

CHAPTER 11

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

The activities of various Departments, Boards, Corporations under the administrative jurisdiction of Dharwad district have been briefly discussed in the previous chapters of this volume. The Government which is concerned with the overall development of people and their welfare is involved in framing the developmental schemes periodically, amending the rules and regulations and identifying different departments for their implementation. It is expected that the various departments of the state and the central government, formulate the required policies and schemes, with a view to implement these schemes and there by to meet the aspirations of the people in regard to delivering the benefits of these schemes. Apart from the office of the Deputy Commissioner, the various unit offices of the state and central level Government departments functioning in the district are actively carrying out these policies and schemes apart from the various Boards and Corporations located in the district. The objective behind the establishment of these unit offices, Boards and Corporations, their development activities, the details of their staffing etc. are briefly explained, in this chapter.

Forest

The office of the Deputy Conservator of forest was established in Dharwad with the objective of protecting the forest wealth and to maintain ecology. This divisional office is headed by the Deputy Conservator of Forests. His administrative jurisdiction extends over the Range Forest Offices of Hubli, Kalghatgi, Dharwad, Dhundsi and Hangal as well as the offices of Assistant Conservator of forest (sub divisional office) of Dharwad and Hangal. The Sandal wood by-product production centres of Hulakoppa and Hangal and Zonal forest office of AOSS Kalghatgi. The Karnataka Forest Code and the Karnataka Forest Act 1963 and Rules, framed under Karnataka Forest Manual and other Acts and Rules are being implemented by this office. The officers and officials working in this office include, two Assistant Conservators of Forest, 13 Range Forest Officers, 28 Foresters, 125 Forest Guards, 225 Forest Inspectors and other staff. The Conservator of Forest, Belgaum circle, Belgaum is their immediate official superior.

Economics and Statistics

The office of the District Statistical Officer was established in 1959 in Dharwad. This office is headed by a District Statistical Officer and he is assisted by one Superintendent, ten Assistant Statistical Officers, 18 Statistical Inspectors, and other staff. The main objectives of this office are to collect and publish statistical data of different offices in the district, collate and publish statistical data of both State and Central Governments in respect of agriculture, economics, social, occupational, educational, physically handicapped, health, and the social development of backward classes. Supervision of the registration of births and deaths in the district are some of the activities of this office. Its other functions include collection of rainfall data, estimating the yield of crops under the development and planning activities, according permission for the opening of meteorological centres to assist the Central Government staff in economic and social survey conducted by the Central Government, to impart training in highlighting the importance of statistical data collection in the departmental training of various departments, etc. The Director, Department of Economic and Statistics and who is the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Bangalore is the immediate official superior to this office.

Food and Civil Supplies

The office of the Deputy Director, Food and Civil Supplies department, was functioning in Dharwad prior to 1984. The Food Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner was looking after the duties of this office and later, the post of the Deputy Director of Food and Civil Supplies was created. This office takes up the activities such as, regulating the public distribution system, distribution of civil supplies including kerosene, levy collection, distribution of Green Cards in rural areas and distribution of food grains. The Deputy Director is assisted by one Assistant Director, one office Manager, and other staff, besides two Food Inspectors and one Second Division Assistant working in all the Taluk offices under respective Tahsildars, who look after the procurement of civil supplies, distribution and levy collection. The rationing system in the informal rationing areas of Gadag-Betageri, Ranibennur and Haveri, is looked after under the supervision of the assisting staff. There were nine food Sheristedars who were looking after the matters connected with the implementation of scheme of distribution of subsidised rice at Rs. 2.00 per. kg, subsidised sarees, dhotis, etc., which was introduced in 1985. Each of these Sheristadars was looking after two taluks assigned to them. The Deputy Commissioners of the district is over all charge of the District in the matter of food and civil supplies of the district as well as the Food Assistant of the district are their immediate superiors

Consumer Forum

District Consumer Redressal Forum was established in Dharwad on 16.12.1991. The forum has jurisdiction over the entire district and has the aim of securing the protection of the interests of the consumers. The Chairman is the presiding officer of this Forum. The Forum ensures that the provisions of the consumers Act 1986 and Karnataka Consumers Protection Rules 1988 are enforced. The Forum inquires about the consumers grievances and passes appropriate orders. There are two wings in the District Forum, Judicial Wing and Administrative wing. The Judicial Wing is headed by the Chairman who is of the status of a District Judge along with one member from the general public and a lady member appointed by the Government.

Employment and Training

The Employment Exchange was established in Hubli in 1958. District Employment Officer is the head of this office. At the time when the office was established, the designation of the head of the office was 'Deputy Regional Employment Officer'. This was changed as Assistant Director in 1972. Later this office was redesignated as 'Employment Office' 1984. Assisting the job seekers to get suitable employment, providing suitable candidates for the employers and giving vocational guidance to the applicants are some of the objectives of this office.

Registering the names of job aspirants, sponsoring suitable candidates for the vacancies notified by the employers, obtaining and sending the quarterly employment reports from both private and public sectors to the Central Government are the main functions of the office. The employment officer having jurisdiction over the district, is assisted by one Employment Officer (Vocational Guidance), three Assistant Employment Officers and other staff. This office implements the Compulsory Notifications of Vacancies Act 1959 and Rules. The Director of Employment and Training, Bangalore is the head of the department at the state level.

Agriculture

In order to implement the Agricultural Extension Programme, the office of the Principal Agricultural Officer was established in Dharwad in 1979. The Principal Agricultural Officer is the head of the office and has the administrative control over the entire district. The activities of this office, include, the administrative control over all the schemes under the agricultural extension programme, implementation of plans, publishing the researches carried out by the agricultural scientists, and increasing the production of food crops and livestock feed. The head of the office is assisted by one Assistant Director of Agriculture (Head quarters), eight Assistant Directors of Agriculture (Subject experts and water management) one Assistant Director (Soil Conservation), One Assistant statistical officer, four Agricultural Officers (Technical Assistants), and other staff. This office implements. The Fertilizer Control Act, the Pest Control Act, The Seed Act and Rules, and the Cotton Transportation Act.

