

CHAPTER XIII

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

The Organisational set-up, functions and activities of the departments of Government which have not been mentioned elsewhere in this volume are dealt with in this chapter.

WORKS DEPARTMENT

Roads and Buildings

The State Works Department through its Chief Engineer (s) based at Bhubaneswar is in charge of construction and maintenance of landing grounds and national highways in the union sector and similarly construction and maintenance of all State Government buildings, roads and bridges and ferries over roads constructed and maintained by it.

The State for the purpose of roads and buildings organisation has been divided into seven circles, each being in charge of a Superintending Engineer. The Southern circle, Brahmapur consists of six divisions, four of which are functioning in Ganjam district and the other two in Phulabani district. The divisions in Ganjam district are: (1) R. & B. Division No. 1, Brahmapur; (2) R. & B. Division No. II, Brahmapur; (3) R & B Division, Bhanjanagar and (4) R. & B. Division, Paralakhemundi.

The R & B Division No. I consists of three subdivisions, i. e., Brahmapur Roads Subdivision, Brahmapur; Buildings Subdivision and Digapahandi Subdivision. The Brahmapur Roads Subdivision has three sections located at Brahmapur, Chikiti and Hinjilicut. The Brahmapur Buildings Subdivision has three sections- the Brahmapur East Section, the Medical College Section and the Major Buildings Section. The headquarters of all these sections are at Brahmapur.

The R. & B. Division No. II comprises four subdivisions. The University Subdivision, Brahmapur has two sections and both the sections are located at Brahmapur. The Store Subdivision with its two sections is located at Brahmapur. The Chhatrapur Subdivision with its headquarters at Chhatrapur has three sections located at Chhatrapur, Narendrapur and Purusottampur. The Rambha R. & B. Subdivision, Rambha consists of three sections located at Rambha, Khallikot and Kodala.

In the Bhanjanagar R. & B. Division, there are three Subdivisions, i. e., the Bhanjanagar R. & B. Subdivision, Bhanjanagar; the Kabisuryanagar R. & B. Subdivision, Kabisuryanagar and Sorada R. & B. Subdivision, Sorada and 8 sections. Out of 8 sections, two sections are located at Bhanjanagar, one section each is located at Jagannathprasad, Kabisuryanagar, Asika, Sorada, Badagada and Gangapur.

The headquarters of the Paralakhemundi R&B Division is located at Paralakhemundi. This Division has four subdivisions i. e., Paralakhemundi R. & B. subdivision No. I, Paralakhemundi; Paralakhemundi R. & B. Subdivision No. II, Paralakhemundi; Mohana R. & B. subdivision, Mohana and R. Udayagiri R. & B. Subdivision, R. Udayagiri and eleven sections. The headquarters of the sections are located at Paralakhemundi, Jiranga, Kashinagar, Seranga, R. Udayagiri, Ramagiri, Nuagada, Brahmapur, Mohana, Adava and Harabhangi.

Each division is in charge of an Executive Engineer whereas the Subdivisions and the sections are headed by the Assistant Engineers and Junior Engineers respectively.

National Highways

The Chief Engineer, National Highways and Projects with headquarters at Bhubaneswar is the controlling Officer of the National Highways organisation. This organisation is responsible for the construction, maintenance and improvement of National Highways in the State.

Ganjam district comes under the jurisdiction of the National Highways Division with headquarters at Brahmapur. The Division which was established in 1971 is controlled by the Superintending Engineer of the National Highways Circle, Sunabeda. The Division is in charge of an Executive Engineer and comprises 4 Subdivisions located at Brahmapur, Ganjam, Humma and Rambha and 16 sections. Out of 16 sections, three are located at Brahmapur and Rambha, four at Ganjam, two at Purusottampur and one each at Chhatrapur, Humma, Khallikot and Keshapur.

Besides, a Project Division named as the Ganjam Project Division (South) under the control of an Executive Engineer started functioning with its headquarters at Brahmapur since 1975 for execution of minimum need programme and rural roads and bridges works. The jurisdiction of the Division which is divided into five Subdivisions extends, besides Ganjam, to Koraput district. Out of these Subdivisions, four are located at Brahmapur, Paralakhemundi, Digapahandi

and R. Udayagiri of Ganjam district. These four Subdivisions consist of 15 sections, out of which three are located at Brahmapur, two located at Digapahandi and one each at Gopalpur, Patrapur, Paralakhemundi, Kashinagar, Jiranga, Kinchilingi, Pudemari, R. Udayagiri, Chandragiri and Mohana.

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Housing and Urban Development Department is in charge of different urban local bodies, slum clearance, town planning and town improvement and Public Health Engineering Organisation (State Subjects).

Public Health Engineering

Ganjam district comes under the Superintending Engineer, Brahmapur Public Health Circle with headquarters at Brahmapur. The Superintending Engineer of the Brahmapur Circle works under the Chief Engineer, Public Health, Orissa, Bhubaneswar.

There are three Public Health Divisions, namely, the Brahmapur Public Health Division with headquarters at Brahmapur, the Bhanjanagar Public Health Division with headquarters at Bhanjanagar and the Rushikulya Project Public Health Division with headquarters at Chhatrapur. All these Divisions are functioning under the administration and supervision of the Superintending Engineer. Out of the three Public Health Divisions, the Brahmapur Public Health Division and the Bhanjanagar Public Health Division are territorial divisions. The main functions of the territorial divisions are to provide pure and protected drinking water, arrange for sewerage and drainage in urban and rural areas, identify problematic villages for supply of safe drinking water through tube-wells or piped water. The Rushikulya Project Public Health Division is meant for the Rushikulya Project for water supply to Brahmapur town, the Brahmapur University, the Indian Rare Earth, Ltd., the Military Cantonment and Chhatrapur town. Besides, an Investigation Division is located at Brahmapur for preparing schemes for project and for identification of some problem villages.

