

20. The ZP/District Rural Development Agency shall be normally the authority competent to decide on the suitability or otherwise of the Project Implementation Agency for taking up Watershed Development Projects. However, the State Government will be competent to change the Project Implementation Agency. In case of change of PIA in the projects under IWDP, prior concurrence of Department of Land Resources, Govt. of India will be necessary.

### **District Watershed Development Committee**

21. To ensure coordination at district level, a District Watershed Development Committee (DWDC) shall be constituted under the Chairman, Zilla Parishad or DRDA as the case may be. It shall consist of CEO/PD, ZP/DRDA and district level officers of the line departments associated with the implementation of watershed development projects, one representative of the State Remote Sensing Centre, one member from the relevant Research and Training institutions in the district, one NGO representative, at least two prominent women workers and one prominent social worker. The District Watershed Development Committee will advise and assist the ZP/DRDA on matters, regarding selection of PIAs, members of Watershed Development Teams, training, community organization, publicity campaigns and such other items/activities. The Committee will also approve the detailed action plan for watershed development projects in the district. It should meet at least once in a quarter and review the progress of the watershed development projects, assist in resolving management and administrative problems, guide in implementation, identify policy issues, if any, for reference to the State Government / Government of India.

22. ZPs/DRDAs or any other Institution in whose favour the watershed development projects have been sanctioned shall be fully responsible for their implementation. The CEO, ZP/PD, DRDA will be the member Secretary of the DWDC. The ZP/DRDA at the District level shall have the right and responsibility to monitor and review the implementation of the programme. The CEO, ZP/PD, DRDA shall maintain the accounts of watershed development projects and shall