land use , and other items of information relevant to land use planning in the State;

- b) To recommend changes in the present system of data collection work in the above context;
- c) To create an Information Bank of land and water use:
- d) To initiate studies on land and water use;
- e) To formulate draft policy guidelines with regard to land and water use, land conservation and reclamation in the State:
- f) To recommend implementation, on a pilot basis, and through appropriate govt. agencies, programmes for experimental forms of alternative land use on publicly –owned farm and other land.

Studies taken up by the Board cover the following areas:

- 1) Cropping pattern and land use in Western laterite Zone of West Bengal, and
- 2) Socio -Economic implications of conversion of agricultural land into tea plantations and implications of degradations of tea gardens on women.

Considering the infrastructure and technical expertise of the Land and Land Reforms Department, it has been since decided that the State Land Use Board shall be transferred to the Land and Land Reforms Department shortly.