

## CHAPTER XIII

### OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

There has been a phenomenal change in the administrative set-up of the Government, both at the Central and State level after Independence. The idea of Welfare State, implementation of the Five Year Plans and extension of State activities in various spheres including industries have resulted in the creation of many new departments, Boards and Corporations. Increase in Legislative Acts have also called for creation of many new departments for their implementation. These developments are reflected at the divisional and district levels too. The functions and the administrative set-up of many of these limbs of the Government, State and Central, that have not been discussed in previous chapters are introduced in this chapter. Belgaum being the headquarters of a revenue division, many division-level offices are also housed here.

#### **Agriculture**

To motivate the agricultural technology, the Department of Agriculture, was functioning in the Belgaum district even before 1956. The district unit was headed by District Agricultural Officer, directly responsible to the State Director. After Reorganisation it has been continued in the district with the Assistant Director as the head, and the Deputy Director from 1965. The Divisional Officer of Agriculture comprising of Belgaum and Bijapur districts with Joint Director of Agriculture as its head with Belgaum as its headquarters has been established in 1974. Consequent on implementation of Agricultural Extension Project in 1979-80, the Principal Agricultural Officers heads the district and the district which has been divided into four clusters with headquarters at Khanapur, Gokak, Chikodi and Ramdurg are

headed by Assistant Directors. The district office of the Soil Conservation, with the Deputy Director of Agriculture as the District Officer, has been established in 1972 at Belgaum and four Sub-Division offices have been opened at Belgaum, Ramdurg, Chikodi and Athani and one more in 1980, at Khanapur to take up Western Ghat works. Under the administrative control of the Joint Director of Agriculture, the officials working at the end of October 1985 were, one Deputy Director of Agriculture (HQA), one Agricultural Officer, five Assistant Agricultural Officers, one Administrative Officer and other staff. The officials assisting the Principal Agricultural Officer, Belgaum, are five Assistant Directors of Agriculture, of which one serves as Headquarters Assistant and other administrative staff in the district level, ten Assistant Directors of Agriculture, three Agricultural Officers (subject specialists) in the taluk level, 400 Agricultural Assistants at the Village level and 60 Assistant Agricultural Officers.

#### **Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services**

For implementation and supervision of all the Animal Husbandry activities, the District Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, with the Assistant Director as its head, was established in 1956 at Belgaum. In 1967, the Divisional Office of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, comprising of four districts of Belgaum Revenue Division under the Deputy Director as its head and Belgaum as its Divisional Headquarters, has been established in 1967, and in 1984 the post is upgraded as Joint Director.

Under the administrative control of the Joint Director at the end of March 1986 were Regional Deputy Director, one Assistant Director, one Veterinary Inspector, one Assistant Veterinary Inspector, besides four Deputy Directors for each district. The officials assisting the Deputy Director at the district level were 17 Assistant Directors, 26 Veterinary Assistant Suregons, seven Supervisors, 39 Veterinary and Stock Inspectors Gr I, 79 Veterinary and Stock Inspectors Gr II, 55 Compounders, etc.

#### **Backward Class and Minorities**

For implementation of several programmes like DPAP, SFDA, MFAL, Rural Industries Project, Malnad Development, etc, and to ensure that the people of backward classes and minorities derive their share of benefits, the Department of Backward Classes and

Minorities with District Officer as its head, was established in 1977 at Belgaum. It runs 56 Government institutions viz, Boys and Girls hostels, Ashram Schools, Womens' Welfare Centres, Tailoring Training Centres, etc, in the district.

#### **City Improvement Board**

The City Improvement Board, for the purpose of acquiring land and distributing sites and plots for residents and industries with the Secretary as its administrative head, was established in 1976 at Belgaum. The Board is under the administrative control of the Chairman. The officials assisting the Secretary at the end of November 1984 are, one Assistant Executive Engineer, one Assistant Engineer, one Junior Engineer and other staff.

#### **Command Area Development Authority**

The Command Area Development Authority for Malaprabha and Ghataprabha Projects, comprising of 19 taluks of Belgaum, Bijapur and Dharwad districts, with the Administrator of the grade of the Secretary to the Government as its head, was established in 1979 at Belgaum. Subsequently it has been converted into a statutory body under the provisions of the Karnataka Command Area Development Act 1980. The officials assisting the Administrator at the end of March 1986 were, one Deputy Administrator, one Land Development Officer of the grade of the Superintending Engineer, one Land Development Officer of the grade of Joint Director of Agriculture, one Land Development Officer of the grade of Joint Director of Co-operative Societies, one Chief Accounts Officer of the grade of the Deputy Controller of State Accounts Department, one Senior Geologist and other staff. The project units of the district at Gokak, Kudachi, Ramdurg and Saundatti are headed by a Group A officer.

#### **Commercial Taxes**

Prior to Reorganisation of States, Belgaum District was under the administrative control of the Assistant Collector of Sales Tax, Southern Zone, Pune. After Reorganisation, the Sales Tax Office, comprising of Belgaum Bijapur, Dharwad and Uttara Kannada, headed by the Assistant Collector with headquarters at Belgaum was established on 1st November 1956. For the purpose of effective administrative control, the division has been bifurcated into two divisions and the division office comprising of Belgaum and Bijapur

districts, headed by the Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, with headquarters at Belgaum was started in 1964. (For Acts enforced by the Department, see p 587 under Sales Tax). Two Assistant Commissioners of Commercial Taxes, Assessments and Appeals respectively are assisting the Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Taxes in the district. For the administrative convenience the district has been divided into circles and sub-circles headed by the Commercial Tax Officer and Additional Commercial Tax Officers to Circles and Assistant Commercial Tax Officers and Additional Assistant Commercial Tax Officers to sub-circles. The officials assisting the Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Taxes in the district at the end of March 1985 were, two Assistant Commissioners, ten Commercial Tax Officers, two Additional Commercial Tax Officers, eight Assistant Commercial Tax Officers, three Additional Assistant Commercial Tax Officers, besides the office staff. *The Commercial Taxes (Enforcement)* of North Zone, comprising of eight districts of Revenue Divisions of Belgaum and Gulbarga headed by the Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Enf) with headquarters at Belgaum was established on 9th Oct, 1970. For administrative convenience this Zonal Office has been divided into two zones and Belgaum Zone comprising of Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwad and Uttara Kannada districts, headed by the Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Int) with headquarters at Belgaum was opened in 1977.

