

CHAPTER XIII

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

IN the previous chapters, the work of some of the important administrative departments has been dealt with, keeping in view their gradual growth, necessitated by the needs of a Welfare State. The organisational set-up of various other departments like Public Works, Agriculture, Industries, Food Supplies, Transport, Commercial Taxes has been described in this Chapter. The progress achieved in the activities of some of these departments has been noticed in earlier chapters and hence only their administrative set-up has been dealt with here.

The District Agricultural Officer is responsible for the agricultural activities in the district*. Recently, an Additional District Agricultural Officer has been posted to assist the District Agricultural Officer in the intensification of agricultural production. There are two gazetted technical officers called Project Officers stationed at Davangere and Hiriya for oil-seeds development. For the agricultural development of the Bhadra channel area, there is a Class II Special Officer attached to the office of the district Agricultural Officer. Each Community Development Block is provided with Agricultural Extension Officers, who are twelve in number. For purposes of plant protection, there are two Plant Protection Assistants in the office of the District Agricultural Officer. There is a Compost Demonstrator for the entire district, working under the District Agricultural Officer. There is also an Oil-seeds Demonstrator for the whole district. The tractors and bulldozers are managed by a Foreman at the headquarters town of Chitradurga. In addition to these technical officers, there are in all six Sub-divisional Soil Conservation Officers working under the Divisional Soil Conservation Officer. In order to step up cotton production in the district, there is one Cotton Superintendent working in the District Agricultural Office. Each taluk in the district has a Field Assistant, besides five Agricultural Demonstrators in the district.

**Agricultural
Department**

*In January 1967, the departmental set-up was being re-organised with a Deputy Director of Agriculture at the district level, assisted by two Assistant Directors in charge of Hiriya and Davangere agricultural sub-divisions.

**Animal
Husbandry
Department**

The animal husbandry activities of the district are being attended to by the District Officer, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services who is responsible to the Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services in Mysore, Bangalore. This Officer looks after the veterinary institutions and gives directions to the veterinarians who are actually manning the veterinary hospitals and dispensaries. Stockmen or locally-trained personnel are stationed in various rural areas of the district and are under the overall guidance and control of the veterinary officers stationed in the taluk headquarters. The veterinary staff at the taluk headquarters are primarily responsible for the health of livestock within their respective areas. The District Officer has to supervise the work of the stockmen working in the rural areas and, in times of emergency, he has powers to post the stockmen anywhere within the taluk area.

**Archæological
Department**

The Department of Archaeology, Mysore, has under its control the Antiquities Museum in Chitradurga town, the staff of which consists of one Honorary Curator and one Attender. The Honorary Curator is the officer in charge of the Museum and is directly responsible to the Director of Archaeology. The Curator has to look after the Museum, display the objects, augment the collection of antiquities and explain to the visitors the nature and historical importance of the objects displayed there.

**Civil Supplies
Department**

The work of civil supplies in the district of Chitradurga is attended to by one Assistant Inspector with his headquarters in Chitradurga town. He is subordinate to the Deputy Commissioner of the district and works under the supervision of the Inspector of Civil Supplies, Shimoga Division. The jurisdiction of the Assistant Inspector is limited to Chitradurga district. The duties of the Assistant Inspector include checking of accounts of the dealers of iron, steel and scrap metal, enforcing of licence rules and regulations in respect of cotton dealers of the district and generally carrying out the instructions issued by the Controller of Civil Supplies and the Deputy Commissioner. The Assistant Inspector is now designated as Assistant Inspector of Civil Supplies and Iron and Steel, Chitradurga district. He has also to check the accounts of kerosene oil dealers under the powers delegated to him under the Kerosene Oil Control Act of 1965. He works under the Assistant Director of Industries and Commerce, Chitradurga district.

**Commercial
Taxes Depart-
ment**

There are three Commercial Tax Officers in the district, one at Chitradurga and the other two at Davangere to attend to the work of assessment under the Mysore Commercial Tax Act, 1956. Subordinate to these three officers, three posts of Assistant Commercial Tax Officers have been sanctioned, one for the district headquarters town and two for Davangere. The officers are directly responsible to the Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Taxes,

Bangalore Division, and the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Bangalore, who is the head of the Department. The assessing powers of the Commercial Tax Officers extend to Rs. 40,000 and above, while the assessing powers of the Assistant Commercial Tax Officers are restricted to a turn-over limit of Rs. 40,000, under the Mysore Sales Tax Act, 1956. The Assistant Commercial Tax Officer is also required to perform duties under the Mysore Entertainment Tax Act.

