

CHAPTER XI

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

The central and state government administrations will draw several development schemes and plans for implementation from time to time. These developmental activities are implemented through their departments, boards, corporations etc., with the help of district level functionaries. This gazetteer has already discussed several such activities in its previous chapters. In some of the earlier and also later chapters of this volume, the functions of some of the important administrative and development departments in the Bidar district have been deal with. In this chapter, brief accounts of mainly their organizational aspects, and of general activities and administrative set-up of other departments and public undertakings are given. It gives a brief account of such departments in vogue, their formation, aim and scope, their establishment etc., as per the data made available from the district offices. The information will be of much help to the scholars, officials as well as to the general public who are interested in knowing the administrative set up at the district level. Usually, all the departments will have district offices in each district and the same pattern is adopted in all the districts of the state. On account of some regional variance and necessity some of the departments may not exist in the districts. However, an attempt has been made in the following

pages of this chapter to furnish details of departments working in Bidar district with relevant data collected from various district offices.

Agriculture Department

The agriculture office in Bidar is existing since more than 100 years. Until the end of 1967, all the agricultural development and extension activities in Bidar district were being looked after by a District Agricultural officer, with the assistance of some technical and ministerial staff. Consequent on the increase in the volume and tempo of agricultural development activities in recent years, the Agriculture Development of the State was recognized in January 1967 and a Deputy Director of Agriculture, a Senior Class I officer, was placed at the head of the Agriculture Department in each district and a Joint Director of Agriculture at the head of each division. Thus, the district of Bidar also came to have a Deputy Director of Agriculture at the district-level in place of the District Agricultural Officer, which post was upgraded. Since then, all activities connected with the development of agriculture in the district are under the charge of the Deputy Director of Agriculture, who is directly responsible to the Joint Director of Agriculture, whose headquarters is at Kalburgi. After the division of irrigation was merged with agriculture department in 1993-94 the Joint Director of Agriculture was established in the district.

At Bidar, the Joint Director of Agriculture is assisted in his duties by two Assistant Directors, three Agriculture Officers, one Administration Officer, two office superintendents and other ministerial and group D employees. There are two Seed Farms, one at Hudgi (Humnabad taluk) and another at Bhalki and a Soil-Testing Laboratory at Bhalki. There are eight Agricultural Extension Officers in the Community Development Blocks of the district to look after their agricultural activities. Eighteen Field Assistants and eighty Agricultural Assistants are working under various schemes in the district.

Under the Community Development Programme, there are five Block Development Officers, one each for a revenue taluk in the district. They are also responsible for the implementation of the several agricultural development and extension programmes in their respective blocks. The department undertakes the development of quality seeds through various programmes and provides training and know how farmers for improving their cultivation methods and marketing of agricultural produce.

Co-operative Department

Until 1971 an Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies was in charge of the administration of the Co-operative Department in the district. With the re-organization of the Department in August 1971, a Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies was appointed as the head of the Department in the district. The Deputy Registrar is assisted in his duties at the district headquarters by three Assistant Registrars, two marketing officers, five senior Inspectors, 11 Inspectors, 3 assistant Co-operative officers, 2 superintendents, two Junior Sales Officers, six Supervisors, a Process Surveyor and 15 members of ministerial staff and 12 class IV employees. Five Co-operative Extension Officers working in the community development blocks and they are also under the technical control of the Deputy Registrar. For auditing the accounts of the Co-operative societies, there is a separate audit staff headed by a District Co-operative Audit Officer who is also under the administrative control of the Deputy Registrar of the district. The Audit Officer is assisted in his duties by necessary ministerial and class IV staff. The Deputy Registrar, Bidar, is directly responsible to the Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Kalaburgi Division, whose headquarters is located at Raichur.

Other offices under the jurisdiction of Dy. Registrar are: Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies Bidar sub-division, Taluk level Co-Operative Development officers Bhalki/Humnabad, Co-Operative Inspectors Bidar, Aurad and Basavakalyan.

The Deputy Registrar is responsible for the growth of the Co-operative movement in the rural and the urban areas and for the organization of different types of Co-operative bodies to suit the needs of the people in various spheres. He is authorized to exercise powers as per the Karnataka Co-operative Societies Act, 1959 and the Rules framed there under and also other powers delegated to him by the Government. He exercises supervision over all the Co-operatives in the district. In so far as the administration of the Co-operative law is concerned, powers have been delegated to the Assistant Registrars in their respective jurisdictions. The Deputy Registrar is also the ex-officio Registrar of Money-lenders and in that capacity, he is empowered to issue licenses to money-lenders and pawn-brokers and to regulate their transactions in the district.

Commercial Taxes Department

For the administration of commercial taxes, there is an office of Commercial Tax Officer in the district, which was established in 1957. Till 1957 it was being called 'customs naka'. Prior to that, there was a Sales-Tax officer for the entire district. In 2003, under the Karnataka Value Added Taxes Act, the office is headed by a Value Added Taxes Officer who is also designated as Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Taxes. The Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Taxes is directly responsible to the Joint Commissioner (Administration) of Commercial Taxes, Kalaburgi Division. He is an independent registering and assessing officer in the district in regard to dealers having a business turnover exceeding Rs.75,000 per year or the limits as fixed by the government from time to time under the Karnataka Sales Tax Act, 1957.

An office of the Agricultural Income-Tax Officer has been functioning at Kalaburagi, with effect from 1st April 1964. This officer has jurisdiction over both Kalaburgi and Bidar districts. The Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Kalaburgi Division, Ballari, is the administering authority for the entire division and also the appellate and revising authority against the orders of the Commercial Tax Officers and the Agricultural Income Tax Officers under relevant Acts except the Karnataka Sugarcane cess Act, 1958.

Drugs Control Department

There was no subordinate office of the Drugs Control Department in Bidar district till 2001. In May 2001 the office of the Assistant Drugs Controller was established in Bidar. The Assistant Drugs Controller is assisted in his duties by a drugs inspector, and other office staff. The main function of the office is to make available good quality drugs to citizens at reasonable prices and to strive for pharmaceutical excellence and health for all by ensuring the availability of safe, effective and quality drugs and cosmetics to the public. As also to regulate the import, manufacture and sale of drugs and cosmetics. The department is governed by Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules 1945. The divisional office of the Drugs Inspector located at Kalaburgi has jurisdiction over Bidar district also. The Divisional Drugs Inspector, Kalaburgi Division, Kalaburgi, works under the administrative control of the Drugs Controller in Karnataka, Bengaluru.