#### **Co-operative Audit**

The Divisional Office of the Co-operative Audit, headed by the Deputy Chief Auditor of Co-operative Societies, with Belgaum as its Divisional Headquarters has been established on 1st November 1977. Subsequently the designation of the head of office has been changed as the Deputy Director of Co-operative Audit, and of the District Officer as Assistant Director of Co-operative Audit, and again was changed as Joint Director of Co-operative Audit and Deputy Director of Co-operative Audit respectively in 1985. The officials assisting the Deputy Director (the district office), Belgaum, are three Assistant Directors of Co-operative Audit, one each in the sub-divisions, 19 Senior Auditors and 51 Auditors in the Taluks.

#### **Co-operative Department**

The Department of Co-operative Societies, with Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies as its head was established prior to 1918 at Belgaum. At the time of Reorganisation in 1956, one

divisional office of the Co-operative Societies with Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies as its head, and one district office of the Co-operative Societies with the Assistant Registrar as its head, were functioning. Consequent on upgrading the posts of divisional and district officers in 1986, the Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies and the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, became the Divisional and District Officers respectively. The officials assisting the Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies, at the end of March 1986 are, one Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, one Special Officer, ICP (District Auditor of Co-operative Societies), five Senior Inspectors, three Inspectors, etc. Under the administrative control of the Deputy Registrar the officials working at the end of December 1984 are one Superintendent, one District Supervisory Officer, three Senior Inspectors, three Inspectors and other staff, besides three Assistant Registrars of Belgaum, Bailhongal and Chikodi and their staff.

#### **District Rural Development Society**

The District Rural Development Society, with the Special Deputy Commissioner as Chairman and the Additional Project Director as District Officer, has been established on 1st April 1979 at Belgaum. The officials assisting the Additional Project Director at the end of December 1984 are, one Project Evaluation Officer, One Credit Planning Officer, one office Manager and other staff.

#### **Drugs Control**

In pursuance of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules thereunder, and allied Acts such as Poisons Act, 1919, Dangerous Drugs Act 1930, Essential Commodities Act, 1955, Drugs (Price Control) Order 1979, etc, the Office of the Senior Drugs Inspector was established in 1954 at Belgaum. After Reorganisation (1956) the office continued to operate under Senior Drugs Inspector for the districts of Belgaum, Dharwad, Bijapur, Raichur, Gulbarga, Bidar and Uttara Kannada districts. In 1957 it was reorganised and the officer was redesignated as the Drugs Inspector, Belgaum Division, having jurisdiction over Belgaum, Dharwad and Uttara Kannada districts. In 1965, two more Drugs Inspectors were appointed having jurisdiction over all the three districts with Belgaum as the headquarters. In 1977, one post of the Drugs Inspector was upgraded as Assistant Drugs Controller and remaining two Divisional Drugs Inspectors were continued to work under him. In 1980 offices of the District Drugs Inspectors

were opened at Hubli, Belgaum and Karwar and Inspectors of Drugs were posted to District Offices. The officials assisting Asst. Drugs Controller at the end of March 1986 are, three Drugs Inspectors and other staff.

### **Education Department**

A Deputy Inspector to be in charge of the district was appointed in 1855 under the control of the Inspector of Deccan Division in Bombay Presidency. The district officer's post was upgraded as Inspector in 1952. The nomenclature of the Education Inspector has been re-designated as the Deputy Director of Public Instruction on 1st July 1970. The Divisional Office comprising of the revenue division with the Joint Director of Public Instruction as its head, has been shifted from Dharwad to Belgaum on 20th April 1974. To make the illiterates in the age-group of 15 to 35 literates, the Adult Education Department with the District Adult Education Officer as its head has been established in 1980 at Belgaum. The officials assisting the Joint Director of Public Instruction, at the end of August 1986 were one Divisional Superintendent for Physical Education, one Educational Officer, one Assistant Director of Public Instruction (Commerce Education), four Subject Inspectors for Marathi, one Subject Inspector for Hindi and Arabic, one Subject Inspector for Sanskrit, one Senior Inspector of Drawing, one Divisional Superintendent for Music, Dance and Drama, Inspector for Craft, one Gazetted Assistant, one Office Superintendent (Accounts), one Office Superintendent (Establishment), one Assistant Statistical Officer and other staff. Under the administrative control of the Deputy Director of Public Instruction, Belgaum, the officials working at the end of October 1986 are, four Educational Officers, five Subject Inspectors and other staff. At the taluk level, there will be an AEO and Inspectors of schools under this office.

### **Electricity Board**

The Karnataka Electricity Board was established on 31st October, 1957 at Belgaum. Karnataka Electricity Board, Belgaum Circle, comprising of Belgaum and Bijapur districts, headed by the Superintending Engineer, with Belgaum as its headquarters, has been established in 1978. Four Divisional Offices at Belgaum, Bailhongal, Ghataprabha and Chikodi, headed by the Executive Engineers, are in charge of transmission and distribution of electricity in the district.

**Employment Exchange**

The District Employment Exchange was established in 1956 at Belgaum, to register the unemployed youth and to collect employment market information from the public and private sector. It provides vocational and registration guidance, also by arranging group discussions, career talks and conferences. The District Employment Exchange Officer who is the district officer, is assisted by the following officials as at the end of 1984. One Employment Officer (Vocational Guidance), Two Assistant Employment Officers, one Employment Information Assistant and other staff.

**Endowment (Charity Commissioner)**

For the effective control and supervision over the public trusts, the divisional office of the Charity Commissioner, having jurisdiction over Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwad and Uttara Kannada districts, headed by the Assistant Charity Commissioner, with headquarters at Belgaum, was established in 1951. After States' Reorganisation, the Assistant Charity Commissioner, has been continued to assist the Charity Commissioner, stationed at Bangalore. The Divisional office headed by the Charity Commissioner has been established in 1970. Both the Charity Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner are having Divisional jurisdiction.