The Deputy Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Chitradurga, exercises general supervision over the working of co-operative institutions in the district. Under him, there are two Assistant Registrars, one each for the revenue sub-divisions. There are Inspectors of Co-operative Societies and Co-operative Extension Officers in each taluk. Each Inspector and Co-operative Extension Officer is assisted by a process server and a peon. The Deputy Registrar with his headquarters at Chitradurga is directly responsible to the Joint Registrar and to the Registrar. The Inspectors and Co-operative Extension Officers are responsible to the Assistant Registrar. The Assistant Registrar accords sanction for starting of new societies and arranges auditing of accounts; he has also to implement the Five-Year Plan schemes. The Inspectors of Co-operative Societies and Co-operation Extension Officers have to inspect all the societies in their respective circles. They have to inspect at least six societies in a month. They should also arrange to convene general body meetings of all the societies in the taluk, after the completion of the annual audit which is attended to by Junior and Senior District and Special Auditors. The Inspectors have to ensure expeditious work under the plan programmes.

**Co-operative
Department**

The District Educational Officer is responsible for the administration and control of all the primary schools in the district.

**Education
Department**

Under him, there are two Assistant District Educational Officers for the two revenue sub-divisions, *viz.*, Chitradurga and Davangere. These two officers are also of gazetted rank.

In addition to the above personnel, there are eleven Inspectors and eleven Deputy Inspectors placed in different taluks of the district and also in the headquarters. The inspection of rural primary schools has been left to the concerned Inspectors of Schools. The Deputy Director of Public Instruction, Chitradurga, is responsible for the administration and control of all the high schools in the district.

The District Educational Officer is responsible to the Deputy Director of Public Instruction, Chitradurga Division, who in turn is answerable to the Director of Public Instruction, Bangalore, who is the head of the Education Department.

**Fisheries
Department**

The Assistant Superintendent of Fisheries, Chitradurga district, is in charge of the fisheries development activities in the district. His headquarters is at Vanivilaspura. He is under the administrative control of the Director of Fisheries, Bangalore. The Assistant Superintendent is assisted by two Assistant Inspectors of Fisheries, fishery watchers and fishermen. The headquarters of one Assistant Fisheries Inspector is at Chitradurga and of the other at Vanivilaspura. The Assistant Superintendent of Fisheries and the Assistant Fisheries Inspectors have to enforce fishing regulations under the Mysore Game and Fish Preservation Regulation of 1901. In general, they have to conserve fisheries resources and to regulate catching of fishes in rivers, tanks and reservoirs.

**Food Supplies
Department**

The Deputy Commissioner of Chitradurga is in charge of the work of food supplies in the district and he is responsible to the Director of Food Supplies in so far as the work of this department is concerned. There is a Food Assistant who assists the Deputy Commissioner in this work. The Tahsildars of taluks attend to the work of the department in the taluks.

**Forest
Department**

The organisation of the Forest Department at the district level is in charge of the Divisional Forest Officer whose office is located in Chitradurga town. The Divisional Forest Officer is directly responsible to the Conservator of Forests, Bellary Circle, Bellary. There are Range Forest Officers, Foresters and Forest Guards to assist the Divisional Forest Officer. The successive Five-Year Plans have provided for large-scale afforestation work. In order to cope with this extra work, temporary personnel were drafted in various categories, like nursery workers, caretakers, plantation watchers, foresters, checking guards and forest guards.

**Horticultural
Department**

For purposes of horticultural development in the district, there is one District Horticultural Inspector stationed in Chitradurga town and he is responsible directly to the Director of Horticulture, Bangalore. The District Inspector attends to all horticultural works like granting of fruit culture loans, supply of plants, seeds and insecticides and inspection of lands where fruits and vegetables are grown. He is also the *ex-officio* Secretary of the District Horticultural Society. He has under him one plant propagator, fieldmen and some office staff.