The Brahmapur Public Health Division comprises five Subdivisions namely, the Public Health Subdivision, Brahmapur; the Water Supply Subdivision No. I, Brahmapur; the Water Supply Subdivision No. II, Brahmapur; the Project Public Health Subdivision, Brahmapur and the Paralakhemundi Public Health Subdivision and twenty-two sections. Of these, fifteen are located at Brahmapur and two are at Paralakhemundi and one each located at Gopalpur, Digapahandi, Patrapur, R. Udayagiri and Kashinagar.

The Bhanjanagar Public Health Division consists of three Subdivisions with headquarters at Bhanjanagar, Asika and Chhatrapur and eleven sections. The sections are located at Bhanjanagar, Jaganathprasad, Bellaguntha, Sorada, Asika, Hinjilicut, Kabisuryanagar, Chhatrapur, Huma, Khallikot and Purusottampur.

The Rushikulya Project Public Health Division, Chhatrapur has three Subdivisions namely, the Rushikulya Project Public Health Subdivision No. I, Kaliabali, the Rushikulya Project Public Health Subdivision No. II, Korapalli and the Rushikulya Project Public Health Subdivision, Chhatrapur and eleven sections, three are located at Kaliabali and Korapalli, two at Badamadharpur and one each at Indian Rare Earth Campus, Raghunathpur and Chhatrapur.

Each division is in charge of an Executive Engineer and the Subdivisions and sections are in charge of Assistant Engineers and Junior Engineers respectively.

Town Planning

A Town Planning Unit constituted under the Orissa Town Planning and Improvement Trust Act is functioning at Brahmapur with Revenue Divisional Commissioner, Southern Division as its Chairman and an Assistant Town Planner as its Secretary. The unit is controlled by the Directorate of Town Planning, Orissa located at Bhubaneswar. The organisation has taken up planning of ten out of twenty towns of the district, namely, the towns of Brahmapur, Chhatrapur, Paralakhemundi, Gopalpur, Bhanjanagar, Bellaguntha, Sorada, Hinjilicut, Asika and Rambha.

DEPARTMENT OF IRRIGATION

The Department of Irrigation mainly deals with irrigation, flood control, embankment and drainage.

Irrigation

The activities of the Irrigation Organisation in the district are construction and maintenance of different irrigation projects, maintenance of flood control and protection works and supply of water for Kharif and Rabi crops.

The Chief Engineer, Irrigation, Orissa with headquarters at Bhubaneswar is the Controlling Officer of this organisation. There are six irrigation circles in the State, each in charge of a Superintending Engineer.

The district of Ganjam comes under the jurisdiction of the Southern Irrigation Circle, Brahmapur. Under this circle, there are

four Irrigation Divisions, namely, Chikiti Irrigation Division, Brahmapur Irrigation Division, Bhanjanagar Irrigation Division and Dahanu Dam Division.

The Chikiti Irrigation Division at Brahmapur is further divided into four Subdivisions viz., Paralakhemundi Irrigation Subdivision, Paralakhemundi; Bahuda Irrigation Subdivision, Chikiti; Ghodahada Irrigation Subdivision at Digapahandi and Digapahandi Irrigation Subdivision at Digapahandi and 17 sections. Out of these, three are located at Paralakhemundi, seven at Digapahandi, two at Chikiti and one each at Brahmapur, Khandaba, Patrapur, Khariaguda and Surangi. The Chikiti Irrigation Division is in charge of Bhaghalati, Bahuda, Ghodahada and Remanadi Projects.

The Brahmapur Irrigation Division consists of four Subdivisions namely, Brahmapur Irrigation Subdivision, Brahmapur; Rushikulya Irrigation Subdivision, Humma; Buguda Irrigation Subdivision, Buguda and Dhanei Irrigation Subdivision, Chirikipada Sasan. These four Subdivisions are further subdivided into sixteen sections of which two are located at Brahmapur, four at Buguda and one each at Kukudakhandi, Tanganapalli, Narendrapur, Chhatrapur, Humma, Polasara, Mathura, Purusottampur, Hinjilicut and Chirikipada Sasan.

The Bhanjanagar Irrigation Division comprises four Subdivisions i. e., the Bhanjanagar Irrigation Subdivision at Bhanjanagar, the Sorada Irrigation Subdivision with headquarters at Asika, Dahanu Irrigation Subdivision at Dahanu Dam site and Bhanjanagar Investigation Subdivision, Bhanjanagar and sixteen sections. Out of these, nine sections are at Bhanjanagar and two each at Asika and Sorada and one each at Sarisamuli, Madhavarida and Ballipadar.

The Dahanu Dam Division with its three Subdivisions namely, the Dahanu Dam Subdivision, Dahanu Dyke Subdivision and Dahanu Mechanical Subdivision and twelve sections are located at Dahanu Dam site, Kamaridi.

Besides, there is one Minor Irrigation Division (formerly the Rural Engineering Division) for the district with headquarters at Brahmapur. This Division has been placed under the control of the Superintending Engineer, Southern Minor Irrigation Circle, Brahmapur. The Division has six Subdivisions located at Brahmapur, Digapahandi, Bhanjanagar, Paralakhemundi, Khallikot and R. Udayagiri and 25 sections. Three sections are located at Paralakhemundi whereas 2 sections are located at R. Udayagiri and one section each is located at Brahmapur, Asika, Chikiti, Purushotampur, Patrapur, Digapahandi, Seragad, Dharakot

Buguda, Bhanjanagar, Jagannathprasad, Sorada, Bhateribediguba, Kashinagar, Mohana, Khallikot, Kodala, Polasara, Chhatrapur and Kabisuryanagar.