**Excise Department**

The Department of Excise, to enforce the State Excise Acts in respect of intoxicants with the Deputy Commissioner of the District himself as its controlling officer, was established on 25th October, 1967 at Belgaum. Subsequently a Superintendent of Excise was appointed to head the district office. The Divisional Office of the Excise (Enforcement and Inspection Wing) comprising of Belgaum, Bellary, Bidar, Bijapur, Dharwad, Gulbarga, Raichur and Uttara Kannada districts, headed by the Deputy Commissioner of Excise, with Belgaum as its headquarters was established on 4th March 1976. Subsequently its jurisdiction has been reduced to four districts, viz, Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwad and Uttara Kannada and further reduced to three districts viz, Belgaum, Bijapur and Dharwad. The officials assisting the Deputy Commissioner of Excise (Divisional office) at the end of March 1986 are, two Deputy Superintendents of Excise, 13 Excise Inspectors, 17 Sub-Inspectors of Excise and other staff. The officials assisting the Superintendent of Excise, Belgaum District are

six Inspectors of Excise one each at Belgaum City and the other subordinate range offices of Belgaum, Chikodi, Gokak, Parasgad and Raybag, 22 Sub-Inspectors of Excise of which two were in City range, three in Belgaum range, five in Chikodi range, four each in Gokak, Parasgad and Raybag ranges. In addition, there are two more Superintendents of Excise to look after the excise duty in the Hiranyakeshi Sugar Factory Distillery, Sankeshwar and The Ugar Distillery, Ugar Khurd respectively.

### **Fisheries**

The Office of the Department of Fisheries, covering all the taluks of the district, headed by the Assistant Director of Fisheries was established on 27th April 1971 at Belgaum and the post was upgraded as Sr Assistant Director in 1974. The Zonal Office of the Fisheries, comprising of Belgaum, Bijapur and Dharwad districts, headed by the Deputy Director of Fisheries with headquarters at Belgaum was opened in 1982. The main functions of the Department are, to increase the fish production by utilising all inland water resources available in the district. Under the administrative control of the Deputy Director of Fisheries, the officials working at the end of March 1986 were three Senior Assistant Director of Fisheries having the jurisdiction over the district in Belgaum, Bijapur and Dharwad, one Assistant Director of Fisheries of Bund Breeding Unit, Belgaum, besides six Superintendents of Fisheries having the jurisdiction over taluk or taluks, stationed at Belgaum, Khanapur, Ramdurg, Chikodi, Raybag and Bailhongal of Belgaum district. The officials assisting the Senior Assistant Director of Fisheries at the end of 1984 are nine Superintendents of Fisheries stationed at Belgaum, Bailhongal, Khanapur, Ramdurg, Saundatti, Raybag, Athani, Chikodi and Rakaskop, in addition to his own office staff. The Joint Director of Fisheries stationed at Belgaum is the immediate superior officer.

### **Food and Civil Supplies Corporation**

To supply foodgrains, oil, sugar, etc, to the ration card holders (consumers) through fair price depots, an office of the Food and Civil Supplies Corporation headed by an Assistant Director was established in 1974 at Belgaum. The officials assisting the Assistant Director of Food and Civil Supplies at the end of March 1986 are one Manager, six Food Inspectors and other staff.

**Health and Family Welfare Services**

An office of the District Health Services, headed by the District Health Officer was established in 1946 in Belgaum. It implements various National as well as State programmes such as control of leprosy, blindness, tuberculosis, Integrated Child Development Scheme, Maternity and Child Health, Family Welfare, Nutrition Programme, etc. For the administrative convenience, the district has been divided into three sub-divisions having the headquarters at Belgaum, Bailhongal and Chikodi headed by the Assistant District Health and Family Welfare Officers. The officials assisting the District Health and Family Welfare Officer at the end of March 1986 are one District Leprosy Control Officer, one District Malaria Control Officer, one Headquarters Assistant, one Assistant Nutrition Officer, one District Health Education Officer, three Deputy Health Education Officer, one Gazetted Assistant, one Statistical Assistant and other ministerial staff. To implement the National Leprosy Eradication Programme and MDR Project, the District Leprosy Office headed by the District Leprosy Control Officer was opened on 30th March 1976 at Belgaum. The officials assisting him at the end of March 1986 were, one Assistant Statistical Officer, one Senior NMS, one Physiotherapy Technician, one Senior Lab Technician and Health Educator, etc. The Divisional Office, the National Malaria Eradication Programme Zone, headed by the Deputy Director, was established in 1977 at Belgaum. The District Office of the National Malaria Eradication Programme headed by the District Malaria Eradication Officer was also opened on 8th April 1981 at Belgaum. The officials assisting the District Malaria Eradication Officer at the end of March 1986 are, one Assistant Entomologist, two Senior Technicians, two Senior Health Inspectors, two Insect Collectors etc. The Divisional Joint Director of Health and Family Welfare Services, stationed at Belgaum is the immediate Superior Officer (See also Chapter XVI).

**Forest Department**

Prior to the Reorganisation of the State, Forest Offices at Belgaum, were attached to the Southern Central Circle, consisting of Belgaum, Bijapur, Uttara Kannada and Dharwad districts with headquarters at Pune. In 1956, the Circle Headquarters was shifted to Belgaum. In 1961, the Ghataprabha Forests, Division consisting of Athani, Raybag, Ramdurg, Chikodi, Parasgad taluks and parts of Gokak, Sampgaon and Hukeri taluks with Gokak as its headquarters

was formed. Remaining taluks and parts of taluks of the district were left over in the Belgaum Divisional Office. Thus the district has two Divisions. Gadag and Dharwad (which are outside Belgaum district) divisions are also included in the Belgaum Circle.

The Conservator of Forests is the district officer. The officials assisting the Conservators of Forests at the end of March 1915 were two Deputy Conservators of Forests, five Assistant Conservators of Forests, one Gazetted Manager, two Range Forest Officers Grade I, 457 Group C and 66 Group D Officials.

### **Horticulture Department**

The Department of Horticulture, headed by the District Horticultural Inspector, was established in August, 1958, at Belgaum. In 1962, the Post of District Horticultural Inspector was up-graded as the Assistant Director of Horticulture (Class II). In 1970 the posts of Graduate Assistants, Scientific Assistants and Agricultural Demonstrators of the Department were designated as Assistant Horticultural Officers. In 1971, the post of Assistant Director of Horticulture was upgraded as the District Horticultural Officer (Class I). The Divisional Office of the Horticulture comprising of Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwad and Uttara Kannada headed by the Deputy Director of Horticulture with Belgaum as its divisional headquarters has been established during the year 1971-72. The officials assisting the District Horticultural Officer, Belgaum, at the end of August 1986 are one Headquarters Assistant, three Assistant Directors of Horticulture, three Horticultural Officers, one Technical Assistant, 11 Assistant Horticultural Officers one each in each of the taluk headquarters and Hidkal and other staff including 27 Horticultural Assistants.