District Employment Exchange

The Department of Employment and Training was created at the State-level in 1964. Till then, the related work was being attended by the Department of Labour. The Department of Employment and Training maintains an Employment Exchange at Bidar. The Exchange, which was set up in April 1961, is headed by a District Employment Officer who is directly responsible to the Director of Employment and Training in Karnataka, Bengaluru. The District Employment Officer is assisted in his duties, by an Assistant Employment Officer, four ministerial and two class IV officials.

The main functions of the Employment Exchange are to bring together employers in need of workers and workers in need of employment, so that the employers could find suitable workers and workers suitable jobs. This is a free service rendered by the Exchange and neither the employers nor the employment seekers need spend anything for availing of its services. On the training side, the Department is running an Industrial Institute at Bidar, headed by a Principal who is also directly responsible to the Director of Employment and Training in Karnataka, Bengaluru. The District Employment Officer also reports to Dy. Chief, Employment Information and Guidance Centre, Kalaburgi Univeristy, Kalaburgi for some of the functions relating to employment information.

Fire Station

Bidar Fire Station is functioning in Bidar town since 1981 and is headed by District Fire Officer. The office works under the Karnataka State Fire and Emergency Services Department. There are a total of 6 Fire Stations in the district and is headed by a Fire Station Officer assisted by Firemen, Fire Engine Drivers and other ministerial staff. The department works Fire Force Act 1964 and Fire Service Standing Orders. The office reports to the Police Chief of the district and Regional Fire Safety Officer. Kalaburagi and the overall control is with the Director of Fire Safety Services, Karnataka, Bengaluru.

Fisheries Department

Until 1973, the Assistant Director of Fisheries, Kalaburgi, was in charge of the administration of fisheries Department in the district. In 1973, the fisheries Department was re-organized. Now an Assistant Director of Fisheries is in charge of the administration of this department in the

district, who is directly responsible to the Deputy Director of Fisheries, Ballari Zone, Ballari. He is assisted in his duties in the headquarters by one Senior Manager, FDA and SDA, Typist, Driver and Class IV Staff. Besides, at the block and taluk-levels, there are five Fisheries Extension Officers and ten Fishermen. While the Assistant Director of Fisheries exercises technical control over them, the respective Block Development Officers supervise their work. The main functions of the Fisheries Department in the district include survey of cultivable waters, fish seed collection, rearing and stocking of fish, management of fish farms, conservation and exploration of fishery resources, fishery extension work, demonstration of fishing in deep waters, organizing of fishermen's Co-operatives and fish marketing. In addition the other allied functions are: leasing out tanks and lakes coming under the jurisdiction of fisheries department in the district through tender/auction process, distribution of subsidies for purchase of fishing equipments, vehicles for transportation and marketing of fish and providing housing facilities under Matyashraya scheme.

Food and Civil Supplies Department

The work relating to food and civil supplies in the district was being looked after by the Deputy Commissioner till 1978. From 1978 onwards a separate office has been established in Bidar for food and civil supplies and it is headed by a Deputy Director. The other officers working under him are an assistant director, accounts superintendent, an office manager and 16 ministerial staff including class IV employees. The functions of the Deputy Director comprise among other things, keeping in touch with the supply position and price trends of food-grains in the district, authorizing the opening of fair-price depots wherever necessary, equitable allocation of food-grains allotted to the district, procurement of food-grains and regulation of their supplies. In the field of civil supplies, he has to attend to all items of work relating to the control and distribution of various essential commodities like kerosene oil, diesel oil, vegetable oils, textiles, baby foods, tins and tubes, etc., under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. The Deputy Director reports to the Deputy Commissioner of the district and is also responsible to the Director of Food and Civil Supplies in Karnataka, Bengaluru. In the taluks, the Tahsildars attend to the work connected with the food supplies, and they are assisted by food inspectors in the respective offices.

Horticulture Department

Until 1959, the parks and gardens in Bidar district were being looked after by the Public Works Department. With the gradual expansion of the State Horticulture Department, all the horticultural activities in the district were transferred to the Horticulture Department during 1959-60. The Department of Horticulture was started in Bidar district in 1960-61. Till 1987-88 the District Horticultural Officer was holding independent charge and after that the post was upgraded to Joint Director of Horticulture. He will report to the Director of Horticulture, Lalbagh, Bengaluru. He is assisted in his duties by an Assistant Director of horticulture, two Assistant Horticultural Officers, an assistant statistical officer, a manager and other office staff.

The Assistant Horticultural Officers visit the places where their services are required in connection with the development of horticulture and give advice and technical help with regard to the cultivation of fruits, vegetables and flowers, maintenance of orchards, farms, gardens and parks and introduction of new varieties of fruits, flowers and vegetables suited to the local conditions. They do propaganda work by exhibiting departmental charts, photographs, pamphlets, etc., and issuing genuine quality fruit plants, vegetables and flower seeds to the cultivation in local fairs and other public gatherings. They have to pay attention to the lay-outs of bungalow gardens, kitchen gardens, and inspection of lands for planting fruit trees and vegetables. They also undertake measure to control pests and diseases of plants.

Industries and Commerce

The Industries and Commerce Department in the district is under the charge of a Joint Director of Industries and Commerce. He is also the ex-officio Project Officer, Rural Industries Project which was started in 1972. He is directly responsible to the Director, Industries and Commerce, Bengaluru. He is assisted in his duties by a Deputy Director, two Assistant Directors, four ministerial officials and two members of class IV staff.