The Divisions, Subdivisions and sections are under the charge of Executive Engineers, Assistant Engineers and Junior Engineers respectively.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

The Department of Energy is in charge of administration of the Indian Electricity Act, 1910 and the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948; water power, State Electricity Board; preparation, construction, maintenance and operation of Government electrical schemes; making out rate for sale of power generated by Government installations and encouraging utilisation of electrical energy, etc.

Electricity

The Electricity organisation in the district is responsible for steady power supply to different classes of consumers viz., domestic, commercial, railway, industrial, agricultural, public health units and lift irrigation points. The State Electricity Board with headquarters at Bhubaneswar which controls the electricity organisation in the district has adopted different types of schemes for generation, transmission and distribution of electrical energy to the consumers.

Ganjam district comes under the jurisdiction of the Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle, Brahmapur. Under this circle there are four Electrical Divisions with headquarters at Brahmapur, Paralakhemundi and Bhanjanagar. At Brahmapur, there are two Divisions named as the Ganjam North Electrical Division and the Ganjam South Electrical Division under the charge of two Executive Engineers.

The Ganjam North Electrical Division constitutes four Subdivisions and sixteen sections. The Subdivisions are located at Chhatrapur, Chikiti, Khallikot and Purusottampur. One section each is located at Brahmapur, Chhatrapur, Gopalpur, Kukudakhandi, Kodala, Polasara, Patrapur, Konisi, Ganjam, Khallikot, Purusottampur, Taratarini whereas two sections each are located at Chikiti and Hinjilicut.

The Ganjam South Electrical Division, Brahmapur consists of three Subdivisions namely, (i) the Supply Subdivision No. I, Brahmapur; (ii) the Supply Subdivision No. II, Brahmapur and (iii) the Paralakhemundi Electrical Subdivision, Paralakhemundi and

eleven sections. Out of these, seven are located at Brahmapur and one section each is located at Paralakhemundi, Kashinagar, Uppalada and Gunupur.

The Bhanjanagar Electrical Division functions with three Subdivisions located at Asika, Bhanjanagar and Digapahandi and 13 sections. Two sections each are located at Bhanjanagar and Asika whereas one section each is located at Bellaguntha, Sorada, Nuagam, Kabisuryanagar, Dharakot, Digapahandi, R. Udayagiri, Pudamari and Chandragiri.

The Paralakhemundi Division which started functioning at Asika in the beginning was shifted to Paralakhemundi in 1981. There are three subdivisions under this Division with headquarters at Asika, Paralakhemundi and Mohana. The Electrical Construction subdivision, Asika is having four sections located at Asika, Bellaguntha, Seragad and Sorada. The Electrical Subdivision, Mohana has three sections at Mohana, Chandragiri and Khajuripada. The Electrical Construction Subdivision, Paralakhemundi consists of two sections located at Rayagada and Gumma. the headquarters at Paralakhemundi.

Besides, one Electrical Stores Division is functioning at Brahmapur under the Electrical Stores Circle, Bhubaneswar for the districts of Ganjam, Phulabani, Koraput and Kalahandi. In the district of Ganjam, this division has a subdivision at Brahmapur and two sections located at Brahmapur and Bhanjanagar.

There is one Subdivisional Officer in General Electrical Subdivision (R & B), Brahmapur for maintenance of electrical installations of various Government buildings in Ganjam district under the control of an Executive Engineer, General Electrical Division No. I, Bhubaneswar. The Subdivision is functioning with five sections located at Brahmapur, Chhatrapur, Paralakhemundi, Kabisuryanagar and Bhanjanagar.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Rural Development Department administers minor irrigation, lift irrigation, rural water supply, rural roads and buildings, rural schools and hospitals, rural hats and markets.

Minor Irrigation

One Minor Irrigation Division (formerly the Rural Engineering Division) for the district of Ganjam is functioning at Brahmapur. This Division has been placed under the control of the Superintending Engineer, Southern Minor Irrigation Circle, Brahmapur. The Division has six Subdivisions located at Brahmapur, Digapahandi,

Bhanjanagar, Paralakhemundi, Khallikot and R. Udayagiri and 25 sections. Three of the sections are located at Paralakhemundi, two sections are located at R. Udayagiri and one section at each of the places at Brahmapur, Asika, Chikiti, Purusottampur, Patrapur, Digapahandi, Seragad, Dharakot, Buguda, Bhanjanagar, Jagannath-prasad, Sorada, Bheteribediguba, Kashinagar, Mohana, Khallikot, Kodala, Polasara, Chhatrapur and Kabisuryanagar.

The Divisions, Subdivisions and sections are under the charge of Executive Engineers, Assistant Engineers and Junior Engineers respectively.

Lift Irrigation

The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, is the head of the Lift Irrigation Corporation, Orissa. Lift Irrigation Department was converted into a corporation in 1973.

Ganjam district has two Lift Irrigation Divisions at Brahmapur and Bhanjanagar under the administrative control of the Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, Brahmapur. The Divisional Officers in the rank of Executive Engineers are responsible for survey, investigation, preparation of schemes, construction, execution, operation and maintenance of Lift Irrigation Projects of both river lift and tube wells.