### **Housing Board**

For construction of houses, and allotting them to the public and recovering the loans from them the Karnataka Housing Board with the Assistant Executive Engineer as its head, was established in 1972 at Belgaum. The officials assisting the Assistant Executive Engineer at the end of March 1986 are one Assistant Engineer, three Junior Engineers, one Assistant Revenue Officer, etc. The Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board Division, Hubli, is the immediate superior officer.

**Industries and Commerce**

The Department of Industries and Commerce with the Assistant Director as the district officer, started functioning in the district in 1960 at Belgaum. Consequent on launching of the Rural Industries Programme in the district during 1972-73, the Deputy Director, I and C and Project Officer RIP, was posted as the district officer. The name of the district office and officer have been changed to District Industries Centre and the General Manager respectively from 1st May 1978. The main functions of the District Industries Centre are to undertake industrial surveys, collection of statistical information of industries, drawing the plans and schemes for development of industries, issuing temporary and permanent industrial registration certificates, providing plot, seed money, development loan, supply of raw materials, etc to the new entrepreneurs besides helping the artisans through training and other facilities. The Director of Industries and Commerce at Bangalore is the immediate superior officer to the General Manager. Under the administrative control of the General Manager, District Industries Centre, Belgaum, the officials working at the end of March 1986 are four Functional Managers, one Industrial Promotion Officer, two Assistant Directors, one District Weaving Supervisor, etc. There are three sub-divisional offices at Belgaum, Chikodi and Bailhongal and ten Industrial Extension Officers, one for each taluk under them.

**Information and Publicity Department**

To keep the people informed of the policies and programmes of the government, the District Information and Publicity Office headed by a District Information Officer was established in 1951 at Belgaum. It gives wide publicity to the various development activities and welfare measures of the government through various media of publicity and propaganda. The Divisional Office comprising of Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwad and Uttara Kannada districts headed by the Deputy Director of Information and Publicity was established on 24th March 1982 at Belgaum. The Zonal Office of the North Zone, comprising of eight district of Belgaum and Gulbarga Divisions headed by the Joint Director of Information and Publicity was established on 25th June 1984 at Belgaum. The Director of Information and Publicity stationed in Bangalore is the superior officer.

**Insurance Department**

The Karnataka Government Insurance Department, with a view

to enforce the compulsory insurance to the Government employees, has opened a District office at Belgaum in 1976 with a District Insurance Officer as its head. It issues policies, accounts slips, cover notes in case of motorcycle advance, etc and settles the claims of the policy holders. The officials assisting the District Officer at the end of December 1985 were two Assistant Insurance Officers and staff.

### **Irrigation Department**

For construction and maintenance of irrigation projects and canals of the Ghataprabha and the Malaprabha under command area, the Ghataprabha Project Circle, headed by the Superintending Engineer, was founded on 3rd June 1960 at Dharwad and the headquarters was shifted to Ghataprabha in 1960 and to Hidkal Dam in 1963. The Ghataprabha Right Bank Canal construction circle came into effect from 1st November 1980. The Divisions and Sub-Divisions headed by the Executive Engineers and Assistant Executive Engineers, working in the district under the control of the Ghataprabha Right Bank Canal construction circle, are Ghataprabha Right Bank Canal Construction Division No. 2, Hidkal Dam, with Four Sub-Divisions, Ghataprabha Right Bank Canal Construction Divisions No. 3, Gokak, with six sub-divisions, Ghataprabha Right Bank and Construction Division No. 4, Ghataprabha, with five sub-divisions, Ghataprabha Left Bank Canal Construction Division, No. 1. Ghataprabha, with four sub-divisions, Hipparagi Barrage Construction Division, Athani, with three Sub-Divisions. *The Malaprabha Left Bank Canal Construction Circle*, Naviluteertha, was entrusted with the work of construction of Malaprabha Dam and its alliances. After completion of dam construction in 1981, the circle is in-charge of construction of the Left Bank Canal and Lift Irrigation schemes. The Divisions and Sub-Divisions of the District working under the control of the Malaprabha Left Bank Canal Construction circle, are, Malaprabha Left Bank Canal Construction Division No. 1, Ramdurg, with five sub-divisions, Malaprabha Left Bank Canal Construction Division, No. 2, Naviluteertha, with four Sub-Divisions, Malaprabha Irrigation Division, Saundatti with four Sub-Divisions. Malaprabha Right Bank Canal construction works of the district have been entrusted to the Malaprabha Right Bank, Canal Construction Circle, Dharwad. *Irrigation North Zone*, comprising of Belgaum, Bijapur and Dharwad districts, headed by the Chief Engineer, with the headquarters at Dharwad was established on 10th August 1967 and

shifted the headquarters to Belgaum on 1st April 1974. The Ghataprabha Right Bank Canal Construction circle, Hidkal Dam, with seven divisions and 29 sub-divisions, the Malaprabha Left Bank Canal Construction Circle, Naviluteertha with four divisions and 17 sub-divisions, the Malaprabha Right Bank Canal Construction Circle, Dharwad, with four divisions and 20 sub-divisions, the office of the Superintending Engineer (Designs), Belgaum with two quality control divisions and seven sub-divisions are working under the control of this Zonal Office. Under the administrative control of the Chief Engineer, the officials working in the district at the end of September 1986 were three Superintending Engineer, ten Executive Engineers, 42 Assistant Executive Engineers, besides Assistant Engineers, Junior Engineers and other administrative staff.

#### **Mines and Geology Department**

The Divisional Office of the Department of Mines and Geology having the jurisdiction over three districts consisting Belgaum, Dharwad and Uttara Kannada headed by the Senior Geologist (Minerals) was shifted to Belgaum from Dharwad in April 1974. The main functions of this office include mineral exploration, collection of royalty due to government in three districts, conducting mineral surveys, preparing mineral maps, conducting inspections of mining lease blocks and quarry lease blocks and administering Mineral Concession Rules 1960, Mines and Minerals Regulation and Development Act 1957, Karnataka Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1969 and Allied Ores, etc. It administers also the leases and licences granted for quarrying purposes in its jurisdiction. The officials assisting the Senior Geologist at the end of December 1986 were one Geologist, five Assistant Geologists, two Assistant Chemists, two Supervisors, and other staff.