Each taluk has one office of the Assistant Director of Agriculture for implementing the Agricultural Extension Programmes. The test of all types of soils is undertaken under the guidance of The Agricultural Officer at the Soil Testing laboratory (Soil Health Centre) Gadag. The Agricultural School at Devihosur of Haveri Taluk, imparts agricultural training to farmers. The Agricultural officers (subject experts) are functioning at Hubli, Navalgund, Gadag and Haveri. State Sectoral Plan and District Sectoral Plan are implemented by this office besides providing the plant protection tools at concessional rates, agricultural implements to the scheduled caste beneficiaries are provided at concessional rates under the special component plan.

Agricultural Marketing

The office of the Assistant Director of Agricultural Marketing was established in Dharwad in 1941, with the objective of implementing the Karnataka Agricultural produces Marketing (Regulation) Act and Rules. Initially, the office was headed by a Marketing Inspector and later in 1967 the designation was changed as District Marketing Officer. In 1986 it was renamed as Assistant Director, Agricultural Marketing. The Assistant Director has the administrative jurisdiction over the entire district and is assisted by two Marketing Inspectors and other staff.

The activities of this office include, giving approval for the developmental works of the Agricultural Marketing; supervision of the Agricultural Marketing Societies; and Inspection of warehouses. This office plans and implements construction of shops, warehouses, distribution of sites, and providing civic amenities to the public, rest houses for farmers, provision of water and shelter to the livestock brought by farmers for sale.

The Taluk Agricultural produce marketing Committees are functioning under the marketing Department and is headed by a Secretary. The Joint Director Agricultural Marketing Belgaum Division, Belgaum is the Supervisory Officer.

Kannada and Culture

The office of the Assistant Director, Kannada and Culture was established in 1978 in Dharwad. The main objects of this office are; implementing the Kannada language in all the Government offices, spreading the culture, supervising the above activities, and adopting the 'learn Kannada programme'. The other activities are; giving training to the Government employees and officers under the Kannada Development Programme, training in the use of Kannada language in the judiciary, providing financial assistance to employed Kannada typists, awarding prizes to the students who have studied pre-university, graduation and post-graduation in Kannada medium, conducting Kannada classes to those who do not know Kannada. Identifying artistes in the district, arranging cultural activities and seminars at the district level, encouraging artistes under the special component programme, providing financial assistance to the construction of open air theatre in each taluk, reimbursing the medical expenses of artistes and literary persons and their group insurance, and providing monthly honorarium to folk artistes. The assistant Director heads the office and is assisted by other staff. The Deputy Director, Kannada and Culture, Belgaum Division Belgaum is the controlling officer at the Division level.

Legal Metrology

With the objective of verification and inspection of weights and measures, the office of the Assistant controller, Legal Metrology was established in Hubli. The office is headed by the Assistant Controller of Legal Metrology and he is assisted by four inspectors, one second division assistant, one typist one assistant, one maistry and one 'D' group official. The activities of this office include, verification and levying the verification fee in respect of weights and measures, filing suits under the Weights and Measures and Packed Materials Act, levying and collecting fines, and achieving progress in National Small Savings Scheme etc. The office of the Gadag circle is functioning in Gadag. Deputy Controller of Legal Metrology is the immediate official superior. (see also chapter VI)

Karnataka Government Insurance

The office of the District Insurance officer was established in Dharwad in 1976. Presently this office has jurisdiction over Dharwad, Gadag, Kalghatgi, Navalgund, Nargund, Mundargi, Ron and Shirahatti taluks and is functioning under the administrative control of the District Insurance officer with effect from 1.2.1989. The taluks attached to Hubli Treasury viz, Shiggavi, Haveri, Byadgi, Ranibennur, Hirekerur and Savanur were also brought under the administrative jurisdiction of the Additional District Insurance Officer, Hubli. The District Insurance officer is assisted by two office superintendents and other staff.

This office which has the main objective of compulsory life insurance of Government employees has also been performing activities such as granting loan on KGID policies, disposal of matured policies, policies of dead persons, paid up policies, and the employees welfare fund of municipal employees and aided institutions. This office administers The Karnataka Government Compulsory Insurance Act (1958). The Deputy Director, Dharwad Division, Dharwad is the immediate superior officer.

The office of the additional District Insurance officer was established in 1989. This has jurisdiction over nine taluks and looks after the life insurance, of government employees, the accounting of the employees welfare fund pertaining to Urban Local bodies like the City Municipal Council, Municipalities, Boards, Corporations, Aided Institutions and the Family Welfare Fund under the Chief Officers coming under the Hubli Treasury jurisdiction viz, Hubli, Haveri, Hangal, Hirekerur, Byadgi, Kundgol, Savanur, Shiggavi and Ranibennur. The Additional District Insurance Officer heads the office and the Deputy Director, divisional office KGID Dharwad is the officer supervising over the District Insurance and the Additional District Insurance Officer.

Labour

The office of the Labour Officer, Hubli was established in 1957, with the objective of implementing different Acts. The office is headed by the Labour Officer having jurisdiction over the entire district. He is assisted by Labour Inspectors and other staff. The activities of this office include the administration of Karnataka Shops and Establishments Act., The Minimum Wages Act, the Payment of Wages Act, the Workmen Compensation Act, and the implementation with special care of the Minimum Wages Act as per the directions of the Central Government in the agricultural sector. Different administrative circles have been made and the Labour Inspectors in each taluk are appointed under the control of the district office, for the performance of these activities. The Assistant Labour Commissioner, Dharwad Division, Hubli is the immediate official superior.

Prisons

The office of the Superintendent, District Prisons was established in Dharwad. Formerly the District Medical Officer was the ex-office superintendent. After 1978, Karnataka Prisons Department appointed the Superintendent for the District Prisons. Earlier, the Superintendent's power was confined to looking after the office work only. In 1987, sub-jails were also brought under the control of the Superintendent. The Superintendent is assisted by Second Division Assistants, Head Warden, Warden and Women Wardens. The Director of Prisons, Bangalore is the immediate official superior (see also chapter 10)

Industries and Commerce

The office of the chief manager, District Industries Centre was established in Rayapur, Dharwad in 1978, with the objective of establishing and developing small industries through out the district. Initially (1963) the designation of the head of the office was Assistant Director and later in 1971, it was re-designated as the Deputy Director, and Ex-officio planning officer-Rural Industries Scheme. Again in 1978, the designation was changed as Chief Manager which exists even now. This office has the administrative jurisdictions over the whole district. The activities of this office include, conducting survey about the manpower and the market for the benefit of industries. Drawing plans for the technical and financial schemes, providing suitable training to the small industries, providing financial

and other assistance in obtaining raw materials, providing the knowhow on the marketing facilities etc. The Chief Manager is assisted by three publicity Managers, one Assistant Director (administration), one Extension officer (Industries), one Superintendent and other staff.