The Lift Irrigation Division, Brahmapur has four Civil Subdivisions and one Mechanical Subdivision. Civil Subdivisions are functioning at Chhatrapur, Purusottampur, Brahmapur and Paralakhemundi Lift Irrigation Subdivision, Chhatrapur consists of three civil sections located one each at Chhatrapur, Ganjam and Patlampur and Electrical Section at Chhatrapur. Lift Irrigation Subdivision, Purusottampur consists of two Civil Sections at Purusottampur and Polasara and one Electrical Section at Purusottampur. Lift Irrigation Subdivision, Brahmapur consist of four Civil sections located at Brahmapur, Chikiti, Hinjilicut, Digapahandi and one electrical section functioning at Brahmapur. The Lift Irrigation Subdivision, Paralakhemundi consists of five civil sections at Paralakhemundi, Chandragiri, Rayagada, Kashinagar-1 and Kashinagar-II and one Electrical Section at Paralakhemundi.

The Lift Irrigation Subdivision (Mechanical), Brahmapur has two Mechanical Sections at Brahmapur.

Each section is controlled by a junior Engineer. One Assistant Engineer (Electrical) is posted at Divisional headquarters, Brahmapur for technical guidance to the junior Engineers (Electrical) and supervision and maintenance of electrical installations and liasioning

between Lift Irrigation Corporation and State Electricity Board. The duty of the Assistant Engineer (Mechanical) is to look after maintenance of mechanical equipments, drilling and installation of tube-wells and other lift irrigation projects. A Geologist has been posted at Brahmapur for ground water survey and investigation.

The Bhanjanagar Lift Irrigation Division comprises four Subdivisions and eighteen sections. Out of four Subdivisions, two Subdivisions are located at Asika and one each at Bhanjanagar and Sorada. Out of 18 sections, four are electrical, one mechanical and thirteen civil sections, two electrical sections are located at Asika and the other two are located at Bhanjanagar and Sorada. The Mechanical Section is also located at Asika. Thirteen civil sections are located one each at Bellaguntha, Jagannathprasad, Sorada, Badagada, Dharakot, Jeyapur, Kabisuryanagar, Pitala, Pattapur and two each at Bhanjanagar and Asika.

The divisions, subdivisions and sections are controlled by the Executive Engineers, Assistant Engineers and Junior Engineers respectively.

FOREST, FISHERIES AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT

The Forest, Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Department is in charge of forests including preservation of games and protection of wild animals, protection and improvement of animals and prevention of animal diseases, all matters relating to dairying and milk supply and fisheries.

Forest

The Department is responsible for scientific management and protection of forests and wild life. The Department also looks after raising plantations and construction of departmental roads and buildings. The forests yield highest non-tax revenue of the state.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is the head of the department with headquarters at Bhubaneswar. The State of Orissa has been divided into eight forest circles and Ganjam district functions under the territorial administration of the Conservator of Forests, Brahmapur Circle with headquarters at Brahmapur. He is assisted by two Assistant Conservators of Forests.

There are three forest divisions namely, Ghumusar North Division, Bhanjanagar, Ghumusar South Division, Bhanjanagar and Paralakhemundi Division with headquarters at Paralakhemundi. These Divisions are headed by the Divisional Forest Officers.

The Ghumusar North Division comprises 14 ranges i. e., Mujagada Tarasingi, Central and Gallery and fourteen sections. The Mujagada and Central Range headquarters are located at Bhanjanagar whereas Gallery Range headquarters is at Dholpita. There are two Assistant Conservators of Forests attached to the Divisional Office.

The Ghumusar South Division consists of five territorial ranges viz., Asika, Buguda, Sorada, Brahmapur and Kodala (headquarters at Khallikot) and 20 sections. There are two Special Rangers, one for sleeper supply and the other for wild life, and one Forestry Extension Supervisor. There are three Assistant Conservators of Forests in this Division.

In Paralakhemundi Forest Division, there are two Assistant Conservators of Forests and the Division has six ranges, twenty-five sections and 149 beats. The six ranges are Mohendra Range at Narayanpur, Devagiri Range at Paralakhemundi, Samantiapalli Range at Samantiapalli, Chandragiri Range at Podameri, Badegada Range at Mohana and R. Udayagiri Range at R. Udayagiri. This apart, one Working Plan Officer in the rank of a Divisional Forest Officer has been posted at Bhanjanagar to prepare the forest working plan for the district.

One Social Forestry Project Division with headquarters at Brahmapur is functioning for the entire district under the control of a Deputy Director. He is assisted by one Specialist, eight Social Forestry Supervisors, forty-four Village Forest Workers including four Lady Village Forest Workers, one Revenue Inspector, eleven Orderly Forest Guards for seven Ranges located at Brahmapur, Khallikot, Digapahandi, Bhanjanagar, Asika, Samantiapalli and Paralakhemundi. One Conservator of Forests designated as the Regional Joint Director, Social Forestry Project is functioning at Brahmapur who looks after and monitors the social forestry activities in the districts of Ganjam, Phulabani, Kalahandi and Koraput.

One Afforestation Division under the Orissa Plantation Development Corporation looks after plantations under the National Rural Employment Programme. The jurisdiction of the Division covers Ganjam and Phulabani districts. In Ganjam district the Division has four ranges with headquarters at Bhanjanagar, Brahmapur, Chhatrapur and Paralakhemundi.

Each Division is headed by a Divisional Forest Officer in the rank of Deputy Conservator of Forests. The Ranges are headed by the Forest Range Officers and the Sections are managed by Foresters. Each beat is under the charge of a Forest Guard.