To conduct survey and assessment of ground water potential in the division, to render technical advice to the government and private bodies about location of sites for wells and bore wells for irrigation and drinking purposes, etc, the divisional office comprising of Belgaum, Dharwad and Uttara Kannada districts with Belgaum as its headquarters headed by the Senior Geologist (Ground Water) was established in 1963. The officials assisting the Senior Geologist (Ground Water) at the end of December 1985 are two Geologists, six Assistant Geologists, one Drilling Engineer, one Assistant Drilling Engineer, one Assistant Engineer, two Assistant Chemists, two

Assitant Geo-physicists, one Head Draftsman, one Assistan Draftsman and other staff.

### **Minor Irrigation**

For construction and maintenance of minor irrigation works and distribution of water efficiently for irrigation purpose, the Special Minor Irrigation Division headed by the Executive Engineer having jurisdiction over the district was established on 1st September 1983 at Belgaum. The Minor Irrigation circle, comprising of Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwad and Uttara Kannada districts with headquarters at Belgaum and Superintending Engineer as its head, was founded on 23rd April 1984. For the administrative convenience the Special Minor Irrigation Division of Belgaum has been divided into five Minor Irrigation Sub-Divisions, each having the jurisdiction over two taluks headed by Assistant Executive Engineer stationed at Athani, Chikodi, Gokak, Bailhongal and Khanapur. The officials assisting the Executive Engineer at the end of March 1986 are six Assistant Executive Engineers, of which one is Technical Assistant to Executive Engineer, 18 Assistant Engineers, 16 Junior Engineers, one office Superintendent and other staff. The immediate superior officer is the Superintending Engineer, Minor Irrigation Circle, Belgaum.

### **Kannada and Culture**

The Department of Kannada and Culture was started in Belgaum in 1976 to impart training pertaining to use and supervise the use of Kannada language in offices, and to conduct symposia, cultural activities, coaching classes to non-Kannada officials, to trace out the artists of the district, etc. The Assistant Director (Official Language) was its head at Belgaum office. Subsequently the designation of the Assistant Director (Official Language) has been changed as Assistant Director of Kannada and Culture who is the district officer. The Deputy Director of Kannada and Culture, Belgaum Division, Belgaum, is the Divisional officer covering the districts of Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwad and Uttara Kannada each having an Assistant Director under him,

### **Khadi and Village Industries Board**

In pursuance of Khadi and Village Industries activities in the district, the Khadi and Village Industries Board, headed by the

District Officer, was established on 28th April 1961 at Belgaum. The officials assisting the District Officer at the end of October, 1986 are, two Auditors-cum-Inspectors, three Technical Supervisors, Five Technical Assistants, one Gobar Gas Specialist and other staff.

### **Labour Department**

In pursuance of labour laws in the district, the Labour Office, headed by the District Labour Officer, was established in 1956. It serves as conciliation machinery in connection with labour disputes. The Divisional office having the revenue division jurisdiction, headed by the Assistant Labour Commissioner with Belgaum as its Divisional headquarters has been established on 1st April 1974. Subsequently the post of Assistant Labour Commissioner has been upgraded as the Deputy Labour Commissioner. Another Divisional Office comprising of Belgaum and Bijapur, headed by the Assistant Labour Commissioner, with Belgaum as its Divisional headquarters, has been established in 1984. These offices are enforcing the various labour Acts. Under the administrative control of the Deputy Labour Commissioner the officials working at the end of March 1986 are, two Assistant Labour Commissioners, of which one is having jurisdiction over Belgaum and Bijapur districts and the other Dharwad and Uttara Kannada districts. The officials working under the control of the District Labour Officer are four Senior Labour Inspectors, working in four circles of Belgaum, five Inspectors working in Bailhongal, Gokak, Chikodi, Nipani and Saundatti circles and other staff. The Assistant Labour Commissioner has supervisory powers over the two District Labour officers.

### **Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation Office**

For acquisition of land for construction of dams and canals and rehabilitation of the people whose lands and villages have submerged under the Projects of Ghataprabha and Malaprabha, this office headed by the Special Officer, was established on 18th February 1967 at Belgaum. The post of the Special Officer, Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation, Ghataprabha and Malaprabha Projects, has been redesignated as Special Deputy Commissioner, Land Acquisition, Ghataprabha and Malaprabha Projects, with effect from 20th August 1975. Under the administrative control of this Special Deputy Commissioner, there are four Land Acquisition Offices, headed by the Special Land Acquisition Officers at Hidkal, Saundatti, Ramdurg and

Dharwad. The Special Land Acquisition Officer, Ghataprabha Project, Hidkal, has got jurisdiction over the taluks of Hukeri, Chikodi, Raybag, Gokak, Parasgad, Khanapur and Athani of Belgaum district, Bilgi, Jamkhandi and Mudhol taluks of Bijapur district. The Special Land Acquisition Officer, Malaprabha Project, Saundatti, is having jurisdiction over Sampgaon and Parasgad taluks. The Special Land Acquisition Officer, Malaprabha Project, Ramdurg, is having jurisdiction over Ramdurg taluk of Belgaum district and Badami taluk of Bijapur district.

### **Land Army Corporation**

The Karnataka Land Army Corporation, headed by the Assistant Director, having his jurisdiction over the district, has been established on 8th September 1979 at Belgaum. Subsequently, this office was upgraded, and the district head was designated as the Deputy Director of Karnataka Land Army Corporation, on 27th July 1986. There are three Assistant Directors of the Corporation, having 10-15 Task Forces and Assistant Task Force Commanders each under them and controlling the entrusted taluk with headquarters at Belgaum, Gokak and Ramdurg. The Assistant Director of Belgaum is having jurisdiction over Belgaum, Sampgaon, Hukeri and Khanapur taluks. Chikodi, Gokak, Raybag and Athani taluks are under the control of the Assistant Director of Chikodi, Ramdurg and Parasgad taluks are under the control of the Assistant Director of Ramdurg.

### **Land Records**

For survey and classification of lands and maintenance of records, the survey Settlement headed by the District Inspector of Land Records was introduced in 1950. The Land Records of Southern circle comprising of seven districts viz, Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwar, Karwar, Kolaba, Sholapur and Ratnagiri, headed by the Superintendent of Land Records with Belgaum as its headquarters had been established in 1935. After States Reorganisation (1956) the jurisdiction of the Superintendent of Land Records, Belgaum, has been limited to Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwad and Uttara Kannada. The post of the Superintendent of Land Records has been redesignated as the Joint Director of Land Records with effect from 1st March 1972. The district which was under the control of the District Inspector of Land Records has been divided into three sub-divisions with

headquarters at Belgaum, Bailhongal and Chikodi headed by Assistant Directors of Land Records with effect from 1st August 1977. These three sub-divisions are working directly under the control of the Deputy Director of Land Records, who is the controlling officer of two districts viz, Belgaum and Bijapur. Under the administrative control of the Joint Director of Land Records, there are two Deputy Directors, one each at Belgaum and Dharwad.

