

CHAPTER XIII

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

The office of the Chief Engineer (Roads and Buildings), Orissa, is located at Bhubaneshwar. There is an Additional Chief Engineer (Roads and Buildings) to assist him. The State has been divided into seven (Roads and Buildings) Circles, each being in charge of a Superintending Engineer.

**PUBLIC
WORKS
DEPARTMENT**

**Roads and
Buildings**

Generally this wing of the Works Department executes all works relating to the construction and maintenance of buildings, roads and bridges required by all the departments of the Government. Many Departments of the Government like the Education Department, the Police Department, the Labour Department etc. and some Corporations have engineers deputed from the Works Department to look to the maintenance and repairs of their buildings. They also undertake minor construction work of the Departments.

Kalahandi district comes under the Southern Circle (Roads and Buildings), Berhampur. Under this circle, the Kalahandi Division with headquarters at Bhawanipatna is working for the district. This Division is in charge of an Executive Engineer. It is further divided into four subdivisions, viz., (1) Kalahandi East Subdivision, (2) Kalahandi West Subdivision, (3) Junagarh Subdivision, and (4) Building Subdivision. Each subdivision is under the charge of an Assistant Engineer. These four subdivisions have 13 sections which are located at different parts of the district. These sections are placed under the Sectional Officers in the rank of Sub-Assistant Engineers.

This organisation is responsible for the execution of water-supply, drainage and sewerage schemes to the rural and urban areas. It also executes water-supply and sanitary installations to all Government buildings of the district.

**Public Health
(Engineering)**

The Chief Engineer, Public Health, Orissa, Bhubaneshwar, is the administrative head of the Public Health Engineering Organisation. He accords technical sanction. There are three Public Health Circles in the State, each being in charge of a Superintending Engineer.

The district of Kalahandi is under the control of an Executive Engineer, Public Health Division, stationed at Balangir which is under the jurisdiction of the Sambalpur Public Health Circle. At present there are two Public Health Divisions functioning in the district, viz., Bhawanipatna Public Health Division and Nawapara Public Health Division,

each being in charge of a Subdivisional Officer in the rank of an Assistant Engineer. Besides, two Civil Subdivisions, viz., Civil Subdivision, Bhawanipatna and Dharamgarh ; and Civil Subdivision, Nawapara and Titlagarh (Balangir) are also looking after public health engineering works for the district of Kalahandi.

Irrigation Department

The Irrigation Department is responsible for the execution of all major and medium irrigation projects including drainage, canals and flood control works in Orissa.

There is one Chief Engineer at State headquarters at the head of the Department. The State is divided into six Irrigation Circles, each under the control of a Superintending Engineer. The whole of Kalahandi district comes under the jurisdiction of Western Irrigation Circle, Bhawanipatna. Under this circle, there are two Irrigation Divisions with headquarters at Bhawanipatna and Nawapara, each in charge of an Executive Engineer. The Bhawanipatna Irrigation Division is functioning for survey and investigation and execution of Irrigation Projects in the district of Kalahandi. Besides, the jurisdiction of this Division and the Subdivisions under it is for entire Kalahandi district and the Nowrangpur Subdivision of Koraput district relating to survey and investigation of Upper Indravati Hydro-Electric Project (Major) and the execution of the Utei Medium Irrigation Project. The Nawapara Irrigation Division is in charge of the construction work of three Medium Irrigation Projects, namely, Sundar, Saipala and Dumerhal located in the intense drought-affected areas of the district.

The Kalahandi Irrigation Division, Bhawanipatna, comprises five Irrigation Subdivisions, viz., (1) Kalahandi Irrigation Subdivision, (2) Kalahandi Hydro-Power Irrigation Subdivision, (3) Indra Irrigation Subdivision, (4) Rishida Irrigation Subdivision, and (5) Utei Irrigation Subdivision. The headquarters for these subdivisions are located at Bhawanipatna, Nowrangpur (Koraput), Khariar, Rishida and Madanpur-Rampur. And the Nawapara Irrigation Division has four subdivisions, viz., Sundar Dam Subdivision, Komna Irrigation Subdivision, Saipala Dam Subdivision and Saipala Irrigation Subdivision. Of these subdivisions, two are located at Komna and the rest at Nawapara. The subdivisions are kept under the control of Assistant Engineers.

Lift Irriga- tion

The functions of Lift Irrigation Department are to survey and investigate the sources of water for providing lift irrigation facilities to the cultivators in the non-irrigated areas of the State. Besides ground water, the other main sources of lift irrigation in the district are rivers.