The main functions of the Industries and Commerce Department in the district include undertaking of Industrial surveys, collection of statistical information on industries, drawing up of plans and schemes for the development of industries and supervision over the activities of artisan training institutions, arranging study tours for entrepreneurs, conducting

industrial campaigns, industrial seminars and streamlining the activities in the district. The Deputy Director also exercises supervision over the activities of the industrial Co-operative societies and Mahila mandals receiving assistance from the Department. He is also empowered to Register Small Scale Industries within the district and to send recommendations to the joint Director, Small-scale Industries, Bengaluru for giving concessions to new industries. He has to investigate and submit reports to the Joint Director and to the Director of Industries and Commerce, Bengaluru, in case of small-scale, medium and large-scale industries, regarding applications for steel, coal, coke and other controlled commodities, preferred to him for allotment of quotas. He maintains industrial statistics and charts for the district and supplies information and renders technical advice to entrepreneurs.

Among his functions include extending various facilities to industrial units under relevant rules and provisions such as loans at cheaper rates of interest to micro units, capital investment subsidies, concessional stamp duties, concessional power tariffs, entry fees concessions, reimbursement of land conversion fees etc.,

Information and Publicity Department

The department was previously called as Information and Publicity office and now it is named as Asst. Director of Information, Bidar. He is directly responsible to the Deputy Director of Information, Kalaburgi Division, Kalaburgi. A District Information Office of the Department of Information and Publicity was started at Bidar in 1963. The Asst. Director of Information is assisted in his duties in the district headquarters by an Information Assistant, a Receptionist, one Cine operator, clerk-cum-typist, a driver and a peon. The main functions of the Department in the district are to give publicity to the various developmental activities and welfare measures taken up by the Government, with a view to enlisting the people's co-operation and participation in the task of all-round development of the district. For this purpose, various media of publicity like film shows, releasing of news items, special and feature articles, press conferences, symposia, group discussions and talks are made use of.

Khadi and Village Industries

The office of Khadi and Village Industries was established in Bidar in 1957 and presently it is under the administrative control of the department of

Industries and Commerce. The District Khadi and Village Industries Officer is the head of the office and he has the administrative jurisdiction of the district of Bidar. He is assisted in his work by a superintendent/collection officer, a first division assistant, a Computer Operator and other office staff. The functions of the office include organizing village industries, their development and control and implementing the programmes introduced from time to time by the state government. Assisting eligible entrepreneurs in the district to avail bank loans for starting and development of village industries under various schemes such as Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme as well as such programmes of the state government. The department also marketing development subsidy for production of khadi yarn and providing support prices to khadi yarn and wages to weavers. The District Khadi and Village Industries Officer reports to Chief Executive Officer, Karnataka State Khadi and Village Industries Board, Bengaluru.

Labour Department

The Labour Officer, Bidar, is in charge of the administration of the Labour Department in Bidar district from December 1975. Labour Officer is the head of the office and he works under the supervision and guidance of the Assistant Commissioner of labour, Kalaburgi Division, Kalaburgi. For the enforcement of the provisions of the various labour enactments and conciliation work in the Bidar district, there are two Labour Inspectors, one each at Bidar and Humnabad. The Labour Inspector is assisted in his duties by one Attender and class IV official. The Labour Inspectors have been notified as "Inspectors" under the Karnataka Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1961, Payment of Wages Act, 1936, Minimum Wages Act, 1948, Weekly Holidays Act, 1942, Motor Transport Workers Act, 1961, Trade Unions Act, Maternity Benefits Act, and the Karnataka Beedi Industrial Premises (Regulation of Conditions of work) Act, 1964, and as such, they are required to implement the provisions of these Acts and the Rules framed thereunder. He is also responsible to implement the provisions of Abolition of Child Labour Act, Registration under Karnataka Building Construction Labourers Act, Karnataka Private Vehicle Drivers Accident Relief Scheme and N.P.S. Light Self-Service scheme. The Labour offices under the jurisdiction of district office are the Labour Inspector's offices at Aurad, Bhalki, Humnabad, Basavakalyan and Bidar.

Mines and Geology Department

A district office Ground-Water Survey started functioning at Bidar with effect from 14th December 1970 and has been continued as a unit office for carrying out ground-water survey of all the taluks of the district. In 2009 this office was converted in to the office of Senior Geologist and work relating to underground water and mineral resources were added to the scope of work. The Senior Geologist is assisted by 3 Geologists and 9 other office staff. The Senior Geologist works under the guidance and supervision of the Additional Senior Geologist, Mines and Geology Department, Ballari.

The main function of the Department in the district is to investigate the ground-water potential by conducting water balance studies and to issue clearance for sinking additional wells. The Geologist renders technical advice to private and public sector agencies also in regard to sinking of wells. In addition to regular survey undertaken for determining the ground-water potential and water quality, the Department has also undertaken drilling new borewells and revitalization of existing wells for agricultural as well as other purposes throughout the district. As also issue of licenses for mining, collection of royalties and road permits for transportation of minerals.

Public Works Department

Prior to re-organisation this department was identified as “construction”(ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ). Late, from 1956 it has been called as Public Works Department, Bidar Division. From 2006 it is identified as Public Works, Ports and Interior Waterways Division. There has been gradual expansion of the activities of the Public Works Department in the district. The division is headed by an Executive Engineer. The Bidar Division of the Department comprises six sub-divisions and is headed by an Assistant Executive Engineer. Each taluk constitutes a Public Works Sub-division. The Executive Engineer is directly responsible to the Superintendent Engineer, Public Works Department, Kalaburgi Circle, Kalaburgi, in all administrative and technical matters. He is assisted in his duties in the divisional office by ministerial staff, Assistant Engineers, Junior Engineers, Electrical Supervisors, Draughtsman, Tracers and other technical staff as well as Statistical Assistant, an Office Manager. Each of the Assistant Engineers in-charge of a sub-division is assisted in his duties by four or five Junior Engineers, a Draughtsman and necessary ministerial and class

IV staff. The Assistant Engineers have to check-measure all the works and are responsible for the satisfactory execution of the works in their jurisdictions.