#### **Local Audit**

To audit the local bodies of the district, the Local Audit, headed by the Assistant Controller was established on 28th November 1956 at Belgaum. The officials assisting the Assistant Controller at the end of March 1986 were four Superintendents and other staff. The Controller of State Accounts Department stationed in Bangalore is the head of the Department.

#### **Marketing Department**

Prior to 1967, the marketing activities in the division, consisting of Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwad and Uttara Kannada, were under the control of the Senior Marketing Officer stationed at Dharwad. In 1967, the post of the Senior Marketing Officer was upgraded and designated as Deputy Chief Marketing Officer. The headquarters of the Deputy Chief Marketing Officer was shifted to Belgaum and the post of the Deputy Chief Marketing Officer was upgraded and designated as Joint Chief Marketing Officer in the year 1975 and 1976 respectively. The District Marketing Office, headed by the District Marketing Officer, was founded in 1967. Previously it was under the control of the District Marketing Inspector. There is a separate Market Intelligence and Publicity wing under the DMO at Belgaum.

#### **Public Health Engineering**

The Public Health Engineering Division, comprising of Belgaum and Bijapur districts, with headquarters at Belgaum, was established in 1967. The division was bifurcated as Belgaum and Bijapur divisions in 1981. The Public Health Engineering Division of Belgaum is having three sub-divisions viz, Belgaum Sub-division with headquarters at Belgaum covering Belgaum, Khanapur, Hukeri and Gokak taluks, Bailhongal Sub-division with headquarters at Bailhongal covering Sampgaon, Parasgad and Ramdurg taluks, Chikodi Sub-division with headquarters at Chikodi covering Chikodi, Athani and

Raybag taluks. The Public Health Engineering Circle, comprises of Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwad and Uttara Kannada districts headed by the Superintending Engineer with Dharwad as its Circle Headquarters was established in 1967 and the headquarters was shifted to Belgaum on 1st April 1974. In 1975 the Department of Public Health Engineering was bifurcated into Public Health Engineering and Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board. The jurisdiction of Public Health Engineering Circle was extended to eight districts viz, Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwad, Gulbarga, Bidar, Bellary, Raichur and Uttara Kannada. From 1984, the Belgaum Circle comprises of Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwad and Uttara Kannada districts only. It implements piped water supply scheme, Mini Water Supply Scheme, provides bore wells fitted with hand pumps, rejuvenation of hand pumps etc.

Under the administrative control of the Superintending Engineer, an official working in the circle office were one Technical Assistant, one Registrar, four Assistant Engineers, one Geologist, four Assistant Geologists, one Manager Gr I and other staff. The officials assisting the Executive Engineer Belgaum Division, at the end of March 1985, were four Assistant Executive Engineers of which one was PA to Executive Engineer and remaining three headed the rural Sub-divisional officers at Belgaum, Bailhongal and Chikodi, each having three Assistant Engineers under him.

### **Public Works Department**

For construction and maintenance of roads, bridges and Government buildings, the southern circle of Public Works Department comprising of Ratnagiri, Kolhapur, South Satara or Sangli districts (now in Maharashtra State), Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwad and Uttara Kannada (Karnataka State), was established in 1878 at Belgaum. After Reorganisation of States, the Belgaum Circle comprising of Belgaum and Bijapur districts, headed by the Superintending Engineer with headquarters at Belgaum, has been controlling three Divisional Offices (including Indian Population Project Division) headed by the Executive Engineers at Belgaum and Chikodi and 15 sub-divisional offices headed by Assistant Executive Engineers in the district. Under the administrative control of the Superintending Engineer the officials working at the end of March 1986 were, three Executive Engineers at three sub-divisions and 15 Assistant Executive Engineers. Each taluk is generally headed by

one Assistant Executive Engineer who has Assistant and Junior Engineers and Draftsmen, etc, to assist him.

For construction and maintenance of National Highway number four, the National Highway Division, headed by the Executive Engineer, was established on 13th April 1971 at Belgaum. Two sub-divisional offices headed by the Assistant Executive Engineer, Belgaum and Nipani are working under the control of this Divisional Office. The officials assisting the Executive Engineers at the end of March 1986 were, two Assistant Engineers, two Junior Engineers, and other staff. The officials working in the Sub-division Offices were, two Assistant Executive Engineers, six Assistant Engineers, four Junior Engineers and other staff.

### **Regional Transport Office**

To provide facilities to the motor vehicle operators, the Regional Transport Authority for the Karnataka Region, comprising of Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwad, Kanara, Sangli and Kolhapur, with its headquarters at Belgaum, was established on 1st March 1940. The divisional office of the Motor Vehicles Department, headed by the Deputy Commissioner, having jurisdiction over the districts of Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwad and Uttara Kannada with its headquarters at Belgaum, was founded in 1970. This division has seven Regional Transport offices located at Belgaum, Bijapur, Chikodi, Dharwad, Gadag and Karwar, and four Assistant Regional Transport offices situated at Bagalkot, Bailhongal, Haveri and Sirsi. At the district level the Regional Transport Officer of the district is to supervise the work of the sub-offices assigned to him. The officials working in the Regional Transport Office, Belgaum are, one Regional Transport Officer, one Assistant Regional Transport Officer and others who include three Senior Inspectors and seven Inspectors of Motor Vehicles, one Prosecution Inspector, etc. There are seven First Division Assistants, 12 Second Division Assistants, one Attender, one Driver, 13 Class D officials. At the Regional Transport Office, Chikodi, the Regional Transport Officer is assisted by one Senior Inspector and three Inspectors of Motor Vehicles and other staff.