**Industries
Department**

The Assistant Director, Industries and Commerce, Chitradurga, is in charge of the work of the Department of Industries and Commerce in the district. The work of this department is mainly confined to the development and progress of small-scale industries, large-scale industries and cottage industries. The officer in charge of this work is responsible to the Director of Industries and Commerce, Bangalore. The Assistant Director is assisted by one Senior Industrial Supervisor, one Junior Industrial Supervisor and

some ministerial staff, besides one Extension Officer (Industries) for each taluk to look after the work connected with small-scale and village industries. All loan applications preferred under the State Aid to Industries Act to the Director of Industries and Commerce are sent to the Assistant Director of Industries of the district for investigation and he sends a report after enquiry. Requisitions for import of raw materials and machinery required for various types of industries are checked up by the Assistant Director upon whose report necessary essentiality certificates are issued. The officer is also required to collect whenever necessary statistical data of all the industries located in the district. Possibilities and potentialities of starting new industrial units are also investigated by him. Industrial exhibitions for the popularisation of industrial arts are often held and these are arranged by the Assistant Director, after being approved by the Director. The Assistant Director of Industries and Commerce in the Chitradurga district is in over-all charge of the industrial schools in the area.

Originally, the protection of labour interests in the district was under the jurisdiction of the Labour Officer, Bhadravathi. As the industrialisation of the district took a rapid stride in Davangere and Harihar, the Government opened a separate labour office for the entire district with headquarters at Davangere, from 8th October 1965. The Inspector of Factories, Shimoga Division, has got jurisdiction over the Chitradurga district also. The Labour Officer at Davangere works under the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Mysore Division, Mysore. There are five Labour Inspectors working under the Labour Officer. The Labour Officer is the conciliation officer under the Industrial Disputes Act and performs the functions assigned to him under the Payment of Wages Act, Minimum Wages Act, Mysore Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Act, Working Journalists and Miscellaneous Provisions Act and Payment of Bonus Act. He is also notified as Additional Inspector under the Mysore Factories Act.

**Labour
Department**

In the organisational set-up of the Mysore Housing Board, there is no separate district officer. The Executive Engineer, Mysore Housing Board, who is stationed at Hubli, looks after the works of the Board in this district also, through the Assistant Engineer, Mysore Housing Board, Davangere, who is in charge of all the housing schemes in the district.

**Mysore
Housing
Board**

The jurisdiction of the Executive Engineer, Mysore Housing Board, having his headquarters at Hubli, comprises ten districts in the State, i.e., Chitradurga, Shimoga, Dharwar, Belgaum, North Kanara, Bellary, Raichur, Bidar, Gulbarga and Bijapur.

The Assistant Engineer, Mysore Housing Board, Davangere Sub-Division, has got jurisdiction over two districts, *viz.*, Chitradurga and Shimoga and is in charge of all the housing schemes in these two districts.

These two officers are directly responsible to the Chairman, Mysore Housing Board at Bangalore. They and the executive subordinate staff are lent from the State Public Works Department. The Sub-Division has got seven executive subordinates, out of whom three are stationed at Davangere, one at Harihar, one at Chitradurga and the remaining two at Shimoga.

The Mysore Housing Board attends to the implementation of housing schemes, *viz.*, Subsidised Industrial Housing Scheme, Subsidised Rental Housing Scheme, Low-Income Group Housing Scheme and Middle-Income Group Housing Scheme, thus helping to ease the housing problem in the urban areas of the State.

**Mysore State
Electricity
Board**

The Executive Engineer (Electrical), Chitradurga, is in charge of the distribution, and maintenance of electrical installations in the district. He is directly responsible to the Chief Engineer of the Mysore State Electricity Board. The Executive Engineer (Electrical) is the administrative head of the Division for both the technical and administrative wings within defined monetary limits as prescribed in the rules. There are Assistant Engineers (Electrical) under the Executive Engineer. The Executive Engineer (Electrical), Chitradurga Division, carries out electrical development works in the area with special emphasis on power supply to the irrigation pump sets and rural electrification.

**Mysore State
Road
Transport
Corporation**

The Chitradurga Depot of the Mysore State Road Transport Corporation is placed under the control of a Depot Manager who is directly responsible to the Deputy General Manager of the Bangalore Division, who is the administrative head of the unit. The Deputy General Manager is responsible to the General Manager of the Corporation. The Depot Manager is charged with the responsibility of operating the transport services regularly, according to schedule, providing relief in cases of accidents and breakdowns, catering to extra traffic when the need arises, maintenance of accounts of tickets, stores and cash, maintenance of vehicles, docking programme, provision of buses on casual contracts, and the like. The Depot Manager has to furnish statistics of operations and has to conduct line checking and to inspect control points within his jurisdiction. He is also the supervisory authority over the workshop attached to the Depot.