The main functions of the Division include construction and maintenances Government buildings, roads, bridges and minor irrigation works in the district. The Executive Engineer has powers to entrust to contractors sanctioned works. He is empowered to accord administrative approval and technical sanction to estimates of works up to certain financial limits prescribed from time to time. He can also entrust all works to contractors after calling for tenders or entrust minor works at rates not exceeding the current schedule of rates, to local contractors who are duly registered for taking up such works. He also scrutinizes the estimates of works prepared by other departments. He has been invested with a wide range of powers under the Public Works Code and the Manual of Financial Powers so as to enable him to carry out expeditiously and efficiently various civil works. Being an executive officer, he has to go round the taluks in the district for purposes of inspection of roads, buildings, bridges, irrigation works and the like. He is the professional and technical adviser to various other departments in respect of public works, and also ex-officio professional adviser to the municipalities and other local bodies. The department follows the P.W.D. Code, Accounts Code and e-Procurement Rules for developmental works. A separate sub-division is functioning exclusively for works relating to medical sciences.

Registration of Stamps Department

Before the year 1953 in the Ex-Hyderabad State the District and Sessions Judge, Bidar, were functioning as the ex-officio District Registrar and the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bidar, was amalgamated with the District Registrar. Until 1966, the Collector of the district was in-charge of the administration of the Registration Department. In 1966, the Department of Registration and Stamps was re-organized. Now the District Registrar is in-charge of the administration of this department in the district. He works under the administrative control of the Deputy Commissioner of the district and acts as his executive assistant in all matters relating to Registration and Stamps, but he is under the technical control of the Inspector General of Registration and Commissioner of Stamps in Karnataka, Bengaluru. The

District Registrar is assisted in his duties in the district headquarters by a Headquarters Assistant, a First Division Clerk, a Second Division Clerk, an Attender and a peon. Besides, there is a Headquarters Sub-Registrar at Bidar, who is a Grade I Sub-Registrar. There is a Sub-Registrar Grade II in each of the taluk headquarters such as Bidar, Aurad, Bhalki, Humnabad, Basavakalyan and he is assisted by a clerk, an attender and a peon.

The District Registrar exercises general control and supervision over the work of all the Sub-Registrars in the district. He has powers to receive and register documents which might be registered by any Sub-Registrar. The deposit of wills has to be made only at the District Registrar's office. The Headquarters Assistant to the District Registrar is also the Inspector of Registration and in that capacity, he has powers to inspect all the Sub-Registrar's office in the district. The Sub-Registrars are responsible for registration of documents and are also ex-officio Marriage Registration Officers under the Special Marriage Act, 1954. As Collector of Stamps, the Special Deputy Commissioner exercises such of the powers and functions as are conferred on him by the Stamps Act and the rules issued thereunder. The Headquarters Assistant to the District Registrar and his staff assist the Special Deputy Commissioner in this work as well.

Health and Family Welfare

The office of the District Health Officer was existing in Bidar since 1956. It was under the control of medical department and later came under the control of Health department. The office is headed by District Health and Family welfare officer. The main functions of the department include implementation of health programs and administrative control of related activities in the district. The other offices in its control are: taluk hospitals, primary health centers, district leprosy officer, and maternity hospitals at Bidar. The District Health and Family welfare officer reports to the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Bidar and also to the Director of Health and Family welfare services, Bengaluru.

Backward Classes Welfare Department

There was no such office existing in Bidar before the re-organization of the state. In 1977 the office of Backward Classes Welfare was established in Bidar. The office is headed by the District Officer, Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare. He is assisted by other ministerial staff in his

duties. The main function of the department is to provide social justice to the backward classes, bringing them to the main stream of the society by providing encouragement for education. The programmes undertaken by the department include hostels for pre and post-matric boys and girls, boarding and lodging facilities for students belonging to backward classes, fee concessions, sewing training centers, basic needs to nomadic colonies, training to obtain driving licenses for light and heavy vehicles etc.,

Women and Child Welfare

The office of Women and Child Welfare is functioning in Bidar and is headed by a Deputy Director of Women and Child Welfare. The department is engaged with the functions of educating women and children with regard to consumption of nutritional food, health check-ups, information services, antibiotic inoculations, pre-school education etc. The department is also responsible for implementation of schemes such as Bhagyalakshmi, Stree-shakti, acts relating to prevention of domestic violence, Santhvana, Swadhar, construction and maintenance of Anganawadi buildings etc., The office consists of district programme officers, Social welfare inspectors, Women and Child Welfare officers, Child Development officers, ministerial staff in addition to group D officials, cooks, drivers etc. The other offices in its jurisdiction are: Project Officers, Child Development at Bidar, Bhalki, Basavakalyan, Humnabad, Aurad. The Deputy Director of Women and Child Welfare, Bidar reports to the Director, Women and Child Welfare Department, Karnataka, Bengaluru.

Department of Public Instruction

The Department of Public Instruction was started in Bidar after the reorganization of Karnataka state. Earlier to that the office was called the District Inspector of Schools. Later, in 1960 it was renamed as the office District Education Officer (DEO) and since 1975 it is the Office of the Deputy Director of Public Instruction. The Deputy Director of Public Instruction is assisted in his duties by education officers, subject inspectors, district physical education instructor, urdu education coordinator and other ministerial staff. At taluk level, Block Education Officers are the coordinating officers for implementation of Government Programmes. The education department strives hard for regular academic growth and development in the district. The department implements several

programmes such as distribution of bicycles, uniforms, text books, mid-day meals programmes and other schemes introduced by the state government from time to time.

District Central Library

The present District Central Library of Bidar was established in 1976. The office of the District Central Library is headed by a Chief Librarian and has the jurisdiction of entire Bidar district. He is assisted by two assistant librarians, one library assistant, one first division assistant and 7 other staff including a night watchman. There are 5 branch libraries and 180 *Grama* Panchayat libraries in the district. As per Karnataka Library Act 1965, newspapers, periodicals and good books are made available to public to enrich their knowledge. Readers are also given membership and books are issued on read and return basis to these members. Shaping good citizens through library service is the main objective of this department. The central library implements the projects and developmental programmes decided at the library authority meetings chaired by the Deputy Commissioner of the district. The Director, Public Libraries stationed at Bengaluru is the controlling authority of the department.

Posts and Telegraphs Department

The Posts and Telegraphs Department of the erstwhile Hyderabad State was taken over by the Indian Union Government on 1st April 1950. From 1st April 1950 to 1st April 1960, the Bidar district was a part of a postal division which included also Osmanabad and Nanded districts of Maharashtra with the divisional headquarters at Bidar. On 1st April 1960 as a result of reorganization of the Posts and Telegraphs Department, the Bidar district was attached to the Kalaburgi Division. At present (1975), the administration of the Posts and Telegraphs Department in the district is under the charge of a Superintendent of Post Offices, and he is directly responsible to the Postmaster-General, HQ, Dharwad.