This office administers the Package of Incentive and Concessions to Small Scale Industries Act 1993, the Karnataka Public Contribution Act, The Karnataka Industrial Area Development Act, the Karnataka Co-operative Act and Rules 1959 etc. This office also undertakes the task of development of small industries, distribution of industrial sheds, providing state subsidy, arranging concessional amenities, exemption of sales tax (for 5 years), recommending financial assistance from financial institutions, providing continued employment to the rural artisans under the World Bank scheme, assistance to the unemployed graduates under the Prime Ministers Rozgar Yojana, rehabilitation of the sick industries, assistance to get awards to the industrial units from both State and Central Governments etc., The offices of the Assistant Directors at four revenue sub-divisions of the district i.e. Dharwad, Gadag, Haveri and Savanur function under the administrative control of the district office. The Commissioner for Industrial Development and the Director of Industries and Commerce Bangalore are the immediate official superiors.

District Treasury

The new office of the District Treasury Officer started functioning in 1961. The sub treasuries at Gadag, Lakshmeshwar, Mundargi, Kalghatgi, Navalgund, Nargund, Ron and Shirhatti are under the administrative control of the Assistant Treasury Officer Dharwad. The District Treasury Officer heads the district treasury. All the bills pertaining to all Government offices, Zilla Panchayats, and Mandal Panchayats are paid subject to the treasury verification and authorisation by the Accountant General Bangalore, and management of personal deposit account are some of the responsibilities of this office. The District Treasury officer is assisted by two Assistant Treasury officers and other staff. This officer administers the Karnataka Financial Code, the Karnataka Treasury Code, and other Acts and Rules. The other eight taluks are under the administrative jurisdiction of the Hubli Treasury, which has taluk Sub-Treasuries under its control. The Director of Treasuries Bangalore is the immediate official superior.

District Training Institute

The District Training Institute was established in Dharwad in 1974. It is under the control of the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms and has the jurisdiction over the district. The objects of this institute are to impart administrative training to the non gazetted Government officials and to incorporate the new developmental schemes of the Government in the training schedule. The Institute is headed by a Principal and he is assisted by one Vice-principal, two lecturers, and other staff. The Institute conducts different training programmes every year and functions under the control of the Administrative Training Institute Mysore.

Horticulture

The District Horticultural office was established in Dharwad in 1960. Initially the head of the office was the District Horticultural Inspector, and this designation was changed as Assistant Fruit Development Officer in 1966, and later as District Horticultural Officer in 1967 and presently, as Assistant Director of Horticulture. This office has administrative jurisdiction over the whole of the district. The functions of this office include, providing saplings, flower seeds and seedlings of fruits, flowers and vegetables, assisting the formation and maintenance of gardens, giving training to the

persons belonging to scheduled caste as per the guidelines of the Government, assisting the formation and development of flower and coconut gardens etc. The District horticultural office is implementing 13 different schemes including conservation of coconut seedling, managing the nurseries and the Draught Prone Area Development Scheme, special component plan and NABARD loan scheme, are some of the schemes taken up by the department. The Deputy Director of Horticulture is assisted by a District Horticultural Officer, two Assistant Horticultural Officers, one Superintendent and other staff. Fourteen Horticultural offices at the taluk level are headed by senior Assistant Directors of Horticulture. The three taluks Mundargi, Shirhatti and Kalghatgi are under the control of an Assistant Director. There are horticultural centres at Dharwad, Hubli, Kalghatgi, Nargund, Navalgund, Mundargi, Haveri, Ranibennur and Hirekerur taluks and Horticultural Assistant, Horticulturist and other staff assist in performing the duties. The Joint Director of Horticulture, Belgaum Division, Belgaum is the immediate official superior. (See also chapter 4)

Survey Settlement and Land Records

The office of the Land records and City Survey was established in Dharwad in 1920. Initially the City Survey Officer was heading the office, and in 1974-75 the designation was changed as Assistant Director, Land Records and City Survey. This office has jurisdiction over the landed property in Dharwad city. Maintenance of record of rights, settlement of boundaries etc., are the main functions. The functions and powers of this office are governed by the Karnataka Land Revenue Act 1964 and Rules 1966. The office consists of three first division Surveyors and other staff.

Town Planning

The office of the Joint Director of Town Planning was established in Dharwad in 1981. The Joint Director of Town Planning heads the office and is also responsible for the administration of the offices of the Assistant Directors of Town Planning, at the revenue divisions of Gulbarga and Belgaum divisions and execution of technical and Engineering related works in these places. The Joint Director is assisted by two Junior Town Planners, one Chief Draftsman, one Town Planning Supervisor, one Tracer and one assistant and other staff.

The main activities of this office are; preparing extensive development plans in Hubli and Dharwad planning area under the Karnataka Urban and Rural Development Planning Act. Formulating necessary steps for the proper implementation of villages in the district, preparing survey maps and the development plans for these areas, providing technical assistance for the implementation of development plans, preparing layouts and plans on the request of the local authority and other departments and providing technical opinion to the revenue department. This office executes various schemes and developmental activities in the district. The offices of the Assistant Directors at Hubli, Gadag-Betgeri and Ranibennur functions under the administrative control of this office.

Irrigation

For construction and maintenance of Irrigation projects and canal of Malaprabha and Ghataprabha under command area, the Ghataprabha project circle headed by Superintending Engineer was established in Dharwad in 1960. Later the office was shifted to Belgaum and then to Hidakal Dam in 1963. The Malaprabha Right Bank Canal construction work of the district have been entrusted to the Malaprabha Right Bank Canal Construction Circle, Dharwad.

The office of the Special Land Acquisition Office, Malaprabha project was established in Dharwad in 1976. The Special Land Acquisition officer heads this office and he is responsible for the acquisition of land for irrigation purposes and also disposes of cases pertaining to them. Proposals of survey of excess land area; disbursement of compensation and accounting etc. are his other functions. The Irrigation department has proposals for the land acquisition for the construction of Malaprabha channel and functions in collaboration with the Executive Engineer at Ron, Gadag, Navalgund, Nargund and Byahatti. The Special Deputy Commissioner, Rehabilitation and Malaprabha project, Belgaum is the controlling officer.

