

Executive Summary

Land and life is closely related to each other. Though in primitive stage human survival was based on hunting, from the beginning of agriculture, land is considered to be the basic source of all resource needed for human survival. Development of a country largely depends upon the appropriate and proper use of land. But for many reasons its importance often remains uncared in our country.

Present land management in Bangladesh is not satisfactory. The present haphazard condition will not be able to bring good result in the future. Land is getting scared day by day. The mindless use of land creates enormous problems specially in the urban areas. Even the entire environment is being jeopardized due to unscientific abuse of land. Ultimately its implication is reflected in the national economy.

The principle set back of the present land management is its disintegration. Having a separate ministry called Ministry of Land to deal with the matters related to land and its Management surprisingly all functions of land management is not vested to this ministry. Services are delivered to stake holders at field level and national level from three executive offices of two different Ministries. If we analyze the structure it is cleared that from the ministry level disintegration starts and extended to the lowest field level offices. Its ultimate result is multidimensional and the most important one is the delay in getting or providing service to the stakeholders. As land is the principal factor in food production, substantial increase in the amount of food production largely depends on the effective management of land and its appropriate use also.

Perhaps we have arrived at a critical juncture of 21st century. So it is the high time to manage and administer land in a prudent manner. Any sort of negligence and unnecessary inclination to any vested group may lead us into catastrophic calamity created by ourselves. Integrated land management is a crying need for the country. Any delay in this regard may compel us to face its dire consequences.

From various level and corners problem about the disintegrated land management is recognized. The government of Bangladesh has long recognized the serious problem associated with its present system of service delivery from different point at national and field level offices. This study aimed at finding the stake holders' thinking and opinion regarding introducing integrated land management with view to provide speedy service. Al most unanimously respondents of different categories opine for introducing integrated land management at least at Upzilla level without any further delay.