The office of the Director, Lift Irrigation, Orissa, is located at Bhubaneswar. The Director is the head of the office. Kalahandi district is under the control of Lift Irrigation Division, Balangir, and

Lift Irrigation (Mechanical) Hiring Division, Sambalpur, each being in charge of an Executive Engineer. The whole district is functioning under the Hydrological Subdivision stationed at Rayagada (Koraput) in respect of ground water survey and investigation scheme for the construction of dug wells.

At present, there are two subdivisions in the district viz., Lift Irrigation Subdivision and Lift Irrigation (Hiring) Subdivision with headquarters at Bhawanipatna. These Subdivisions are working in respect of the construction of Lift Irrigation Projects and hiring out of pumps to the cultivators who require them for irrigation purpose. The Lift Irrigation Subdivision has two sections located at Bhawanipatna and Kesinga. Each Subdivision is in charge of a Subdivisional Officer and each Section under the charge of a Sectional Officer.

The functions of the Department are to generate, transmit and to distribute electrical energy to industrial and domestic consumers on payment.

Electricity
Department

The Electrical Division at Kalahandi is in charge of an Executive Engineer with headquarters at Bhawanipatna. This Division constitutes four subdivisions namely Electrical Subdivision, Bhawanipatna, Construction Subdivisions, Junagarh No. I, and No. II and Electrical Subdivision, Kesinga No. III, each being in charge of a Subdivisional Officer in the rank of an Assistant Engineer. Each Subdivision consists of several sections.

The Chief Engineer, Roads and Buildings, is in charge of the work of electrification of all Government buildings and looks after their maintenance. There is a separate Electrical Circle with headquarters at Bhubaneswar for this purpose having jurisdiction all over the State. For Kalahandi district there are two Sections, one Electrical and the other Mechanical, located at Bhawanipatna. The Electrical (Roads and Buildings) Section is in charge of an Electrical Sectional Officer who functions under the control of the Executive Engineer, General Electrical Division No. II, Cuttack. The Mechanical (Roads and Buildings) Section is placed under the charge of a Sub-Assistant Engineer.

This Department is responsible for the improvement of the National Highways in the State.

National
Highways

The Chief Engineer, National Highways and Projects, Orissa, with headquarters at Bhubaneswar is the controlling officer of the Department. To assist him, the State is split up into five National Highways Circles, each being in charge of a Superintending Engineer. The Circles are divided into Divisions, each under the charge of an Executive Engineer.

The Executive Engineer, Project Division, Bhawanipatna, functions under the Superintending Engineer, National Highways Circle-III, Sunabeda (Koraput). To assist the Executive Engineer, there are four Assistant Engineers and a number of subordinate staff at the district headquarters. The project division is further subdivided into four subdivisions located at Dharamgarh No. I, Dharamgarh No. II, Moter and Sinapali, each is in charge of a Subdivisional Officer in the rank of an Assistant Engineer. These subdivisions have sixteen sections which are located at different parts of the district. The Sections are kept under the control of Sectional Officers or Sub-Assistant Engineers.

Veterinary Department

The function of this Department is to look after the improvement of livestock including poultry and treatment and control of diseases among domesticated animals.

At the apex of the organisation is the Directorate located at Cuttack with the Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services as its head. For the whole State there are three Ranges, such as, Central, Northern and Southern, under the control of Deputy Directors. The Deputy Director, Southern Range, Berhampur, is the immediate superior of the District Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Officer, Kalahandi.

The District Veterinary Office came into being on the 11th December, 1952. The District Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Officer, Kalahandi, is responsible for the general supervision of the veterinary hospitals, dispensaries, Stockman Centres, Poultry Unit and dairy farm. He is to advise, direct, and inspect the technical aspects of the operation of animal husbandry programmes in the Community Development Block area. He has under him two Deputy District Veterinary Officers and a number of subordinate staff to assist him. At present there are 21 Veterinary hospitals and dispensaries in the district in charge of Veterinary Assistant Surgeons. Besides, the district has 3 Mobile Veterinary Dispensaries, 69 Livestock Aid Centres, 1 All India Poultry Development Centre, 1 Dairy Farm, and 2 Applied Nutrition Programme Poultry Units located at different places of the district. The Mobile Veterinary Dispensaries are in charge of Junior Veterinary Officers while the Livestock Aid Centres are looked after by Livestock Inspectors. There is one Deputy District Veterinary Officer in charge of the All India Poultry Development Centre. The Dairy Farm is managed by a Manager.