### **Road Transport Corporation**

The divisional office of the Road Transport Corporation, headed by the Divisional Controller, was established on 1st March 1950 at Belgaum. The divisional office having jurisdiction over

nine taluks (except Athani) of the district and operated 150 schedules with 200 vehicles. Under the administrative control of the Divisional Controller, the total number of officials working at the end of December 1985 were 3,362, of which were 20 officers, 766 mechanical staff, 2,126 Traffic staff and 450 administrative staff. (See Chapter VII also)

### **Sainik Welfare and Resettlement Board**

Sainik Welfare and Resettlement Board, previously known as District Soldiers, Sailors and Airmens' Board, was established prior to Independence at Belgaum. After the World War II, the activities of the Board were increased with the task of looking after the welfare of in service soldiers of the armed forces and to help in rehabilitation and resettlement of ex-servicemen. The Board functioned under the administrative control of the Collector (DC) who was the President of the Board, a retired Commissioned Officer or Junior Commissioned Officer as Secretary. After State's Re-organisation, the Board was transferred to the Government of Karnataka and it was renamed as the Zilla Sainik Board in 1975, and again to the Department of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement in 1980. The expenditure of the department is shared equally by the Central and State Governments. The Department has the welfare responsibilities, viz, settlement of financial problems such as pension and other benefits due to ex-servicemen, settlement of land disputes, vocational and other training facilities, assistance for medical treatment, etc besides resettlement responsibilities, viz employment of ex-servicemen in local/Central/State/Private industrial organisations, employment of ex-servicemen through local employment exchange, insistence on the revenue authorities in connection with schemes for settlement on land, assisting ex-servicemen in farming and setting up of co-operatives for self-employment. The Deputy Director is the district officer having one or more districts under his jurisdiction. There are two Military Boys Hostels at Athani and Belgaum under him.

### **Karnataka SCs/STs Development Corporation**

The Karnataka SCs/STs Development Corporation Ltd established the district office at Belgaum in the year 1979 under the District Development Officer. It provides 25 per cent margin money loan upto Rs 3,000 per head, at four per cent interest, and the remaining 75 per cent margin money loan is financed by the financial

institutions. At the end of March 1986, it had financed a sum of Rs 54.15 lakhs to 7,432 persons. The District Development Officer is assisted by three field officers in three sub-divisions.

### **Department of SC/ST Welfare**

The Department of SC/ST Welfare, formerly known as the Department of Backward classes, to provide education, health, housing, economic upliftment, etc to the SCs/STs with District Officer of SC/ST Welfare as its head, was established in 1956 at Belgaum. It is running SC/ST hostels, Women Welfare Centres, tailoring training centres, tailoring production units in the district level and hostels and women welfare centres in the taluk level. The District Officer is the sanctioning authority of pre-matric, matric and post-matric, scholarships to the SC students. The officials assisting the District Officer of SC/ST welfare at the end of March 1986 were, one Office Superintendent, one Inspecting Assistant, one Project Supervisor, one Programme Co-ordinator and Social Extension Officers, etc.

### **Sericulture**

For providing technical guidance to the farmers in mulberry cultivation and silk worm rearing, the Sericulture office headed by the Assistant Director was established in 1975 at Belgaum. The Demonstration-cum-Seed Farms have been started one in each taluk of the district except Khanapur and Chikodi. The institutions functioning in the district under the control of the Assistant Director of Sericulture are Chawki Rearing Centre, Bailhongal, Basic Tasar Seed Farm, Khanapur, Extension-cum-Chawki Rearing Centre, Hukeri, Technical Service Centre, Saundatti, Ramdurg, Lolasur (Gokak) and Chikodi, Chawki Rearing Centre Athani and Raybag, besides Government Silk Farms at Hindalga, Gokak, Hirebagewadi, Ramdurg, Saundatti, Ainapur, Kankanawadi, Hidkal Government Grainage, Hindalga and Government Tasar Grainage, Belgaum. The officials assisting the Assistant Director of Sericulture at the end of March 1985 were four Sericulture Extension Officers, two Senior Inspectors, eight Inspectors, 33 Demonstrators, 62 Sericultural Operators and other staff. Their Immediate superior officer was the Deputy Director of Sericulture, stationed at Dharwad.

### **Small Industries Development Corporation**

Karnataka State Small Industries Development Corporation

Limited, assisting the small industrial units in various spheres, such as developing the industrial estates, supply of essential raw materials, marketing, etc has been established at Belgaum with Branch Manager, Belgaum, as the head. The Deputy Chief Manager (Industrial Estate), KSSIDC Hubli is the immediate superior officer.

#### **Small Industries Service Institute**

To provide training facilities such as mechanics, blue print reading, etc, common facility service such as turning, milling, drilling, grinding, etc, consultancy service to new entrepreneurs, to start small scale units, the Small Industries Service Institute, headed by the Assistant Director, was established in 1958 at Belgaum. The Director of Small Industries Service Institute stationed at Hubli is the immediate superior officer.

#### **Statistical Department**

To collect, compile and publish various information of the District in figures, the District Statistical Office with the District Statistical Officer as its head, was established in 1958. The officials working under the administrative control of the District Statistical Officer, at the end of March 1985 were six Assistant Statistical Officers, 15 Statistical Inspectors, of which five were in the district office and the remaining ten in the taluk offices, ten Progress Assistants, working one in each Block Development Office, 11 Enumerators of which two in the district office and remaining nine in taluks.

#### **Town Planning**

For conducting surveys and preparing the development plans, base maps of all towns, growth centres and villages in the district, the town planning, office headed by an Assistant Director was established on 19th January 1962 at Belgaum. The Regional Office of the Krishna Valley Region, consisting of 48 taluks of Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwad and Gulbarga districts, headed by the Deputy Director with Belgaum as its Regional Headquarters, was established on 28th April 1977. It prepares regional plan for the Krishna River Valley consisting of physiography, rainfall, types of soils, forests and their concentrations, source of irrigation, net area sown, cropping pattern, etc. Under the administrative control of the Deputy Director of Town Planning, the officials working at the end of March 1986 were one Assistant Director of Town Planning, one Junior Town Planner, one

Geographer, one Town Planning Supervisor and other staff. The Assistant Director is assisted by two Junior Town Planners, one Head Draughtsman, three Town Planning Supervisors, five Draftsmen, one Tracer and other staff.

#### **Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board**

To carry out water supply and drainage works in urban areas of the district, the Divisional Office of the Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board, headed by the Executive Engineer, was established in 1975 at Belgaum. It has four Sub-divisions, headed by Assistant Executive Engineers, of which three are in Belgaum and one at Chikodi. Under the administrative control of the Executive Engineer, the officials working at the end of March 1985 were, four Assistant Executive Engineers, four Assistant Engineers, 10 Junior Engineers, one Draughtsman, one Tracer and other staff. The immediate superior officer was the Superintending Engineer, Karnataka Urban Water and Drainage Board, Dharwad Circle, Dharwad.