The district has a Head Post Office, Sub-Offices and Branch Offices. The Bidar district has been divided into two postal sub-divisions with their headquarters at Bidar and Humnabad. Each of these sub-divisions is under the charge of an Inspector of Posts. The Inspectors are assisted by Mail Overseers. The Inspectors of these sub-divisions are subordinate to the Superintendent of the Postal Division. There are in this district,

besides the two Inspectors, a Head Post Master, Time-Scale Clerks and Sub-Postmasters, other office staff and postmen (both sorting and delivery) and Class IV officials. The Head Office and Sub-offices and Branch Offices are inspected by the Superintendent of Post Offices, while the rest of the post offices are inspected by the Inspectors of respective sub-divisions. Proper functioning of the post offices and maintenance of postal communications are the main functions of the Department in the district.

Housing Board

The Karnataka Housing Board was constituted under the provisions of the Karnataka Housing Board Act, 1962. During the year 1969, a Sectional Office with two Junior Engineers and with other necessary ministerial staff was set up in the Bidar district. Full-fledged housing board office in Bidar was set up in February 1974 and is headed an Assistant Executive Engineer. He is assisted in his duties by Junior Engineers, revenue officers, members of ministerial staff and necessary class IV officials and drivers. He is directly responsible to the Executive Engineer, Housing Board, Kalaburgi Division, Kalaburgi. The main functions of the Sub-Division in the district are construction of houses for different income groups, besides, Subsidized Rental Houses, quarters for teachers and health officials, etc. The Board is also assisting the rural people by granting loans on security basis for constructing rural house. The Assistant Executive Engineer reports to the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Kalaburgi.

Youth Services and Sports

The main objectives of this department are promotion of sports activities and encouragement to take up different kinds of sports activities to build a healthy youth force in the country. The office of the department is in existence in Bidar since 1973. The Assistant Director, District Youth Empowerment and Sports is in charge of the office. He is assisted by an office superintendent, an office staff and a group D employee. The main functions of the office include encouragement of sports activities, conducting sport meets and tournaments and arranging programmes for the overall development of youth and sportsmen and women. The office works under the supervision of the Director of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Bengaluru.

Co-operative Milk Federation

The Kalaburgi-Bidar-Yadgir Co-operative Milk Federation was established in 1985. The federation comprises of the three districts of Kalaburgi, Bidar and *Yadgir*. Managing Director is the head of the office of this federation. He is assisted in his duties by 5 Dy. Managers, Asst. Managers and other ministerial staff. The main functions of the federation include development of dairy industry as a profitable venture for the social and economic upliftment of members of dairies in the district through modern technology and provide quality milk to the citizens. The office reports to the Managing Director, Karnataka Milk Federation, Bengaluru.

Tourism Department

There is a Tourism Promoter at Basavakalyan, who is in charge of guiding the tourists and providing them with accurate information in respect of the various places of tourist interest in Bidar district. He is assisted in his work by Receptionist, clerk and peon and is responsible to the Director, Department of Tourism, Bengaluru. The new Department is charged with the responsibility of all-round development of tourism in the State.

Sericulture Department

The office of the deputy director, sericulture was established at Bidar with a view to introduce new technology, publicity and special training for agriculturists and their by bring about all-round development in sericulture. The deputy director is the head of this office and he is assisted by gazetted managers and other necessary staff. The department implements various plans and schemes related to the development of sericulture in the district. The programmes like giving loans and advances to silk worm rearing sanctioning financial assistance for bi-voltine silk worms, controlling of sericulture oriented diseases, specially granting financial assistance for Mulberry plantations under Special Component plan and also implementing several schemes and programmes of the department related to sericulture development. In turn these offices control sericulture technical service centers, maintenance of two sericulture learning centers and also sanction freely a centralized sericulture market and also to develop sericulture zones are their main responsibilities. The Chief Executive Officer Zilla Panchayat, Bidar, Directorate of Sericulture, Bengaluru is the immediate control authorities of this office.

Adult Education

The District Adult Education Department is headed by a District Adult Education officer and this office come into existence with the objective of implementing educational revolution in the district under a comprehensive rural developmental programme. The persons in the age group of 9-35 were identified and selected to undergo Adult Education Programme for the first time in the district. The district Adult Education officer being the head of this office has the jurisdiction over the entire district and he is assisted by programme assistant and other necessary staff. The Adult Education Programmes are conducted by resource person and rural development experts selected by the District Adult Education Officer in consultation. Special emphasis are given for the all-round development of the villages in the district. The villages were selected to implement several programmes for the all-round development of these villages. While doing so, a list of required resource for the villages were prepared accordingly priorities for developmental works were prepared and implemented according to the respective needs of the village. For the execution with such programmes the co-operation of the local villages and also government agencies were called for prioritizing the same. Frequently such programmes were supervised at the implementation stage itself. All these responsibilities are discharged through the adult education programme at the village level.

The Department of Adult Education implements schemes and programmes like spreading of literacy movements, several programmes concerning adult education, programmes designed by the National Literacy Mission, improvement of educational, institutions engaged in the task of literacy programmes and periodically conducting surveys and Inspections of various programmes and several other related activities. Besides, the above mentioned programmes several popular schemes such as creating literacy awareness among the young girls and boys, also educating them regarding rural health and sanitation, bring awareness against the meaningless practices, as well as unnecessary religions beliefs and their by making them socially active change their attitude through the establishment of well equipment public libraries.

Karnataka Government Insurance Department (KGID)

The district insurance department under the control of the Director,

Karnataka Government Insurance Department. The district insurance officer is the head of this office and he is assisted by other staff. For the government servants in the district, the government insurance is a compulsory scheme to be followed. It also deals with the sanctioning of insurance advances to the government employees. The other activities of this department include payment of post death policies, sanctioning of payments of matured policies and insurance for all the government vehicles. This department is enforcing all the rules and regulations framed by the department from time to time. During the current year the department has under taken a massive insurance programme to be adopted for the benefit of government servants serving in the various departments.