Animal Husbandry

The office of the Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Sciences was established in Dharwad prior to the reorganisation of states. Initially this office was under the control of the Divisional Veterinary Officer, changed as Deputy Commissioner and Senior assistant Director and later redesignated as the Deputy Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Sciences with effect from the 2nd February 1986. This district level office has the following functions; supervision of all animal husbandry centres in the district, auditing the accounts, implementing different schemes and the programmes formulated by the Government. The Deputy Director is assisted by four Assistant Directors, one Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, one superintendent and other staff. Besides, there are two Assistant Directors at the taluk and hobli level, 33 veterinary surgeons, 9 veterinary inspectors and other staff. The other functions include, regulating all the veterinary clinics in the district and providing medicinal equipment's and technical guidance, arranging for artificial insemination, distribution of solidified semen and nutrition etc., implementing social and economic rural development programmes approved by the State Government and Zilla Panchayat periodically, maintaining good health of livestock population in the district, development of good breed of livestock, distribution of improved breed and programme of vaccination for the control of epidemic diseases. etc., This office implements special livestock breed development scheme and development of animal feed and other 25 schemes. The Joint Director Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Sciences, Belgaum at the divisional level is the immediate official superior. The Chief Secretary Zilla Parishat is also the superior officer as the works are to be executed through the Zilla Parishat.

Regional Transport

The office of the Regional Transport Officer was established in Dharwad in 1958, and it has jurisdiction over Dharwad district. The activities of this office include; registration of motor vehicles, change of ownership, issue of driving license, issue of conductors, license. renewal of road permits, collection of motor vehicle tax, inspection of vehicles etc. The office is headed by the Regional Transport Officer and he is assisted by two Assistant Regional Transport Officers, one Tax officer, four Superintendents, one Accountant, seven Motor Vehicle Inspectors, one Prosecuting Inspector and other staff. This office administers The Indian Motor Vehicle Act 1988, The Karnataka Motor Vehicle Tax Act 1957, central Motor vehicle Rules 1989 and the Karnataka Motor Vehicle Rules. This office is also involved in preventing the pollution due to vehicles and speedy issue of licenses. The Divisional Transport Commissioner, Belgaum Division, Belgaum is the immediate official superior.

Juvenile Delinquent School

In order to reform the juvenile delinquents in all respects a school was established in Dharwad as early as in 1858. The Borstal school is also here. This office has the jurisdiction over the Dharwad district in order to execute Prison Act and Rules. The main objectives of this school are; converting illiterates as literates, to teach modern methods in agriculture and horticulture, to give training in carpentry, weaving, tailoring and other avocations, involving the prisoners in cultural activities and Bhajans etc. The Superintendent is the head of the school and he is assisted by one Medical Officer, one Office Superintendent, one tutor and other staff. The schools under the control of this school in different jails in the district are; sub-jails at Gadag and Hubli which function with a jailor and other staff. Besides local juvenile delinquent schools at Haveri, Hirekerur, Hangal, Kundgol, Navalgund, Ron, Shirhatti, Shiggavi, function with the assistance of taluk office staff and security staff of the police department, under the supervision of the sheristedar. The Director General, Prisons Department Bangalore is the immediate official superior. (See also chapter 10)

Women and Child Development

The office of the Assistant Director, Women and Child Development was established in Dharwad in 1981 with the object of looking after the welfare of women, children and handicapped persons. This office, having jurisdiction over the district is headed by an Assistant Director, He is assisted by one Women and Child Welfare Officer, one Superintendent of certified schools, one presenting officer, two superintendents, three Special Nutritious Food Inspectors, two First Division Assistants, one Statistical Assistant, one Planning Assistant and the other staff. This office conducts training programmes for widows, children and handicapped persons and also makes arrangements for their rehabilitation. This office administers the Karnataka Juvenile Act 1981, the Suppression of Immoral Traffic of Women Act, the Habitual Offenders Act 1958, Anti Dowry Act and other related Acts and Rules.

This office is involved in Integrated Child Development Scheme, Destitute Children Protection Scheme, opening of creches for the children of employed women, arranging marriages for *devadasis* and their rehabilitation, sanctioning widow pension, awarding scholarship to the rural students and other developmental activities in the planning sector. The subordinate offices like, Probation Home, Dharwad and Ranibennur; Mentally Handicapped Women's Rehabilitation Centre, Dharwad; Children's Service Centre, Hubli; Government School for blind children, Hubli; Government Children's Home for girls, Hubli and Government Children's Home for the children of Industrial employees, Gadag are engaged in the development of Women and Children. The Director, Department of women and child Development, Bangalore is the immediate official superior (See also chapter 16)

Fisheries

The office of the Senior Assistant Director of Fisheries was established in Dharwad in 1975. This office is headed by the Senior Assistant Director who is having jurisdiction over the district. He is assisted by one Superintendent and other staff. The activities of this office include; identifying suitable ponds and tanks for Pisciculture developing fish seedlings by high breed fish cultivation, providing loan and technical assistance to the professional fishermen by forming co-operative institutions, giving three months training to the deserving scheduled caste persons, assisting to obtain loan from bank and financial assistance from the government for constructing fish cultivable ponds etc. At the taluk level eight assistant Directors of Fisheries are functioning for the implementation of

different schemes. The Superintendent of Fisheries executes the work under the control of the Zilla parishat Dharwad. The Deputy Director of Fisheries, Belgaum, is the immediate official superior. (See also chapter 4)

Printing, Stationery and Publication

The branch of Government press, was established in Dharwad in 1962. It has jurisdiction over Belgaum Revenue Division and it undertakes the printing work of the Government offices in the division. This Branch press is headed by an Assistant Director who looks after the administration of the branch press, the government Stationery and Book depot, and providing necessary stationery to the Government offices at Belgaum, Bijapur, Uttara Kannada and Dharwad districts and selling of government publications. The officials working in government printing and stationary are covered by the following Acts and Rules besides the Karnataka Civil Service Rules viz, The Press And Allied Office Manual and Karnataka Financial code etc., The details of the staff working under the administrative jurisdiction of the Assistant Director are 11 in the office, 36 in the machine wing, 36 in the computer section and 36 in the binding section. Besides this there are 13 staff in the Government Stationery depot and two in the book depot. The Director, Printing, Stationery and Publication Bangalore is the immediate official superior.