Forest Department

The general function of the Forest Department is to protect, manage, conserve and improve the forests and to collect timber, bamboo and other minor forest produce for sale. It satisfies the rights of cess paying tenants particularly as regards timber and grazing. It maintains the forest vegetation on all the hills in the catchment areas of the streams in order to check run off and to prevent denudation and consequent soil

erosion with a view to conserve the water-supply and preserve the fertility of the agricultural lands. This is a quasi-commercial organisation. It gets a good revenue from forest products.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Orissa, Cuttack, is directly responsible for the control and management of forests and is also the administrative head of the Department. He exercises overall administrative control and supervision on the work of the staff belonging to the Forest Department. For administrative purpose, the whole State has been divided into eight Forest Circles. Kalahandi district comes under the jurisdiction of Koraput Circle. At present there are two Forest Divisions in the district, namely, Bhawanipatna and Khariar with headquarters at Bhawanipatna and Khariar respectively. The executive staff of the Kalahandi Forest Division consists of 1 Assistant Conservator of Forests, 9 Forest Rangers, 1 Deputy Ranger, 41 Foresters, 248 Forest Guards, 3 Dak Runners, 3 Chowkidars and 1 Driver.

The Division has seven Ranges, comprising a total reserve forest area of 1,577.03 square kilometres. Besides, there are 577.17 square kilometres of Demarcated Protected Forests and 920.23 square kilometres of Undemarcated Protected Forests. The headquarters of the Ranges are at Kshipur, Lanjigarh, Madanpur-Rampur, Kesinga, Bhawanipatna, Borda and Junagarh. There are 33 Sections and 232 Beats in this Division.

The Khariar Forest Division covers Nawapara Subdivision (Civil) of Kalahandi district and Padampur Subdivision (Civil) of Sambalpur district.

The Nawapara Subdivision has four forest Ranges comprising a total forest area of 1,864.90 square kilometres. Besides, there are 1724.42 square kilometres of Demarcated Protected Forests and 140.48 square kilometres of Undemarcated Protected Forests in the Subdivision. The headquarters of the Ranges are located at Khariar, Komna, Sinapali and Nawapara. There are 19 Sections having 77 Beats.

Moreover there is a Kendu Leaf Organisation under the control of an Additional Chief Conservator of Forests with headquarters at Cuttack. Under him there are three Kendu Leaf Circles in the State with headquarters located at Cuttack, Sambalpur and Balangir. Each Circle is in charge of a Conservator of Forests. The Kalahandi district comes under the Conservator of Forests, Kendu Leaf Circle, Balangir. This Circle has seven Kendu Leaf Divisions of which three are working in the district of Kalahandi. Of these three Kendu Leaf Divisions, two are located at Bhawanipatna and the other at Khariar.

Industries
Department

The District Industries Office for Kalahandi started functioning at Bhawanipatna in April, 1960. At the district level, the Department is headed by the District Industries Officer. The function of the Industries Department is to pursue and expedite industrial promotional activities in the district and encourage more entrepreneurs to establish new industries in large, medium and small-scale sectors. Besides this, unemployed educated youths are encouraged to establish small-scale industries under self-employment programme.

Prior to 1973, the District Industries Officer, Kalahandi, was looking after all the industrial activities of the entire district, but after the establishment of a Rural Industries Project in the district since 1973, the duty of the District Industries Office was limited and confined to only the urban areas with a population of 15,000 or above. Thus the District Industries Officer is now looking after the industrial activities of Bhawanipatna town and some other industrial schemes and the rest of the district is being looked after by the Rural Industries Project Officer, Kalahandi.

Besides there is another viz., the Sub-Assistant Registrar (Industries), Kalahandi, under the village industries, who is looking after the village industries and individual artisans in the district under the direct supervision of the Special Officer, Village Industries. This office came into being in March, 1970 with headquarters at Bhawanipatna.

The District Industries Officer, Kalahandi, is under the administrative control and supervision of the Director of Industries, Orissa State, Cuttack. The Director is the executive head of the Industries Department at the State level. There are several schemes under the District Industries Officer, viz., (a) Direction and Administration, (b) Handicrafts Industries (B. L. E. O.), (c) Small Scale Industries (P. I. O.), and (d) Industrial Estate at Kesinga. For all these schemes there are 2 Industrial Supervisors, 6 Block Level Extension Officers (Industries), 5 Panchayat Industries Officers, 1 Assistant Manager and a number of subordinate staff posted at different places in the district.

The Rural Industries Project Officer, Kalahandi, with headquarters at Bhawanipatna is assisted by one Planning-cum-Survey Officer, four Technical Officers, six Economic Investigators and a number of subordinate staff.

The Sub-Assistant Registrar (Industries), Kalahandi, has 9 Block Level Extension Officers (Industries) and 8 persons on the ministerial staff to assist him in his work.