The department has achieved cent percent success in enforcing the government insurance schemes for the government servants of the district.

Pension, Small Saving and Asset-Liability Monitoring

With an objective of encouraging the saving attitude among the public and their by help the development programmes in the district. This office is head by Assistant Director and he is assisted by development officer and necessary staff. He has the jurisdiction entire district. It also has branches at the taluk level and it is headed by Assistant development officer who functions under the direction of the Assistant Director of the district. The main activities of the department is to achieve targets fixed for small savings, to encourage people to invest in small savings, to implement the financial assistance announced by the government to encourage small savings at Educational Institutions, Muzrai Institutions, to encourage youth association by official agency to then and so on. The Director, Pension Small Savings and Asset-Liability Monitoring Bengaluru is the immediate controlling authority of this department.

Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Service

The post of the District Officer, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, was upgrade in 1971 and re-designated as that of Senior Assistant Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, who is a Class I officer. The Regional Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Kalaburgi is the next immediate senior officer at the divisional level. The senior Assistant Director supervises the working of the various veterinary institutions in the district. Under the control of this department

in the district, there were in 1975, one Veterinary Hospital, nine Veterinary Dispensaries, seventeen Rural Veterinary Dispensaries, two Key Village Schemes and a Regional Poultry Farm. At present Deputy Director is the Executive officer and has the jurisdiction of the District. To assist him, Assistant Directors, Veterinary Doctors, Veterinary Supervisor, senior veterinary supervisors, Veterinary Inspectors, Veterinary helpers and also other necessary staff are there.

Protection of animals from diseases development of veterinary wealth through artificial Insemination improved breed development, the activities connected with social and financial plans implementation, fodder development, animal fodder development, barren animals, Medical treatment, Mobile Veterinary Medical services etc., are some of the important activities of this department.

There are branch offices of this department and they work under the supervision of Assistant Director. This department works for the improvement of livestock and treats and controls diseases of domesticated animals, and give technical advice and guidance to private poultry farms, dairies etc. It has also to arrange for castration of scrub bulls and upgrading of the local non-descript cattle through natural or artificial insemination methods.

Regional Transport Department

The Regional Transport office was started in 1968 at Bidar. The Regional Transport officer is the chief Executive officer and has the District jurisdiction, senior Motor Vehicle Inspector, motor Vehicle inspectors and other necessary staff members are there to assist him.

Registration of Motor Vehicle, collection of taxes with respect to motor Vehicle, issue of license to Drivers and issue of permit to Transport vehicles and also under the Central Motor Vehicles Act of 1988 and other activities are being executed by this office. Karnataka Motor Vehicle Tax Act 1957, Karnataka Motor Vehicle Rules and Regulation of 1989 etc., are being enforced by this department.

Police Department

With the object of maintaining Law and order and also to stop Crimes, District Police Superintendent's office was started in Bidar. Earlier to this

it was looked after by the Deputy Commissioner of the district. District Superintendent of police is the head of the District, has the jurisdiction of the entire Bidar District. Under his control Assistant Administrative Officer and other staff members are working. The Superintendent of Police has the jurisdiction of the entire district and looks after the activities of the department. Under the Superintendent of Police an Additional Superintendent of Police and other staff are also functioning Indian Penal Code, Indian Criminal Code, special and Local Laws, Implementation of police manual, Election Commission's Act, Karnataka Police Act of 1963, Prohibition of Dowry Act, PCR Act and other rules and regulations laid down by the Department are being implemented by this office. At taluk level subordinate offices like sub-divisional and circle offices, Police Station and also Police out station are there. In addition to this District Instruct Intelligence services, District Crime registration office, District Scientific Unit, National Highway Unit, Finger Print division, District wireless Division and also district Reserve Police division come under the Administrative Jurisdiction of District Superintendent of Police. To control and conduct the traffic as per traffic rules, monthly or prevention of crime and to create awareness in the public about stoppage of crime, to issue hand bills, Publishing in the local papers and also to exhibition or slides in the theatres and special activities are implemented by this office.

District Treasury

Until 1964, the Deputy Commissioner of the district was the head of the Government treasuries in the district and he was being assisted in his treasury functions by a District Treasury officer. In 1964, the treasury Department was reorganized and a separate Directorate of Treasuries was formed and the Deputy Commissioner was relieved of his additional charge of the Treasury Department in the district and he is directly responsible to the Director of Treasuries in Karnataka Bengaluru, District Treasury officer is the head of the department and he has the introduction of Taluk Treasury offices. To help him Assistant Treasury officers, chief accountant and necessary staff. Bidar Zilla Panchayath, Gram Panchayath, Municipal offices and town municipalities Accounts are organized and it submits the same to chief Accounts officer. This work is being done by this office. Karnataka Financial Code, Karnataka Treasury Code, Karnataka Contingent Expenditure Code, Budget hand book, etc., and other Government Rules

and Regulations are being implemented by this department. Different departments which implement different plans, and payment of bills connected with them are finalized and Departments Main Accounts, head of accounts is the responsibility of this office. There are sub-treasuries in the remaining taluks have Sub-Treasuries. Deputy Treasury Officer supervises the working of the Sub-Treasury. The department has been computerized and all the work comes under online or HRMS system.

Kannada and Culture Department

With the object of implementing the meticulous use of Kannada in Government and non-government offices to propagate Karnataka culture, office of the Assistant Director, Kannada and Culture was established in Bidar. The Assistant Director, Kannada and culture has the district jurisdiction and he is the main officer of this district.

The important works undertaken by this department are Kannada development work, to run Kannada Classes to Government servants, officers, to use Kannada in the courts, to teach Kannada to non-Kannadigas are executed and such other Kannada related services. To recognize artists in the district to conduct cultural programmes, to organize seminars and workshops, under special unit to encourage artists, to construct open auditoriums in each taluk and to supply funds are taken up by this department. To refund medical expenses of artists, to supply funds exhibit the local talents of backward caste/class artists to give opportunities to local artists, to exhibit their talents, to sanction remuneration and honorarium and also to sanction monthly pension to conduct child talent, young talent competition, young talent exhibition, selling of Books are some of the activities of this department and it also carries out other works entrusted and it functions under the supervision of the Director, Kannada and culture, Bengaluru.