Youth Services and Sports

The Office of the District Youth Services and Sports was established in Dharwad in 1965. The head of the office is the District Youth Services and Sports Officer and he performs functions, such as supervising the functions of the taluk Youth Services and sports officers, arranging district level and divisional level Sports Meet etc. He is assisted by one stenographer, one assistant and one 'D' group official. The Deputy Director of Youth Services and Sports Department, Belgaum is the immediate official superior. The chief Executive officer Zilla Parishat Dharwad is also an officer to whom this office is answerable.

State Accounts

The office of the Local Audit Circle was established in Dharwad in 1957. Initially the jurisdiction was restricted to Dharwad district and since 1977 it was extended to Dharwad and Uttara Kannada districts. The Assistant Controller heads this office. The main activities of this office are auditing the accounts of the local bodies such as Mandal Panchayat, Municipalities, City Municipal Council and the issue of pension orders to the staff who work in these local bodies. The Assistant Controller is assisted by four auditors and other staff. The Controller, State Accounts, Department Bangalore is the immediate official superior.

Sericulture

With the object of developing silk industry in different parts of Dharwad district, the office of the Deputy Director of sericulture(Zilla Parishat) was established in 1978 at Rayapur in Dharwad. The Deputy Director of Sericulture heads the office and is assisted by the Superintendent and other staff. At taluk level there are technical service centres under the supervision of Sericulture Extension Officers except in Nargund, Navalgund and Kundgol taluks. The Government Sericulture Extension Centre at Hirekerur functions under the Sericulture Inspector.

The main activities of this office are : identifying and encouraging progressive farmers to undertake sericulture, providing technical advice about mulberry cultivation, silk worm rearing, supplying disease free eggs and providing technical expertise about good yield. Different schemes like 1) Drought Prone Area Development Scheme 2) Western Ghat Development Scheme 3) Special Component Plan 4) encouraging the new sericulturists by giving financial assistance through Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, and providing silk worm rearing instruments are also undertaken by this office. The Joint Director Sericulture, Regional centre Chitradurga is the immediate official superior. (See also chapter 5 for more details)

Mass Education

The office of the District Adult Education Officer was established in Dharwad in 1984. This has jurisdiction over the district and the objectives are total literacy drive and implementation of Akshara Sena Scheme. This office is headed by District Adult Education Officer and is assisted by one Programme Assistant, one Assistant Statistical Officer and other staff. The other activities are, supervision of Adult Education centres (137) at Dharwad, Shiggaon and Kalghatgi taluks to undertake programmes for the implementation of total literacy drive in 9 taluks and developmental activities of 1993 total literacy drive. The chief Executive Officer Zilla Parishat Dharwad is the immediate official superior.

Public Works

The office of the Superintending Engineer, Dharwad circle was established in Dharwad in 1962. Dharwad and Uttara Kannada districts are under the jurisdiction of this office. The Superintending Engineer heads the office and he is assisted by technical assistants, Registrar, Assistant Engineers, Assistant Statistical Officers, Draughts men and other staff totalling 65 in all.

This office has the objectives of constructing and maintaining the roads, bridges, public buildings, schools and office buildings and carrying out these objectives as per the plan. The other activities are - constructing bridges on the State Highways, maintenance of government buildings and other major and minor works. The office of the Executive Engineer at the district level viz, Dharwad, Gadag, Karwar function under the administrative control of this office. The Assistant Executive Engineers at the taluk level also come under the administrative control of this office. The chief Engineer, Communications and Buildings (North) Dharwad is the immediate superior officer.

Information and Publicity

With the object of the giving wide publicity to the government programmes the District Information and Publicity Office was established in Dharwad in 1951. Prior to 1982 the post District Publicity Officer which was changed as District Information and Publicity Officer as existing now. The administrative jurisdiction of this office extends over the entire district. The office has the following staff; one Information Assistant, one Receptionist and Librarian, one first Division Assistant, one Audio Visual Supervisor, one Film Producer, and other staff. This office organises music programmes, dramas, seminars, symposia, exhibitions, folksongs, epic discourses, screening of films, running of libraries, telecasting Government programmes in Doordarshan and such other media programmes. Arranging press conference of the administrative heads and ministers, sending press note about the special information bulletin of the government are few other activities. Some other activities of this department include releasing handouts, folders, books and after taking cognisance of the grievances and bringing by them to the notice of and functioning as a link between the public and the respective departments.

The Sub-division office of this office at Haveri functions independently and is headed by the Assistant Director. The Deputy Director, Information and Publicity, Belgaum division, Belgaum, is the immediate official superior.

Commercial Taxes

The Office of the Joint commissioner, (Administration) Commercial Taxes, Dharwad Division was established in Dharwad in 1992. Initially, the Deputy Commissioner Commercial Taxes, was the head of the office and currently the designation has been changed as existing now. This office has jurisdiction over Dharwad and Uttara Kannada districts. This office is responsible for the collection of commercial taxes in this division. The Joint Commissioner is assisted by one Assistant Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, the one Commercial Tax Officer (Tax collection) Gazetted Manager, nine Commercial Tax Inspectors, and other staff.

The offices of the Deputy Commercial Taxes, Commercial Tax Officers, Assistant commissioner of Commercial Taxes, and Professional tax Officer are under the administrative jurisdiction of this office and there are three Deputy Commissioners of Commercial Taxes, one Deputy Commissioner (Accounts), 18 Assistant Commissioners of Commercial Taxes, 21 Commercial Tax Officers, three Professional tax Officers, and other Officer staff are carrying out their functions. The Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Bangalore, is the immediate official superior.

Remand Home

With the objective of rehabilitating the destitute, unregulated and juvenile delinquents Remand Home was established in Dharwad under the Department of Women and Children Welfare in 1933. The Probation Officer and the Superintendent is the Head of the office. This office has jurisdiction over 10 taluks viz., Dharwad, Hubli, Nargund, Navalgund, Ron, Gadag, Shirhatti, Kundgol, and Shiggaon. This office implements The Juvenile Delinquents Act 1986 and the related Rules. This office functions in the direction of progress in education and vocational training. The Probation officer is assisted by one tutor, and other staff. The Assistant Director, Women and Children Welfare Dharwad is the immediate official superior.