Veterinary

The District Veterinary Office, Brahmapur from the date of its inception in December 1947, used to look after the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary activities of the entire district. The Range administration was set up in the year 1961 and a Deputy Director for the Southern Range was entrusted with the work of supervision of the animal husbandry and veterinary activities of the districts of Ganjam, Koraput (including one Animal Husbandry district at Rayagada), Phulabani and Kalahandi. The reorganisation of the Department was made in 1983 when the post of the Chief District Veterinary Officer was created as the head of the district organisation.

The Chief District Veterinary Officer, Ganjam with Headquarters at Brahmapur controls the veterinary, dairy and live-stock developmental activities of the district. Three Assistant District Veterinary Officers viz., Assistant District Veterinary Officer (Disease Control), Assistant District Veterinary Officer (Artificial Insemination and Cattle Development), Assistant District Veterinary Officer (Poultry Development) and one Assistant District Dairy Officer are posted to assist the Chief District Veterinary Office in their respective disciplines. Besides, one Subdivisional Veterinary Officer has been posted in each of the four Subdivisions of Chhatrapur, Brahmapur, Bhanjanagar and Paralakhemundi. The other members of the Veterinary staff who are posted in the district include one Project Officer for Intensive Poultry Development Project, one Cattle Development Officer for Intensive Cattle Development Project, one Manager for Live-Stock Breeding-cum-Dairy farm, one Additional District Veterinary Officer for Poultry Development, one Additional District Veterinary Officer for Feed Mixing Centre, two Instructors for two Live-stock Inspector Training Centres, fifty Veterinary Assistant Surgeons, twenty-five Additional Veterinary Assistant Surgeons, four Junior Veterinary Officers, three hundred fifty-three Live-stock Inspectors, one Dairy Inspector, five enumerators, one Sub-Assistant Fodder Development Officer, nine Fieldman Demonstrators, two Dairy Overseers, four Veterinary Technicians, eight Dairy Extension Officers, three Milk Analysts, two Poultry Extension Officers, one Veterinary Sub-Assistant surgeon and two Agriculture Overseers.

Fisheries

The function of the Fisheries Department in the district is to develop inland, brackish water and marine fisheries. The inland Fisheries organisation of the district is headed by one District Fisheries Officer whose headquarters is fixed at Brahmapur. This office was established in 1955. The District Fisheries Officer is assisted by three Subdivisional Superintendents of Fisheries, one Deputy Superintendent of Fisheries, nine Fishery Supervisors twenty-eight Fisheries Demonstrators of the Community Development Blocks, thirty three

Fishery Demonstrators other than blocks attached to farms, twenty-six **Fishery Extension Officers of Blocks** (out of which ten **Fishery Extension Officers** are under the Community Development Department and sixteen are under the Fish Farmers Department Agency). The inland fisheries organisation of the district is functioning under the control of the Deputy Director of Fisheries (Inland), southern zone with headquarters at Brahmapur whose jurisdiction also extends over the districts of Koraput, Phulabani and Kalahandi.

The functions of this organisation are to supply quality spawn and seed to nursery centres, and provide technical guidance to the pisciculturists. The organisation also works to improve the socio-economic conditions of the tribal people and small and marginal farmers by sanctioning loans for improvement of tanks, purchase of feeds, manures, seeds, boats, nets etc., This apart, laboratory and training facilities are also provided to the fish farmers.

The Chief Executive Officer in-charge of the Fish Farmers Development Agency, Brahmapur with the staff of three Area Deputy Superintendents of Fisheries, two Junior Engineers and twenty-six Fishery Extension Officers of the Community Development Blocks monitor the schemes relating to development of tanks for extensive and intensive culture of carp. The office was created in 1976.

One Assistant Director of Fisheries (Marine) under the direct control of the Deputy Director of Fisheries (Marine), Cuttack is in-charge of the entire marine fisheries development work of the district. He is assisted by one Deputy Superintendent of Fisheries, two Fishery Extension Officers in charge of marine centre and three Fishery Demonstrators. The office was established in 1980. The Superintendent of Fisheries, Brackish Water Fisheries Development Agency, in the district who looks after the development of brackish water fisheries is under the control of the Chief Executive Officer BFDA (Puri-Ganjam) with headquarters at Puri. This office was opened at Brahmapur in 1986. Under him there are two Deputy Superintendents of Fisheries, one Inspector of Fisheries, and three Fishery Demonstrators.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION DEPARTMENT

The Agriculture and Co-operation Department deals with agriculture including research institutes, agriculture farms, experimental demonstration, provision for agricultural education, protection against destruction by insects, prevention of plant diseases, soil conservation, Drought Prone Areas Programme, Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Command Area Development, Crop Insurance, etc. So far the co-operative side is concerned the Depart-

ment looks after the co-operative societies, and rural credit and rural indebtedness. It is also in charge of co-operative marketing and regulated markets.

Agriculture

The main function of the Agriculture Department in the district is to educate the agriculturists in the modern scientific methods of cultivation and to supply improved seeds, fertilisers and pesticides to the farmers.

The Director of Agriculture with headquarters at Bhubaneswar is the head of this organisation at the state level. For administrative convenience, the state has been divided into six ranges, each under the charge of a Deputy Director of Agriculture.

The Deputy Director of Agriculture, Ganjam Range, heads the organisation in the revenue district of Ganjam with three District Agricultural Officers under him, whose offices are located at Brahmapur, Paralakhemundi and Asika. The office was established in 1957. The District Agricultural Officer, Brahmapur has ten Community Development Blocks as his area of operation, namely, Patrapur, Chikiti, Rangeilunda, Kukudakhandi, Hinjilicut, Purusottampur, Kodala, Khallikot, Ganjam and Chhatrapur.