Co-operative
Department

The Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Orissa, is the administrative head of this organisation at the State level. He has his headquarters at Bhubaneshwar. Under him, there is one Additional Registrar,

3 Joint Registrars of Co-operative Societies, 7 Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies, 4 Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies and other officers. The State has been split up into 7 Co-operative Divisions, each under the charge of a Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies. Kalahandi district is functioning under the control of a Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Kalahandi Co-operative Division, with headquarters at Bhawanipatna. This Division has two Co-operative Circles for the district with headquarters at Bhawanipatna and Khariar Road, each being in charge of an Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

The Assistant Registrar is responsible for the organisation, inspection, and supervision of various co-operative societies, viz., Agricultural Credit, Non-Agricultural Credit, Land Development Banks, Regional Marketing Co-operative Societies, Consumer and other multi-purpose stores etc. At Panchayat Samiti level there are Co-operative Extension Officers attached to the Block Development Officers. They look after the management of the primary co-operative societies within their jurisdiction.

In Bhawanipatna Co-operative Circle, the total number of executive staff is 34, of which 5 are Sub-Assistant Registrars, 8 Senior Inspectors, 9 Junior Inspectors, 10 Co-operative Extension Officers and 2 Additional Co-operative Extension Officers to assist the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

The Assistant Registrar, Khariar Road Circle, is assisted by 5 Sub-Assistant Registrars, 5 Senior Inspectors, 5 Junior Inspectors and 8 Co-operative Extension Officers.

The Director of Agriculture and Food Production, Orissa, Bhubaneswar, is the head of this organisation. He exercises overall administrative control and supervises the work of different agricultural stations, farms and offices. For administrative convenience, the State has been divided into six Ranges each having a Deputy Director of Agriculture.

Agriculture
Department

The District Agriculture Officer ensures the supply of inputs like seeds, fertilisers, and pesticides to the cultivators through Community Development Blocks. He assists the cultivators to raise their socio-economic status by adopting improved agricultural practices, scientific cropping pattern, balanced fertiliser consumption, proper plant protection measures of different crops and soil water management. Besides supplying of pest resistant quality seeds, different kinds of loans such as crop loan, loan for erection of irrigation sources, land development, purchase of farm machineries etc. are also given to them. Demonstrations and training are imparted to the cultivators to teach them the improved methods of cultivation and the operation of improved agricultural implements.

To execute different agricultural schemes, the district of Kalahandi has been divided into two Agricultural Districts, namely, Bhawanipatna and Khariar.

The District Agricultural Officers of Bhawanipatna and Khariar are under the administrative control of the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Koraput Range, with headquarters at Jeypore. To assist the District Agricultural Officer, Bhawanipatna, there are 1 Assistant District Agricultural Officer, 1 Senior Research Assistant, 4 Agricultural Supervisors, 6 Agricultural Overseers, 26 Fieldman Demonstrators, 1 Assistant Bio-Chemist, 1 Compost Inspector, 1 Compost Mistry, 1 Farm Manager, 1 Assistant Plant Protection Officer, 1 Plant Protection Mechanic, 4 Agricultural Sub-Overseers, 1 Statistical Assistant, 1 Graftor, 3 Malis and a number of subordinate staff.

In Sadar, Narla, Madanpur-Rampur, Lanjigarh, Junagarh, Kalampur, Thuamul-Rampur, Koksara, Jayapatna and Dharamgarh Intensive Agricultural Programme Scheme is in operation. The total number of staff for the scheme consists of 10 Agricultural Extension Officers, 24 Village Level Workers, 12 Fieldman Demonstrators, 10 Senior Clerks and 10 Watchers.

At present there are two Sugarcane Development Centres located at Dharamgarh and Medinipur. The number of staff for these Centres are 10 Fieldman Demonstrators, 2 Agricultural Overseers, 1 Crusher Driver, 1 Crusher Helper and 2 Watchers.

The District Agricultural Officer, Khariar, is assisted by one Assistant District Agricultural Officer, two Agricultural Supervisors, eight Agricultural Overseers, three Agricultural Sub-Overseers, twenty-six Fieldman Demonstrators, eight Agricultural Extension Officers, one Assistant Plant Protection Officer, one Plant Protection Assistant, one Plant Protection Mechanic, one Assistant Bio-Chemist, one Compost Inspector, three Compost Mistries, one Fertilizer Sample Collector, one Statistical Assistant, twenty Village Level Workers, one Graftor, one Mali and four permanent labourers.

There are two small size departmental seed farms under this Agricultural District, located at Khariar and Nawapara.