Small Savings

With the objective of encouraging the public to invest in small savings, the office of the Assistant Director Small savings was established in Dharwad in 1981. The office is having jurisdiction over the entire district and is headed by an Assistant Director. He is assisted by three Development Officers, 16 Assistant Development Officers, and other staff. The main activities of this office are, formulating special programmes for reaching the target fixed to the district, to accumulate more money in this scheme for utilisation of the resources of the State, inculcating attitude of savings among employees and children.

This office implements the Small Savings Manual and other relevant rules. This office is also involved in the implementation of the schemes such as Post Office, Savings scheme, RD scheme, Kissan Vikas Patra, 15 years Provident Fund Scheme, National Savings Scheme 1992, Post Office CTD Scheme, etc. Giving publicity to the small savings scheme in rural areas is also the other function of this office. Kundagol and Byadgi taluks and 236 other villages in the district have been declared as

Savings taluks and Savings villages (Bachat taluk and villages). The office has achieved considerable progress in reaching the target.

Development Officers are functioning at Hubli, Dharwad and Haveri and Assistant Development Officers at taluk level as Area officers. The Deputy Director Small Savings, Belgaum Division Belgaum is the immediate official superior.

Public Libraries

The District Central Library was established in Dharwad as per the Karnataka Library Act. Previously the Garag Siddappa Memorial Library was the Municipal Library and later this was amalgamated with this Library. This office has jurisdiction over the district and is headed by the Chief Librarian. The main objectives of this office include, providing newspapers, and periodicals to the public, providing Library services to the rural masses observing National Library week, organising seminars on the award winning books etc. The chief Librarian is assisted by seven Librarians, one Assistant Librarian, 38 Library assistants, 21 helpers one Superintendent and other staff. There are 34 branch libraries in the district and this office supplies books and also looks after the administration. Construction of own buildings to the branch libraries, providing mobile library facilities to all the villages are some of the tasks yet to be fulfilled. The Director, Department of Public Libraries is the immediate official superior.

Public Instruction

With the objective of providing educational and administrative services to the primary, secondary, and pre-university education, the office of the Deputy Director of Public Instruction was established in Dharwad in 1956. When it was started, the Administrator District School Board was looking after the administration and in 1970 the designation was changed as Deputy Director as existing now. This office, in addition to its responsibility to look after the administration of the office, has the responsibilities of promoting education in the whole of the district. He is assisted by four Education Officers, five Subject Inspectors, one Superintendent of Physical Education, one Assistant Education Officer, (MMS) one Gazetted Assistant, four Superintendents, and 70 other staff. This office implements the Mid day meals scheme, Black Board scheme, Jawahar Rozgar Yojana and the six point programmes. At the taluk level 19 Assistant Education Officers look after the administration in each of the taluks and they are assisted by 44 Inspectors of Schools, and other staff, There are 81 Head masters of High Schools under the control of this office. The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Dharwad and the Joint Director of Public Instruction are the immediate official superiors. (See also chapter 13)

District TB Centre

The District Tuberculosis Centre at Dharwad was established in 1969 with the object of identifying the TB patients and providing them medicines and to prevent the spread of TB. This Dharwad centre later on shifted to Karnataka Medical College Hubli. This Centre has jurisdiction over the entire district and is under the control of the Medical Officer. Previously the designation was District TB Officer. The activities of this centre include organising Camps to identify TB patients, conducting exhibitions, conducting TB prevention week, providing free medicines to the TB patients. The Medical Officer is assisted by one Assistant Medical Officer, one Laboratory technician, four Health visitors and other staff. Besides this there is one visitor to identify the TB patients in the Civil Hospital

Dharwad. The District Health and Family Welfare Officer Dharwad is the immediate official superior. (See also chapter 15)

Home Guards Unit

The Office of the Commandant, Home Guards was established in Dharwad with the objective of assisting the Police in maintaining law and order and for giving guidance in civil defence to the public. The Commandant is the head of the office and has jurisdiction over the entire district. He is assisted by a Deputy Commandant. This office administers the provisions contained in the Home Guards Act, Home Guards Rule and other related statutes. The Director General of Police and Chief Commandant Home Guards Karnataka State Bangalore is the immediate superior. (See also chapter 10)

STATE GOVERNMENT BOARDS AND CORPORATIONS

Karnataka Electricity Board

The circle office of Karnataka Electricity Board was established in Navanagar, Hubli in 1971. Since 1983, the Chief Engineer (Electrical) Hubli circle was the Head of the office. This office has jurisdiction over Dharwad, Chitraduraga, Uttara Kannada, Belgaum and Bijapur districts. The Chief Engineer is assisted by one Superintendent Engineer [Electrical Transmission line and Sub stations,] one Controller of Accounts, four Executive Engineers, 13 Assistant Executive Engineers and other staff. The main activities include sanctioning and administering different works, approving tenders repairing electricity transmission equipments and lines and purchasing equipments required for distribution network. This office administers the Karnataka Electricity Board Employees Regulations, KEB Service Rules, Electricity Board Accounts Manual, Electricity Supply Act and rules and other rules. At the taluk level there are 15 offices of the Executive Engineers each having jurisdiction over three to five taluks. Besides this there are Executive Engineer (E) Central Stores, Hubli, Executive Engineer (E) Relay testing division Hubli and Executive Engineer (E) MT Division. The Principal Chief Engineer (E) Karnataka Electricity Board Bangalore is the immediate official superior. (For more details see chapter 5)

State Khadi and Village Industries Board

The district office of the Khadi and Village Industries Board was established in Dharwad in 1961. Formerly the designation of the head of the office was District Officer Karnataka State Khadi and village Industries Board and later in 1988 redesigned as District Khadi and Village Industries Officer, as existing now. This office has jurisdiction over the entire district, This office executes programmes such as giving loans to the Khadi and Village industries, creating employments, recovery of loans and imparting training and conducting programmes reactivating the rural industries. The District Khadi and Village Industries Officer is assisted by one Superintendent, two Technical Assistants, six Technical Supervisors, and other staff. The Chief Executive Officer and the Divisional Manager Karnataka Khadi and Village Industries Board Bangalore, are the immediate official superiors.