The area of operation of District Agricultural Officer, Paralakhemundi, consists of 5 tribal Blocks namely, Gumma, Rayagada, Nuagada, R. Udayagiri and Mohana and four normal Community Development Blocks of Kashinagar, Gosani, Sanakhemundi and Digapahandi.

The District Agricultural Officer, Asika, has ten Blocks under his area of operation, namely, Asika, Seragada, Dharakot, Sorada, Bhanjanagar, Bellaguntha, Jagannathprasad, Buguda, Polasara and Kabisuryanagar.

One Additional District Agricultural Officer has been attached to each of the District Agricultural Officers with offices located at Bhanjanagar, Chhatrapur and Digapahandi respectively. Two Subject Matter Specialists, one each in Agronomy and Plant Protection are attached to the Additional District Agricultural Officers to take up extensive extension works. At each Community Development Block two Agricultural Extension Officers are stationed with specific area of operation to look after the works of Village Agricultural Workers. Each Village Agricultural Worker has one or two Grama Panchayats as his area of operation. Besides the district Agricultural Officers and the Additional District Agricultural Officers, there are

385 Village Agricultural Workers, fifty-eight Agricultural Extension Officers and six Subject Matter Specialists in this district to look after extension work in the field. Other Junior Agricultural Officers under specific programmes are also assisting the District Agricultural Officer.

The Deputy Director of Agriculture, Ganjam Range, is assisted by different specialist-officers like the Agronomist, Plant Protection Officers, Farm Management Specialist, and Horticulturist, development officers like Pulse Development Officer, Joint Quality Control Inspector and Training Officer. There is also another officer with the designation of Assistant Director of Agriculture (Input) to look after distribution of seeds to the farmers.

One Soil Chemist and other technical staff have been posted under the Deputy Director of Agriculture to take up collection of soil samples from different areas and analyse them to guide the farmers. One Assistant Agriculture Engineer with his office at Asika under the supervision of the Deputy Director looks after demonstration and popularisation of improved labour saving tools and implements among farmers. He assists the farmers in installation of Gobar Gas Plants.

There are five small seed farms with one Overseer and one Field Man Demonstrator functioning at Golanthara, Babarpur, Bhanjanagar, Benakunda and Jagannathprasad under the control of the Deputy Director of Agriculture. One big farm with a farm Superintendent, one Junior Agricultural Officer, one Overseer, three Field Man Demonstrators and five permanent labourers have been set up at Dhanei in Polasara Block.

Horticulture

There are four Horticulturists posted in the four subdivisions of Chhatrapur, Brahmapur, Bhanjanagar and Paralakhemundi to look after the plantation of the fruit trees. Each of the Horticulturists is assisted by one Assistant Horticulture Officer and a number of other staff. The Deputy Director of Horticulture, Sakshigopal, Puri, has jurisdiction over the districts of Puri and Ganjam. The Director of Horticulture, Orissa, Bhubaneswar is the head of this organisation at the State level.

Soil Conservation

The Soil Conservation Officer posted at Brahmapur is the head of the Soil Conservation organisation in the district. He is controlled by the Director of the Soil Conservation, Orissa, Bhubaneswar. The Soil Conservation Officer is assisted by one Assistant Engineer

(Soil Conservation), one Assistant Soil Conservation Officer, five Senior Soil Conservation Assistants, eleven Junior Soil Conservation Assistants and a number of other staff at the district headquarters under different schemes.

In the subdivisional headquarters of Chhatrapur, Bhanjannagar and Paralakhemundi three Assistant Soil Conservation Officers have been posted who work under the Soil Conservation Officer, Brahmapur. In Chhatrapur, the Assistant Soil Conservation Officer is assisted by two Senior Soil Conservation Assistants, two Junior Engineers, one Junior Soil Conservation Assistant and a number of other staff. The Assistant Soil Conservation Officer, Bhanjanagar is assisted by two Senior Soil Conservation Assistants, six Junior Soil Conservation Assistants, one Field Instructor, one Junior Engineer and a number of staff whereas one Junior Engineer, one Senior Soil Conservation Assistant, six Junior Soil Conservation Assistants, three Instructors, two Field Instructors and a number of other staff assist the Assistant Soil Conservation Officer, Paralakhemundi.

One Executive Engineer (Soil Conservation) has been posted at Brahmapur for the Southern Circle covering the districts of Ganjam, Koraput, Phulabani and Kalahandi.

Some of the activities of the organisation in the district relate to soil conservation programme taken up on watershed basis, plantation, gully control, stream bank erosion control, water harvesting structures, land and pasture development, conservation of cropping, etc.

Co-operative Department

The main functions of the Co-operative Department are to supervise the activities of the co-operative societies, conduct audit and to look for proper working of the societies as per co-operative law and policies of the Government. It also helps to strengthen the economic condition of the weaker section of the community by providing facilities to both members and non-members and artisans for agricultural and selected non-agricultural purposes through Primary Agricultural Credit Societies. Conducting annual general meetings and meetings for election of board members and presidents of the co-operative societies are the statutory functions of this department.