**Public Works
Department**

The needs of the district in the sphere of public works are looked after by two Executive Engineers, one stationed at Davangere and the other at Chitradurga. Both these officers are immediately subordinate to the Superintending Engineer, Shimoga

Circle, Shimoga. The Executive Engineers are assisted by a number of Assistant Engineers, Junior Engineers and Supervisors and ministerial staff.

The Executive Engineers have been invested with a wide range of powers under the Public Works Code in order to carry out efficiently and expeditiously various civil works entrusted to their care. The powers and functions of the Executive Engineers have been specified but do not preclude variations according to the developmental needs of the district. The Executive Engineers have powers to accord administrative approval as well as technical sanction for various public works upto a monetary limit of Rs. 25,000, including irrigation works which are specifically provided for in the budget. As regards component parts of a project, the Executive Engineers have powers to accord technical sanction, if the approved limit does not exceed Rs. 10,000. Various powers in regard to repairs and special repairs have been enumerated, the limit in each case having been specified. As the calling for tenders has become an important feature in the execution of public works, various powers have been given to the Executive Engineers. These officers, both in Chitradurga and Davangere, have necessary powers to accept tenders up to Rs. one lakh, provided the excess of the tender amount over the sanctioned estimate is not more than 5 per cent of the latter. This is, however, subject to an over-all condition that in all cases, only the lower or the lowest of more than one tender should be accepted.

The Executive Engineers of the two Divisions are touring officers who have to go round their jurisdictional areas for purposes of detailed inspection of roads, buildings, bridges, irrigation works, canals and the like. The Executive Engineer is the *ex-officio* professional adviser to the Municipalities and Local Boards. He is a member of the Regional Transport Authority Committee and such other committees in the district. The Assistant Engineers are members of the Block Development Advisory Committees in their respective jurisdictions. There is an Assistant Engineer at Davangere in charge of the irrigational canal system under the Bhadra Reservoir Scheme.

The District Publicity Officer is in charge of the Governmental Department of Publicity and Information in the district. The office was opened on the 16th September 1965, to publicise the various activities of the Government and also the work executed under the successive Five-Year Plans.

The department also instals and looks after community radio sets in rural areas. There is a Radio Supervisor in Chitradurga who looks after these sets. There were in all 160 community receiving sets in the district, in 1965. Both the District Publicity Officer and the Radio Supervisor work under the control of the Director of Publicity and Information, Bangalore.

**Social
Welfare
Department**

The District Social Welfare Officer is in charge of the administration of the department in the district. He works as the executive assistant to the Deputy Commissioner in implementing the various social welfare schemes in the district. But he is under the administrative control of the Director of Social Welfare, Bangalore. He is assisted in his duties by social welfare inspectors, women welfare organisers, conductresses and superintendents of social welfare institutions. He is responsible for enforcement of the Untouchability Offences Act also. He has to promote the social, economic, educational and cultural interests of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Denotified Tribes, with the co-operation of various district officers.

The department has established a Remand Home at Davangere for the observation and study of children who are taken in charge under the provisions of the Mysore Children's Act, 1964, which has been brought into operation in the taluk and municipal limits of Davangere. A Probation Officer-cum-Superintendent is in charge of the Remand Home and he has to study the children placed under his care and to collect information regarding their home conditions, antecedents, character and the like. The Probation Officer is under the direct control of the Chief Inspector of Certified Schools, Bangalore. He submits reports to the Magistrate, Juvenile Court, Davangere, who holds his sittings in the Remand Home twice a month.

**Stamps
Department**

The Deputy Commissioner of the district is the Collector of Stamps. His powers are delegated to the Revenue Sub-Division Officers and the Headquarters Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner. The Collector of Stamps is directly responsible to the Commissioner of Stamps who is the head of the Stamps Department. The Collectors of Stamps are empowered to take suitable action under various sections of the Mysore Stamps Act. The Collectors have to deal with the documents which are brought to them for adjudication and to fix stamp duty and penalty on documents impounded and forwarded by Sub-Registrars.

**Statistical
Department**

Till recently, the compilation of statistical information pertaining to the district was done by the Bangalore Divisional Statistician who had his headquarters in Bangalore. A separate District Statistical Office has been established to collect necessary statistical details. The office is in charge of a District Statistical Officer who is responsible to the Director of Statistics at Bangalore. This officer has to collect statistical data from various governmental departments, correlate, analyse and publicise them for public information, after approval from the head office in Bangalore. The officer belongs to the gazetted cadre of Statistical Officers.