Karnataka Seed Certification Agency

The office of the Deputy Director, Karnataka Seed Certification Agency was established in Dharwad in 1974 with the object of providing good quality seeds to farmers. Previously the designation of the head of the office was "Seed Certifying Officer" and later changed as Chief Seed Certifying

Officer and currently it is designated as Deputy Director. The administrative jurisdiction extends to Dharwad, Belgaum, Uttara Kannada, Bijapur, Gulbarga, Bidar and Raichur districts. The Deputy Director is assisted by two technical assistants and other staff.

The Indian Minimum Seed Certificate Rules are implemented for the maintenance of the quality of seeds. This office plans and executes agricultural extension programmes. The offices of the Assistant Director at Dharwad, Haveri Bagalkot and Raichur are functioning under the control of this office. The Director of Karnataka Seed Certification Agency Bangalore is the immediate official superior. (see also chapter 4)

Karnataka State Warehousing Corporation

The office of the Regional Manager, Karnataka State Warehousing Corporation was established in Hubli in 1963. The Regional Manager heads the office and has jurisdiction of supervising and inspecting 24 warehouses in the districts of Dharwad, Uttara Kannada and Belgaum. He is assisted by a Junior Engineer and other staff. This office administers the Karnataka State Warehousing Act and the Karnataka State Warehousing Rules. The warehouses functioning under the Regional Manager at the taluk level are 13 in Dharwad, Four in Belgaum and two in Uttara Kannada districts. The other activities of this office are; educating the farmers about scientific way of preserving food grains under the scheme of comprehensive pest removing, service extension for the farmers; giving information about the importance of warehouses, providing transport and other facilities to the stockists. The Managing Director, Karnataka State Warehousing Corporation Bangalore, is the immediate official superior.

Karnataka Housing Board

The office of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board Hubli Division was established in Hubli in 1965, with the object of providing houses and sites to the general public. Prior to 1992, the jurisdiction of this office was extended to Dharwad, Belgaum and Bijapur districts but currently the jurisdiction is only limited to Dharwad and Uttara Kannada districts. The Executive Engineer heads the office and he is assisted by one Assistant Revenue Officer, one Accounts Superintendent, One Superintendent (Loan recovery), two First Division Assistants, one Engineer (Electrical) one Junior Engineer (civil) and other staff. Two subordinate offices- Karnataka Housing Board Sub-division No.1 and Sub-division No.2 are functioning under the control of this office. The Sub-division No.1 has 13 and Sub-division No.2 has eight staff members. The developmental activities of the Board include construction of Group houses in Doddanayakanakoppa, Dharwad, Navanagar, Hubli, Hirekerur, Mundargi, construction of houses in Bada, Dandeli, Haliyal, Sirsi, Mundagod of Uttara Kannada district development of sites in Satur and Karwar. The Housing Commissioner, Karnataka Housing Board Bangalore is the immediate official superior.

Karnataka State Pollution Control Board

The office of the Deputy Environment Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board was established in Dharwad in 1986 with the object of controlling water pollution and air pollution. Initially the designation was known as Regional Officer and changed in 1993 as Deputy Environment Officer, as existing now. The jurisdiction of this office extends to Dharwad (except Ranibennur taluk), Belgaum districts and Haliyal taluk of Uttara Kannada district. The Deputy Environment Officer is assisted by two Assistant Environment officers, one Assistant Scientific Officer, two laboratory

Assistants, two Assistants and other staff. Surveying the industries causing water pollution and air pollution is the main function of this office. This office administers the Water Pollution (Prevention and Regulation) Act; 1974, the Air Pollution (Prevention and Regulation) Act, 1981, Environmental Protection Act 1986. The Rules Pertaining to the Export, Import and conservation of dangerous substances, and other rules. Ranibennur taluk is under the control of Davanagere office. The Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, is the immediate official superior.

Karnataka Forest Industries Corporation Limited

The office of the Regional Manager Karnataka Forest Industries Corporation Ltd., was established in Dharwad in 1979. The regional Manager heads the office and has jurisdiction over the districts of Dharwad, Uttara Kannada and Belgaum, Distribution of firewood through ration cards to the general public, carrying out Chowbeene work, producing and distributing the polythene bags to the forest department are some of the functions performed by this office. The Regional Manager is assisted by two Range Forest Officers, 21 FAOs, two FBWs and other staff. The General Manager (North) Karnataka Forest Industries Corporation Ltd Dharwad is the immediate official superior.

Agricultural Produces Marketing Committee

The Agricultural Produces Marketing Committee was established in Dharwad in 1947 with the object of preventing the defects in the marketing procedure of agricultural produces and to assist them to receive fair price for their produces. The Secretary heads the office and has the jurisdiction over Dharwad taluk and eight villages of Nargund taluk. This office implements the Karnataka Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act 1966 and the Rules 1968. This office is helping farmers to get the fair prices for their produces; preventing unauthorised practices in trade, marketing through the system of tenders, free of unnecessary brokerage, storage facility, rest house for farmers, providing information about the demand, import of produces, classification facility, constructing sheds for cows, drinking water and other facilities. The Secretary is assisted by one Assistant Secretary, one superintendent and one sorter.

This office has proposals for the development schemes like; development of market yard and livestock market, development of sub-markets at Alnavar and Morab. The Joint Director, Agricultural Marketing Department, Belgaum Division, Belgaum is the immediate official superior. (See also chapter VI)

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND CORPORATIONS

Workers Education Centre

This office of the Divisional Director, Workers Education Centre, was established at Hubli in 1958. This is under the control of the Labour Ministry of the central government. The Divisional Director heads the office and this has jurisdiction over Dharwad, Uttara Kannada, Belgaum, Bijapur, Bellary, Bidar, Raichur and Gulbarga, districts. He is assisted by four Education Officers, one Exhibitor, and other staff. The main objectives of this office are implementing different educational schemes in all the eight districts; enlightening the rural workers by inculcating among them unity, national spirit, leadership, organisational skills etc. In order to achieve this, the centre undertakes conducting workers education classes, arranging lectures, films, and educating the rural workers on the importance of family planning and other related works. The Regional Director, Workers Education (south) Madras, is the immediate official superior.