The Registrar is the head of this department. The State has been divided into thirteen Divisions, each being in charge of a Deputy Registrar of Co-operative societies. Ganjam District comes

under the control of the Deputy Registrar of co-operative societies, Brahmapur Division with headquarters at Brahmapur. The jurisdiction of this division has been limited to the district of Ganjam since 1979. The Deputy Registrar is assisted by an Assistant Registrar of co-operative societies. One Regional Marketing Officer supervises the regulated markets. A number of Sub-Assistant Registrars, Inspectors of co-operative societies and Statistical Assistants, etc. are working in the division office. There are four Assistant Registrars who are in charge of the four Co-operative Circles of Brahmapur, Asika, Paralakhemundi and Chhatrapur and their jurisdiction is coterminous with that of the revenue subdivisions of Brahmapur, Ghumusar, Paralakhemundi and Chhatrapur respectively. The district has also been divided into two Audit Circles which are in charge of Audit Officers of the co-operative societies with the headquarters at Brahmapur and Asika. They look after the audit of the co-operative societies.

In each circle, besides the Assistant Registrar, there are Sub-Assistant Registrars of co-operative societies, Inspectors, etc. In addition to this, Co-operative Extension Officers and Additional Co-operative Extension Officers in each Community Development Block are working to look after the co-operative activities in the blocks.

STEEL AND MINES DEPARTMENT

The Steel and Mines Department, so far as the mining side is concerned, looks after the development of mineral resources and geological survey under Union Subjects, and mineral research, development and administration of minor minerals, survey and exploration of mineral resources and administration of Orissa Mining Areas Development Fund, etc., under State Subjects.

Mining Organisation

The Director of Mining and Geology, Orissa, Bhubaneswar, is the head of the Mining Department. It was created in 1955. Originally the office was called the Directorate of Mines. From July 1983 it was re-named as Directorate of Mining and Geology. The department consists of one mineral exploration wing and another mineral administration wing, each headed by a Joint Director of Mines. The function of the Department is exploration of minerals and their exploitation. This apart, the Department also looks after processing of mining concession application, collection of mining revenue and use of minerals for various purposes. The State is divided into six zones to carry out mineral exploration. As a result of decentralisation in 1980, the south zone with its headquarters at Brahmapur consists of Ganjam and Phulabani districts, and Nayagarh subdivision of Puri district

The Deputy Director of Mines is the executive head of the zonal set-up with 5 Geologists, one Technical Assistant, and three Supervisors whose functions include mineral exploration work in various parts of the zone. One Analytical Chemist in charge of the laboratory attached to the headquarters office of South Zone is assisted by two Assistant Chemists, one Laboratory Assistant and two Junior Laboratory Technicians. One District Mining Officer has also been posted at Brahmapur.

The important minerals for investigation in the district comprise heavy mineral concentration in the beach, mica, pegmatites, China clay, quartz, red ochre, lime Kanker, manganese, Tscheffkinitite, ilmenite, graphite, magnetite and ornamental stones.

TOURISM, SPORTS AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT

The Tourism, Sports and Culture Department, so far tourism is concerned, deals with development of tourism and youth hostels under Union Subjects, and also is in charge of projection of tourist image of the State, creation of facilities for tourists at different places of attraction, etc., under State Subjects.

Tourism

So far the district of Ganjam is concerned, two Tourist Officers have been posted, one each at Brahmapur and Rambha. The territorial jurisdiction of Tourist Officer, Brahmapur, is whole district except the Chilika areas in and around Rambha. To help the Tourist Officer, Brahmapur, there are two Assistant Tourist Officers, one Statistical Assistant and other subordinate staff. The two Assistant Tourist Officers are working in the tourist counter at the Railway Station, Brahmapur.

The Tourist Officer, Rambha, has the territorial jurisdiction only in Chilika area i.e., in and around Rambha. To attract tourists to the district the Tourism Department has established tourist cottages and one Pantha Nivas at Taptapani. Another Pantha Nivas has also been established at Rambha. Besides, the Department has taken up many new developmental works and projects like construction of youth hostel and sea beach resorts at Gopalpur-on-sea, creation of wayside amenities at Girisola, establishment of trekking base at Mahendragiri etc.

FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT

The food and Civil Supplies Department looks after control of food stuffs and other essential commodities, procurement and distribution of food grains, priorities in the matter of railways transport, weights and measures and marketing intelligence (all under State Subjects).

The Civil Supplies Officer, Chhatrapur, is responsible for the entire district of Ganjam and is under the administrative control of the Collector of Ganjam. The Civil Supplies Officer is assisted by one Assistant Civil Supplies Officer, two Supervisors of supplies, three inspectors of Supplies, seven Anti-smuggling Guards, three Senior Accounts Supervisors and one Marketing Intelligence Inspector. Besides, one Inspector of supplies and one Anti-smuggling Guard are attached to the Girlsola Anti-smuggling check-gate and one Inspector of Supplies is attached to the Central Warehouse Corporation. Twenty-nine Inspectors of Supplies have been posted at the Block level to allot different essential commodities at different Block levels. There are also four Assistant Civil Supplies Officers posted at Brahmapur, Chhatrapur, Bhanjanagar and Paralakhemundi.

Under the Assistant Civil Supplies Officer, Brahmapur, there are nine Inspectors of Supplies, one Supervisor of Supplies and three Anti-smuggling Guards. The Assistant Civil Supplies Officer, Chhatrapur, is assisted by two Inspectors of Supplies and two Anti-smuggling Guards within the subdivision of Chhatrapur.

Under the Assistant Civil Supplies Officer, Bhanjanagar there are one Supervisor of Supplies, two Inspectors of Supplies, and three Marketing Intelligence Inspectors to ascertain market rate and to enforce different control orders.

The Assistant Civil Supplies Officer, Paralakhemundi, is assisted by one Supervisor of Supplies, four Inspectors of Supplies and three Marketing Intelligence Officers.