#### **Youth Services and Sports**

Under the Youth Welfare and Sports activities in the district, the office of the District Youth Services and Sports, headed by a District Youth Service and Sports Officer; was established in 1975 at Belgaum. The Divisional Office of Youth Services and Sports, comprising of Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwad and Uttara Kannada districts, headed by Deputy Director of Youth Services and Sports with Belgaum as its headquarters, was established in 1985. It implements various youth welfare and sports activities like construction of stadium, open air theatre, development of play ground, conduct of sports tournaments, etc, under the administrative control of the Deputy Director of Youth Services and Sports, the category of officials working at the end of March 1986 were, four District Youth Services and Sports Officers. The staff assisting the District Youth Services and Sports Officer, at the end of March 1986, were eight Assistant Youth Service and Sports Officers, two Coaches and other staff.

### **CENTRAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT**

#### **Central Excise**

To collect Central Excise Duty, the Collectorate of Central Excise having jurisdiction over 14 districts of Karnataka, including

Belgaum was established on the 1st September 1983 at Belgaum. The head of this office, the Collector, exercises the Central Excise and Salt Act 1944, Customs Act 1962, Gold Control Act 1968, the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Act 1974, the Narcotics Drugs and Phychotropic Substances Act, 1958 etc. Besides the Collectorate, one Divisional Office and three Range Offices are functioning in the district.

The officer in charge of the divisional office of Belgaum having jurisdiction over Belgaum district is the Assistant Collector. The officer in charge of the Range Office, Gokak, with jurisdiction over Gokak, Parasgad and Ramdurg taluks is the Superintendent. Nipani Range Office has jurisdiction over Chikodi and Hukeri taluks with two Superintendents. The office of the Ugar Khurd Range has jurisdiction over Athani and Raybag taluks with one Superintendent.

#### **Field Publicity**

The field publicity unit under the name of Five Year Plan Publicity Organisation, Government of India, with jurisdiction over four districts, viz, Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwad and Uttara Kannada, with the Field Publicity Officer as its head, was established in 1954 at Belgaum. In 1959 the name of the organisation was changed as the Directorate of Field Publicity and the jurisdiction of the Field Publicity Officer was limited to Belgaum district. It publishes the policies and programmes of the Government through different mass media.

#### **Income Tax Department**

For administering the Income Tax Act 1961 and Rules, the Wealth Tax and Rules, the Gift Tax Act and Rules, Companies (Profits) Surtax Act and Interest Tax Act, and to assess the income of the tax payer and to collect dues from them, the office of the Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeals) having the jurisdiction over Belgaum, Bijapur, Bagalkot, Hubli, Dharwad, Gulbarga, Uttara Kannada and Goa, headed by the Commissioner of Income Tax with headquarters at Belgaum was established. The office of the *Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax (Appellate)*, Belgaum Range, comprising of Belgaum and Bijapur Circles, headed by the Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax with headquarters at Belgaum was established in 1982. To supervise the work of the Income Tax

Officers, the office of the *Inspecting Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax*, comprising of Belgaum, Bijapur, Gulbarga and Raichur districts with headquarters at Belgaum was established on 31st October 1985. To carry out the internal audit of the Income Tax assessment of the district, the *Special Audit Party* consisting of one Income Tax Officer (Internal Audit), three Income Tax Inspectors and four Tax Assistants are working since 1984. The officials working in the Income Tax Department in the district at the end of 1986 were : one Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeals), one Inspecting Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax, one Inspecting Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax (Assessment), eight Income Tax Officers, 12 Inspectors and other staff.

#### **Linguistic Minorities Commission**

In pursuance of the provisions of Article 350B(2) of the Constitution, the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities in India has been founded. The office has its headquarters at Allahabad and the three Regional Offices headed by Assistant Commissioners for Linguistic Minorities have their headquarters at Bombay, Calcutta and Madras, which were created in 1957. The Regional Office headquarters at Bombay had shifted to Belgaum in 1976, with its jurisdictions over three States viz, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka and two union territories viz, Goa, Daman and Diu, and Dadra and Nagar Haveli. The Assistant Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities investigates all matters relating to linguistic minorities and receives representations and complaints from associations, individuals, conducts spot investigation of the general and specific complaints, gives personal hearing to the complainants, meets the authorities concerned at the local and Governmental levels and brings the problems of the linguistic minorities to their notice and persuades them to take remedial measures to redress the grievances to the maximum extent.

#### **Maratha Light Infantry Regiment**

The Maratha Regiment has a long history. The barracks of Belgaum that were constructed by the troops of the Regiment over hundred years ago are still in use and in 1922 Belgaum became the centre of the Regiment. The Regimental centre has maintained an attractive drill square, physical training area, weapon training area and classification ranges within easy reach besides the Shivaji Stadium. It imparts training to recruits and makes them active; a Lieutenant Colonel heads the unit.

**National Airports Authority**

Civil Aerodrome for air traffic services and navigational facilities was established prior to 1947 at Sambre, Belgaum. The Regional Director, National Airport Authority, Bombay Region, Bombay is the immediate Superior officer to the Belgaum office working under the Director General, New Delhi. Under the administrative control of the Aerodrome Officer at Belgaum as on 31st March 1986, officers and officials working were, one Assistant Aerodrome Officer, one Aerodrome Assistant and other staff.

**National Savings**

A Regional Office of National Savings comprising of Belgaum and Bijapur districts with the Assistant Regional Director as its head, was established in 1976 at Belgaum. It develops the habit of savings through propaganda, seminars, publicity, public meetings and co-ordinates with the State Government Offices. It guides the trainees and activities of the agency. The Assistant Regional Director of National Savings is assisted by four District Savings Officers, two each in Belgaum and Bijapur districts and others as at the end March 1986.

**Telegraphs**

For installations and maintenance of telegraphic apparatus, the divisional office of Telegraphs, comprising of Belgaum and Bijapur districts, headed by the Divisional Engineer with Belgaum as its headquarters was established in 1972. The Division has been bifurcated and Bijapur Division was formed in 1977. In the same year four Sub-divisions including SDOT of Gokak were established. In 1983 SDOT (South) has been shifted from Hubli division to Belgaum Division.

(Other Departments have been discussed in the respective connected chapters).