Central Excise

The office of the Assistant Collector Central excise Hubli Division was established at Hubli in 1971 with the objective of collecting excise duty on the goods manufactured, and to prevent the smuggling activities. This has jurisdiction over Dharwad and Uttara Kannada districts. presently, the jurisdiction extends upto Dharwad district except Byadgi, Hangal, Haveri, and Hirekerur taluks and the entire Uttara Kannada district. The other taluks come under the Belgaum Collectorate. The Assistant Collector heads the office and he is assisted by two administrative Officers, one Senior Superintendent, 10 Superintendents, 44 Inspectors and other staff.

This office implements the Central Excise and Salt Act 1944 and the Customs Act and other Acts and Rules. The Range Offices at Hubli (3), Dharwad, Dandeli, Karwar and Gadag are under the control of this office and they are headed by Superintendents. The offices of Inspector at Lakshmeshwar and Sirsi are under the administrative control of the Assistant collector. The Collector, Central Excise Belgaum is the immediate superior official.

Indian Audit and Accounts

The Branch Office of the Accountant General (Audit) Karnataka, Bangalore was established in Dharwad. This is the only Branch office and has no independent staff or financial powers. The Audit Officer heads the office and looks after the audit work pertaining to the Zilla Parishats of eight districts of Bellary, Belgaum, Bijapur, Raichur, Dharwad, Bidar, Uttara Kannada and Gulbarga. This office is manned by one Audit Officer, nine Senior Auditors and other staff. This office functions as per the directions of the Accountant General (Audit I) Karnataka, Bangalore, who is the immediate official superior.

Akashvani

In order to provide entertainment to the North Karnataka and also to develop culture, the Akashvani centre at Dharwad was established 1950. Initially it was proposed to broadcast programmes within a radius of 25 kms by installing 1 KW transmitter. The Dharwad Akshavani centre is the first centre to be established by the Central Government other than the private Akashvani at Mysore (1935). The people of the districts in Dharwad, Belgaum, Uttara Kannada, Bijapur and Bellary could have a better audibility when the capacity of the Dharwad transmitter was increased to 10 KW. In 1987, it was increased to 100 KW and since then Dharwad centre is one of the most powerful broadcasting stations. Entertainment has been provided by the Vividh Bharathi channel from 1964. (1) The regional news division was started in 1981. Gulbarga centre which was the sub station of Dharwad has become an independent station. Presently the station broadcasts programmes for 12 hours a day. The station functions under the direction of the Station Director and he is assisted by an Assistant Station Director, a Station Engineer, an Assistant Station Engineer, a Programme Executive, an Engineering Assistant and other staff. (See chapter 7 for more details)

Nehru Yuva Kendra

The Nehru Yuva Kendra which is an autonomous body of the Government of India was established in Dharwad in 1977. The activities of this centre include encouraging the youth in National development programmes, striving for the development of culture and folk arts, The Youth Co-ordinator is the head of this office and this has jurisdiction over the entire district. The Regional Co-ordinating Officer is the immediate official superior. (See chapter 16)

Directorate of Field Publicity, Government of India

The office of the Publicity officer, Directorate of Information Broadcasting Government of India was established in Dharwad in 1967. The jurisdiction of this office extends to Dharwad and Uttara Kannada districts and is headed by the Publicity Officer. He is assisted by one Assistant Publicity Officer and other staff. The activities of this office include- giving publicity to the development programmes of the Government of India and educating the general public about these programmes; encouraging them to actively participate in the programmes; screening films depicting the different schemes in the rural areas; organising lectures, seminars, distribution of hand outs, folders etc. The Regional Officer, Directorate of Field Publicity, Government of India, Bangalore is the immediate official superior.

Sainik Welfare and Rehabilitation

The office of the Deputy Director, Sainik Welfare and Rehabilitation was established in Dharwad. The Head of the office is the Deputy Director and his jurisdiction extends to Dharwad and Uttara Kannada districts. He is assisted by one Superintendent, two First Division Assistants, one Welfare organiser and other staff. The objectives of this office are the welfare of the saniks, and their rehabilitation. The Director, Sainik Welfare and Rehabilitation Bangalore is the immediate official superior.

Income Tax

The Range office of the Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax was established in Hubli. An Act of 1922 pertaining to the income tax which is one of the main sources of central revenue was in use. The amended act of (1961) 1962 was given effect. This office implements the amended and simplified Act. This office is headed by a Deputy Commissioner and he is assisted by three Assistant Commissioners of Income Tax, seven Income Tax officers, one Tax recovery officer, one officer for the tax recovery at source and other staff. The Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax implements the tax rules and collects Direct tax, Wealth tax, Gift tax, etc. The cases pertaining to the income tax are dealt with by one Income Tax Officer (Ward 2) and his office is controlled by the Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax (Wealth Tax) Bangalore.

The authority to reconsider the appeals, awarding on income tax, levying interests on income tax and fine vests with the Income tax Commissioner Bangalore. This office implements the Income Tax Act 1961, the Income Tax Rules 1962, Wealth Tax Act and Rules 1957, the Gift Tax Act and Rules 1958, the Interest on Tax and Expenditure Tax Act 1987 and other amended Acts and Rules. The Commissioner of Income tax, Bangalore is the immediate official superior.

The other Central Government offices, in the district are: 1) Assistant News Editor, Divisional News Bureau 2) Superintendent Engineer IPP (Indian Population Project) 3) Census Directorate, Dharwad Division, Hubli 4) Assistant Controller Central Excise, Dharwad 5) Commanding Officer, 24th Karnataka Battalion NCC Karnataka College, Dharwad 6) V. Karnataka Girls Battalion NCC, Saphapura Dharwad, 7) 27th and 28th Karnataka Battalion NCC Vidyanagar, Hubli 8) Central School, Hubli 9) Navodaya Vidyalaya, Dharwad 10) Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner, Hubli 11) Deputy Divisional Director, National Savings, Hubli 12) Project Evaluation Officer, Planning Commission, Dharwad 13) Senior Superintendent, South Central Railway, Hubli 14) District Engineer, Microwave Project, Vidyanagar, Hubli 15) Station Director, All India Radio and Doordarshan, Gadag 16) Meteorological Director Divisional Meteorological Centre, Gadag etc.