Rural
Development
Department

Rural
Engineering
Organisation

The Rural Development Department is the controlling department of the Rural Engineering Organisation. The Rural Engineering Organisation is undertaking the construction and maintenance of rural roads, buildings, and minor irrigation projects. It also executes other construction works of different departments.

There is one Chief Engineer at the State headquarters at the head of the organisation. The whole State is divided into three Circles, namely, Northern Circle, Sambalpur; Central Circle, Bhubaneswar; and Southern Circle, Berhampur; each under the control of a Superintending Engineer. Kalahandi district falls under the jurisdiction of the Superintending Engineer, Southern Range, Berhampur.

The headquarters of the Kalahandi Rural Engineering Organisation Division, controlled by an Executive Engineer, is located at Bhawanipatna. The Division has been divided into seven subdivisions, viz., (1) Rural Engineering Subdivision, Thuamul-Rampur; (2) Rural Engineering Subdivision, Bhawanipatna; (3) Rural Engineering Subdivision, Madanpur-Rampur; (4) Investigation and Maintenance Subdivision, Bhawanipatna; (5) Rural Roads subdivision, Khariar; (6) Rural Engineering Subdivision, Nawapara; and (7) Rural Engineering Subdivision, Dharamgarh. Besides, there is a Work-Charged Subdivision at Tangankona with headquarters at Bhawanipatna. Each subdivision is in charge of a Sub-divisional Officer in the rank of an Assistant Engineer. A subdivision consists of several Sections which are put under the charge of Sectional Officers in the rank of Sub-Assistant Engineers.

The Medical Department is responsible for the prevention and eradication of T. B., venereal diseases, small-pox, leprosy, malaria, cholera, dysentery, diphtheria, enteric fever, haemorrhagic fever, encephalitis, infective hepatitis, guinea worm, influenza, whooping cough, tetanus etc. which have been recorded as the principal diseases prevailing in the district. Besides supplying of medicine, equipments and diet to the medical institutions of the district, operation of major and minor cases are also being conducted. Conduction of vasectomy and tubectomy cases and issue of various contraceptive devices are the functions of the Family Planning Bureau of the Medical Department. At the State level the Director of Family Planning, Orissa, stationed at Bhubaneswar is the administrative head of the Family Planning Department.

Medical
Department

The Chief District Medical Officer, with headquarters at Bhawanipatna, is assisted by two Assistant District Medical Officers (one Medical and one Family Planning), thirty-three Medical Officers and a number of subordinate staff posted at different hospitals and dispensaries in the district. The Chief District Medical Officer is in overall charge of the Department and is the Superintendent of all hospitals, dispensaries and primary health centres in the district. At present, there are 6 Government hospitals, 1 Police hospital, 1 Tribal and Rural Welfare hospital, 2 Sub-divisional hospitals, 5 Government dispensaries, 1 Tribal and Rural Welfare dispensary, 2 Medical aid centres, 1 Mobile health unit, and 15 Primary health centres, each in charge of a Medical Officer.

**Education
Department**

The Education Department is responsible for the inspection and supervision of the educational institutions and their management in the district. Apart from its usual function, the Department also takes keen interest in spreading education among the people of the backward areas of the district.

The Director of Public Instruction, Orissa, is the administrative head of the Education Department at the State level. He is headquartered at Bhubaneshwar.

The whole Revenue District of Kalahandi is divided into three Educational Districts, viz., Bhawanipatna, Dharamgarh and Nawapara, each under the charge of a District Inspector of Schools. The Inspector of Schools, Kalahandi Circle, Bhawanipatna is the controlling authority of the District Inspector of Schools. Under the District Inspectors, there are 30 Sub-Inspectors of Schools who are in charge of proper supervision and inspection of Primary schools and Sevashrams. Each Sub-Inspector is in charge of a Circle which consists of about 50 to 60 schools. The Middle English schools, Elementary Training schools and Sanskrit Tols are under the direct control of the District Inspector of Schools. The Inspector of Schools, Kalahandi Circle, is the controlling officer of the High schools and Secondary Training schools of the district. Besides, the Chief Organiser of Adult Education with headquarters at Bhawanipatna looks after adult literacy in the district.

**Mining
Department**

The Mining Department undertakes the investigation of minerals in the mineral bearing areas of the State.

The Director of Mines is the administrative head of the Mining Department whose office is situated at the State headquarters. The Mining Officer stationed at Balangir is in charge of the Kalahandi district and looks after all aspects related to mining such as collection of mining revenue, production and despatch, proper mining of mines and processing of mineral applications. Besides, the Deputy Director of Mines stationed at Berhampur undertakes prospecting of mineral occurrences in the district of Kalahandi with the help of geologists.