Karnataka Water Supply and Sewerage Board

Karnataka Water Supply and sewerage Board is the sub-division office started in Bidar. Assistant Executive Engineer is the head of the entire Bidar district. This office looks after the execution of several works concerning water supply and sewerage of Bidar, Humnabad, Bhalki, Basavakalyan and Aurad. This office also implements the legislation connected with the Board. There is necessary staff to assist them.

Watershed Development Department

In the district from 01-01-2000 District watershed Development department came into existence. This department implements several work connected with agriculture. District watershed development officer supervises the activities of this department. Commissioner Watershed Development, Bengaluru is the ultimate controlling authority of this office at the district level.

Karnataka State Seeds Corporation Ltd

Karnataka State Seeds Corporation Ltd. being Karnataka Governments subsidiary institution was established in Bidar to distribute good quality of seed growth. The Manager who has jurisdiction of the district is the head of this corporation and he is assisted by subordinate staff. Storage and seed preservation, planning are the main objectives of this corporation. Managing Director, Karnataka seeds Corporation, Bengaluru is the administrative head of this department.

Karnataka State Finance Corporation Ltd

With a view develop the Industries in Karnataka, the Karnataka Finance Corporation was established at Bengaluru, under the State Financial Act of 1951 and its branch office was opened at Bidar. Assistant Chief Manager is the head of this office and there is sub-ordinate staff to assist him. This office carries out the works like to grant long term loans in order to help new entrepreneurs to start new industries or to develop the existing industries to renovate the existing industries and to execute such other programmes initiated by the Government comes under the jurisdiction of this office.

This office also sanctions Financial Assistance to executive schemes as technical programmes, Hotel industries, Industrial township, transport, trade, modernization work, Quality control, Electro medical operates, Electric Generators, Nursing Home, Computers, Tourism activities, management of Roads, development and erection, to rehabilitate Sick Industries, shopping centers and cowsheds are granted with financial Assistance. Educated unemployment, disabled persons, retired ex-military specialists intrade are given facilities. This office gives low rate of interest to help Modernization of Industries.

Industries and Boilers Department

Inspector of Factories office was establish with a view to carry out the work in Bidar and Inspector of factories is the head of this office. The main activities of this department are approving plans of new factories, renovation, amendment and also payment of salaries to the laborers etc. are some of the responsibility of the Inspector of factories. This office carries out the Karnataka Factories Act 1948, Karnataka Factories Regulations 1969, Karnataka Payment of Wages Rules 1963, Karnataka Welfare Officer Rules 1963, Payment of Wages Act, 1948 and Karnataka Maternity Benefit Act & Rules 1966 etc., Joint inspector of factories, Bengaluru and also chief Inspector of Factories and Boilers (Center Office), Bengaluru is the dual controlling authority of this office.

Legal Metrology Department

With a view to certify and stamping of weights and measures are also conduct Industries inspection by filling of cases the Legal Metrology Department was created at Bidar. Assistant Controller of Legal Metrology is the district head of this office and he is assisted by sub-ordinate staff. This Assistant Controller has the jurisdiction of the entire Bidar District. Commissioner of Metrology located at Bengaluru is the ultimate head of this department. This department implements several rules and Acts like Karnataka Weights and Measures Act 1985 and also Rules and regulation of 1988 and package of material Act 1976 and Rules of 1977.

District Consumer's Forum

With the object of getting solution to consumers grievances who have been frequently exploited. This Forum is presided by one President who is a judicial person. This Forum acts according to the Karnataka Welfare act 1986 and also Consumer Welfare Act 1986 and also consumers welfare rules and regulations 1988 and contained in the handbooks. To help the president the office is headed by Assistant registrar and Assistant Executive officer and including one Shirasthedar and other staff are functioning. This office looks after the affected consumers and gives them suitable compensation. These are the things that forum implements.

Social Welfare Department

The Social Welfare Department is headed by District Social Welfare Officer. It was established in 1961. The main objective of this department

is to implement several developmental programmes announced by the Government for the welfare of SC's and ST's from time to time. The District Social Welfare Officer has the jurisdiction of the entire district. He is assisted by necessary staff.

The main activities of the department involves in providing and maintenance of hostels for SC's and ST's sanctioning of awarding cash prizes for meritorious students under reservation, sanctioning of irrigation pump sets for the SC's and ST's are some of the programme implemented by this department. Under the preview of this department several programmes for the welfare of SC's and ST's are being executed under the guidance of the social welfare department in the state. The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Bidar and Director, Social Welfare Directorate, Bengaluru are the controlling authority of this department.

Pre-University and Vocational Education Department

The office of the Deputy Director, Pre-University Education and Occupational Training Department Office was started in Bidar in the Year 1997. Bidar has 24 Govt. Pre-University college and five separated Composite Degree Colleges, 37 Grant in aid and 107 private Pre-University colleges come under the jurisdiction of this department. Inspection of all these colleges, Pre-University and Vocational Education and other Educational activities, Supervision of examination work, Sports activities, Physical training, Library and also enquire into several complaints received about the college buildings are some of the responsibilities of this office. The other execution Plans instituted by the department and also supervise developmental activities are the main responsibilities of this department. Deputy Director is the head of this office and he is assisted by other necessary staff and Director, Pre-University Education department, Bengaluru and also Director Vocational Education are the Main Controlling Authority.

Forest Department

The office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests is functioning at Bidar. The Deputy Conservator of forests has the jurisdiction of the entire district. Administration of forests is vested with the provincial division. He is assisted with necessary staff. The Deputy Conservator of forest has the supervisory control of the district. The responsibility to supervising their division will be that of the Assistant Conservator of forests. The Chief Executive Officer

of the Zilla Panchayath will be the immediate superior of the forest offices in the district.

The main objectives of this office under the forest development schemes are to undertake plantations to establish raising grooves and also supplied seedlings to farmers. This department also undertakes the implementing forest work of 'C' and 'D' grade land and also land like Gomala, Tankband, Roadside, Canal sides to take up foresting schemes. Forest development, schools plantation, decentralized plantation etc., social forestry planning are some of the other schemes on vogue. This department implements rural development schemes. The department follows the rules and regulations of the Government and also implements Karnataka Finance Code and Other Forest Code.