To regulate the flow of essential commodities and to counteract artificial scarcity, the Orissa State Civil Supplies Corporation was formed as a Commercial wing of the Food & Civil Supplies Department. The Civil Supplies Officer is acting as the Civil Supplies Officer-*cum*-District Manager in the district headquarters of Chhatrapur. Three Assistant Accountants, five Junior Accountants and one sorter are assisting the District Manager of O. S. C. S. C.

PLANNING AND CO-ORDINATION DEPARTMENT

The Planning & Co-ordination Department, apart from other activities, also looks after all matters relating to the Bureau of Statistics and Economics.

Statistical Organisation

The District Statistical Officer, Ganjam, which started functioning since 1957 has been placed under the administrative and technical control of the Bureau of Statistics and Economics, Orissa,

Bhubaneshwar. The Bureau is functioning under the administrative control of the State Planning & Co-ordination Department. After the creation of the office of the Deputy Director at Range level, the District Statistical Officer, Ganjam is functioning under the direct administrative and technical supervision of the Deputy Director, Southern Range, Brahmapur who also supervises the functions of the District Statistical Officers of Koraput, Kalahandi and Phulabani districts.

The District Statistical Officer is assisted by a number of statistical and ministerial staff in implementing various statistical schemes, sample surveys and *ad hoc* surveys, apart from collection of statistical information relating to the district from different offices and agencies. The Additional District Statistical Officer looks into the execution of the scheme 'EARAS' under which data in crop statistics are collected.

The District Statistical Office, Ganjam is conducting different types of surveys and also publishing "District Statistical Hand Book" of the district every year. "Basic statistics" of the district is brought out since 1982.

INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

Under the State Subject, the Information and Public Relations Department looks after publicity and propaganda including production of informative and educative literature on activities of Government, press notes, advertisements, monthly summary of principal activities of the State Government, fortnightly press reports, Utkal Prasanga and Orissa Review, translation and supply of newspaper extracts to Departments, regulation of the supply of Government publications to the Government Officers and the public except the Indian Law Reporter Service, monthly and annual reports on newspapers and periodicals published in Orissa, management and control of Public Reading Rooms of the Information and Public Relations Department, organisation of exhibitions for the Departments of State Government and organisation and celebration of Republic Day, Independence Day, etc.

District Information and Public Relations Department

The Director of Information and Public Relations is the head of the organisation at the State level with headquarters at Bhubaneshwar.

The Department in the district is responsible to make publicity on policies and programmes of the State Government through

songs and dramas, meetings and group talks, exhibitions, press releases, booklets, pamphlets and posters, community listening schemes, film shows, televisions and reading rooms, etc.

At the district level, there are two Public Relations Officers posted at Chhatrapur (for the subdivisions of Brahmapur, Chhatrapur and Ghumusar) and Paralakhemundi (for Paralakhemundi subdivision only) who work under the direct supervision of the Collector, Ganjam.

The Paralakhemundi Public Relations Office was established in the year 1979. The District Information and Public Relations Officer, Paralakhemundi is assisted by one Subdivisional District Information and Public Relations Officer, one Radio Inspector, one Projectionist and a number of subordinate staff.

The Public Relations Office, Chhatrapur started functioning from 1948 with headquarters at Brahmapur. Subsequently, the headquarters has been transferred to Chhatrapur. The District Information & Public Relations Officer of Chhatrapur works with two Subdivisional Information & Public Relations Officers, one Zonal Organiser of Radio Rural Forum Work, one Radio Supervisor, one Radio Inspector, etc. One Subdivisional District Information & Public Relations Officer, one Radio Inspector and one Operator are functioning in each of the subdivisions of Brahmapur and Chhatrapur.

LAW DEPARTMENT

The Law Department of the Government of Orissa is in charge of the Hindu Religious Endowments and Acts relating thereto under State subjects.

Endowment

The Commissioner of Endowments with headquarters at Bhubaneswar is the controlling Officer of this organisation. Due to increase in work-load the entire endowment administration of the State has been decentralised by dividing into four zones. Accordingly Brahmapur zone having its territorial jurisdiction over Ganjam, Koraput, Kalahandi and Phulabani district was established in July 1978 and one Additional Assistant Commissioner of Endowments, Orissa has been posted to this zone with headquarters at Brahmapur.

The entire Ganjam district has been divided into seven inspecting circles, i.e., Brahmapur Circle with headquarters at Brahmapur, Digapahandi circle with headquarters also at

Brahmapur, Kodala circle with headquarters at Kodala, Paralakhemundi circle with headquarters at Paralakhemundi, Chhatrapur circle with headquarters at Chhatrapur, Bhanjanagar circle with headquarters at Bhanjanagar and Asika circle with headquarters at Asika. In each circle, one Inspector of Endowments has been posted and these Inspectors are required to assist the Additional Commissioner of Endowments in the proper administration of religious institutions of their respective circles. For technical supervision of the work of those Inspectors, one Divisional Inspector of Endowments has also been posted at Brahmapur who also assists the Additional Assistant Commissioner of Endowments. At present, 1691 religious institutions of the district are managed by this department.

Wakfs

For Muslim endowments, the Government constitutes the Board of Wakfs consisting of eleven members for a term of five years. There is no regional office of this organisation in the State. All the Wakfs are supervised and controlled by the Board with headquarters at Cuttack. There are 57 Wakf institutions in Ganjam district viz., Mosque 16, Idgah 4, Graveyard 18, Madrassa and Maktab 2, Dargah 13, Musafir Khana or Sarai 3 Asur Khana 1