

#### **14. Duties of Commissioner**

The duties of the Commissioner shall include —

- (a) the carrying out of surveys and investigations to ascertain the nature and extent of land degradation throughout the State;
- (b) the investigation and design of preventive and remedial measures in respect of land degradation;
- (c) the carrying out of experiments and demonstrations in soil conservation and reclamation;
- (d) the recording and publishing of the results of such surveys, investigations, designs, experiments and demonstrations;
- (e) the dissemination of information with regard to land degradation and soil conservation and reclamation;
- (f) the instruction and supervision of landholders in matters pertaining to soil conservation and reclamation;
- (g) the advising and assistance of landholders whose land has been affected by land degradation;
- (h) the coordination, having regard to the purposes of this Act, of the policies and activities of Government departments and public authorities in relation to any of the foregoing matters, and in regard to the alienation, occupation and utilisation of Crown lands or other lands vested in public authorities;
- (ha) the collection of rates and service charges imposed under section 25A;
- (i) the carrying out of works authorised by this Act.

*[Section 14 amended by No. 42 of 1982 s. 17 and 42; No. 47 of 1994 s. 8; No. 4 of 1999 s. 5.]*