Karnataka Land Army Corporation Ltd

The office of the Deputy Director, Karnataka Land Army Corporation Ltd was started at Bidar. Deputy Director is the head of this office and his administrative jurisdiction entire Bidar District. To assist him there are Assistant Director, Technical Staff and other necessary staff. To train the unemployed Rural Youth and Rehabilitation part time unemployed youths and impart disciplinary army training are main activities of this office. To undertake contracts connected with the public work and to see that these are carried out through the cooperation of Engineers without any middleman, work to be carried out by payment of wages prescribed by the Government and Land Army Corporation.

This department has powers to execute the work projects entrusted by central and Quasi Government Agencies and finally handover the same after completion. This corporation has been entrusted with the work connected with the students hosted hospital buildings and connected with different departments, Zilla Panchayath, District Adult Educational Officers and Training Institutes functioning in the district.

District Statistical Officer

The District Statistical Officer, Bidar is directly responsible to the Director of Bureau of Economics and Statistics in Karnataka, Bengaluru. He is assisted in his duties at the district headquarters by Senior Statistical Assistants, Junior Statistical Assistant, Enumerator, Computer (Sample

Registration Scheme, Government of India), Clerk, Typist and Class IV employees. In the taluks, there are Junior Statistical Assistants, Progress Assistants and Enumerators (one each in every taluk) under the control of the District Statistical Officer. The Junior Statistical Assistant working in each taluk is attached to the Taluk Office. He has to attend to the collection and compilation of statistical data and also to conduct the surveys of this department with the help of other departmental agencies at the taluk-level. Under the administrative control of the Tahsildars. Each Community Development Block has one Progress Assistant for attending to the statistical work.

The main functions of the District Statistical Officer are collection of all essential statistical data about the district from various Government departments, Semi-Government institutions and also private bodies. He has to correlate and analyses them and pass them on to the head office at Bengaluru for being processed and published. Collection of vital statistics, verification of birth and death registers maintained by village accountants, compilation of figures of periodical rainfall and weather and crop reports, conducting of crop estimation surveys in regard to principal food and non-food crops like jowar, bajra, tur, paddy, sugarcane, pepper, fruits and vegetables, collection of agricultural statistics, work pertaining to National Sample Survey, Land utilization data etc., Collection of statistics in respect of local bodies and community development blocks has also to be attended by the District Statistical Officer and his staff. He publishes a statistical sheet called "Bidar District at a Glance" every year containing some basic statistics about the district.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Central Excise Department

When the new Mysore State came into being in 1956, the administration of Central excise in respect of Bidar district was being carried on by the Collectorate of Central Excise, Hyderabad. Following the formation of the new Mysore State, the Central Government opened a new Collectorate of Central Excise at Bengaluru in September 1957, with jurisdiction over the entire new Mysore State. Until 1963, the administration of the Central Excise Department in Bidar district was being carried on by three Inspectors of Central Excise, stationed at Bidar, Chincholi and Humnabad.

From 1st June 1963, a Multiple Officer's Range was formed at Bidar, having jurisdiction over the entire Bidar district and Chincholi taluk of Kalaburgi district. A Deputy Superintendent of Central Excise is in charge of this multiple officer's Range, who has his headquarters at Bidar. He is assisted in his duties by Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors of Central Excise. Later, from 15th October 1966, the post of the Deputy Superintendent of Central Excise was upgraded to that of a superintendent of Central Excise.

At present (1975), the Superintendent of Central Excise is assisted in his duties by two Inspectors of Central Excise, stationed one each at Humnabad and Chincholi, three Sepoys and other necessary ministerial and Class IV staff. He works under the control and guidance of the Assistant Commissioner of Central Excise, Kalaburgi Division, Kalaburgi. The main functions of the Central Excise Department in the district are assessment and collection of Central Excise duties in respect of certain commodities, prevention of smuggling and detection of cases of evasion of Central Excise duty.

Income-tax Department

An Income-tax Office was opened at Kalaburagi, in 1949, under the ex-Hyderabad State's Income-tax Department. After the Federal Financial Integration in 1950, this office was taken over by the Central Government and it remained under the administrative control of the Commissioner of Income-tax, Hyderabad, till 31st April 1957. Then it was transferred to the charge of the Commissioner of Income-tax, Karnataka, Bengaluru. The Bidar district was under the jurisdiction of the Income-tax Officer stationed at Kalaburagi and there was no separate income-tax office in Bidar district. After the reorganization of the department there is an income tax office in Bidar that is headed by an Income Tax Officer and he will report to the Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, range. The main functions of the Income-tax Department are levying and collection of income-tax, wealth-tax, gift-tax and estate duty and detection of cases in which a taxable income is being earned but tax is not being paid under the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961, Wealth-tax Act, 1957, Gift-tax Act, 1958, and Estate Duty Act, 1957.

The departments of both state and central government discuss above, gives a cursory glance of the activities of the department. The other left out Central and State Government Departments, Boards and Corporation functioning in the district have been listed below.

Executive Engineers, Zilla Panchayath Engineer Division; Special Land Acquisition Officer; District marketing Officer; Probationary Officer, Remand Home Assistant Director, Town Planning Department; Assistant Director, Commandant, District home guard District Jail Central intelligent Assistant Officer, Central intelligent; observers Lokayukta Department; Assistant Director, Handloom and Textile Department; Chief Manager, Karnataka Construction Corporation Ltd., Assistant Executive Engineer, Karnataka Construction Corporation Ltd., Assistant Executive Engineer, District Plan Supervision Unit; Executive Engineer, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd., Divisional Office; Managing Director, District Industrial Supply Marketing Society Ltd., Principal, District Training Institution; Youth Coordinator, Nehru Youth Centre, Karnataka Forest Development Corporation; Sheep and Sheep Products Development Corporation; Industrial Area Development Board Karnataka Small Industrial Marketing Corporation; Karnataka Agricultural Marketing Board and Karnataka State Warehouse Corporation.
