

## CHAPTER 11

### OTHER DEPARTMENTS

**T**he various government departments functioning in the democratic framework of the post-independence period, in order to respond to the aspirations of the people have formulated progressive plans from time to time and are reformulating their policies and administrative methodology so as to be in conformity with these plans.

Gulbarga city is a divisional and district headquarters where division level offices are located. Many departments created during the regime of the Nizam's government are continuing even after the reorganization of the states with suitable modifications. Several other departments in the district are created after 1956. The district administration is geared up to achieve more decentralization. Under the direction of the government, all state and central government departments, within the jurisdiction of the district are formulating scores of public welfare programmes and implementing the same. A brief resume of the information regarding the objectives, development activities etc. of many departmental offices both at district and divisional level and also boards and corporations which do not come within the purview of the administration of the Deputy commissioner is given in this chapter.

#### **Excise Department**

The office of the Superintendent of Excise has been in existence in Gulbarga even from the days before 1956, with an objective of controlling the use of excise articles and illegal activities and to augment the excise revenue of the state. The Superintendent Of Excise is the head of this office and has district wide jurisdiction. This office implements the provisions of the Karnataka State Excise Act, 1965, SDPS Act, Opium Act, etc. Under the Superintendent, taluk level, zonal and sub zonal offices headed by Excise Inspectors are functioning. The Deputy Commissioner of Excise, Gulbarga is his immediate superior officer.

### **Forest Department**

The office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Social forestry division started functioning at Gulbarga in the year 1984. This division which was under the administration of the Forest department up to 1987, is under Zilla Panchayath from 1987. The Deputy Conservator of Forests is the head of this office who is assisted by two Assistant Conservator of forests, 11 Range Forest Officers and 134 other staff members. The Social forestry division proposes to grow trees and plants in gomalas, "C" and "D" class lands, tank beds, roadside lands etc. so as to facilitate constant supply of timber; firewood, etc necessary to villagers. In the year 1994-95 groves have been grown in 1,617.5 hectares of land and 2.55 lakhs of saplings have been distributed to the public. The office of the Divisional Forest Officer was established in the year 1956 for the purpose of conservation and development of forests, protection of wild life etc and later in the year 1980 this post was changed to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Regional Forest Division, Gulbarga. Except certain parts of Chincholi taluk, this office has jurisdiction of all the taluks of the district. This office administers the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963, and rules 1969, the Karnataka Forest manual, 1976, the Karnataka Trees Protection Act 1976, Wild life Protection Act, 1972, Conservation Of Forest Act, 1980, etc. This office implements schemes such as social forestry (state), the centrally sponsored Region based firewood and Fodder Scheme, Urban Area Greenery Development, KFDF 30, Road side plantations, Special Component Programme, Tribal sub plan etc. Its subordinate offices at Gulbarga, Chincholi, Yadgir, Surpur and Aland are working under the supervision of Range Forest Officers. The Conservator of Forests, Bellary Circle, is the immediate superior officer.

### **Health and Family Welfare Department**

The divisional office of the Joint Director, Health and Family welfare was started at Gulbarga in the year 1972 for the purpose of implementation and technical supervision of the National Health and Family welfare programmes. The earlier designation of the head of this office was the Regional Deputy Director; Family Welfare Service, which is now changed to the Joint Director. From the beginning it is functioning as an independent department. The divisional Joint Director has the administrative control of the health institutions (except the District Hospitals, Gulbarga and Bellary).

This office has the responsibility of the District Hospitals of Bidar Raichur and Hospet; the Deputy director, National Malaria Eradication Programme, Gulbarga, Principal, Regional Health and Family welfare Training, Sample, Supervision and Evaluation Unit, Gulbarga, the Analyst and the Regional Assistant Inspecting Officers of Leprosy Rehabilitation (divisional office).

The Deputy Director, Dental Surgeon, Medical Officer Ophthalmology, Gazetted Assistant, and three Superintendents with 34 supporting staff assist the Joint Director. Under the population project -9 this office is implementing the Zonal Health Programmes of the Hyderabad-Karnataka Region Development Board, nursing programme, Meningitis, additional medical facilities to Scheduled castes/Scheduled tribes and many other programmes. The Director, Health and Family welfare, Bangalore is his immediate superior officer.

### **Department of Economics and Statistics**

The office of the District Statistical Officer was started at Gulbarga in 1959 with the purpose of collection of statistics from the offices connected to various departments of the district. This office is conducting many activities like collecting statistical data and submitting to the government, active participation in the surveys organized by the state and central governments, bringing out publications, permitting establishment of rain gauge centres, imparting training regarding the role of statistics, the inservice training of various departments, registration of births and deaths etc. The District Statistical Officer is the office head who is assisted by 39 supporting staff. This office is in charge of application of the provisions of the Registration of the Births and Deaths Act, 1969. The Seasonal Report of the Crop Estimate Survey, District Statistics Publication Schemes are some of the functions of this office. The Statistical Inspectors of the taluks are functioning under this office.

### **Food and Civil Supplies Department**

The district level office of the Deputy Director, Food And Civil Supplies Department was started in the year 1985 at Gulbarga for the purpose of supplying day-to-day essential commodities to the people of the district. Earlier the food assistant of the office of the Deputy Commissioner was carrying out this function. This office carries out the responsibility of transporting and distributing essential commodities like foodgrains, sugar, kerosene and low priced cloth. This apart, this office shoulders the responsibility of giving permit to wholesale merchants, renewal of permits, taking action against violation of the Stock Verification Act, sanction and cancelling fair price depots etc. This office enforces the provisions of the Essential Commodities Licensing Order, 1986, and the Public Distribution System Order, 1992. The office of the Assistant Director is working as a subordinate to this office at Gulbarga. There are sub ordinate offices in the ten taluks. There are 20 Food Inspectors in the district, at the rate of two Inspectors per taluk and one Food Shereshtedar for two taluks working in the taluk offices. The Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga is the immediate superior Officer for this department.

### **Agriculture Department**

The office of the Joint Director of Agriculture, Gulbarga division started working at Gulbarga from 1974 for the purpose of the development of agriculture and to extend the facilities to the farmers of the district. As far as agriculture is concerned, this office is responsible for the administration of the entire district and to look after the implementation of the developmental programmes. This office enforces the provisions of The Karnataka Seeds Act, and The Karnataka Fertilizers Act. This office is in charge of implementation of Oilseeds Development Programme, Pulses Development Programme, Special Component Plan, SugarCane Development Scheme, Tribal Welfare Plan, Natural Cultivation Method, National WaterShed Development Scheme, Nagarjunasagar River Valley Plan, Million Wells Programme, Employment Assurance Scheme, Jawahar Rojgar Yojana, Dry land Development Scheme, Soil Conservation Scheme, etc. In order to implement more effectively and properly the agriculture extension strategy with watershed based dry land development, the Government has started the Integrated Plant Husbandry and

Soil Conservation divisions of agriculture department in June 1995 and reorganized the department. This new system is brought to effect considering the village panchayath as a unit. In the reorganized set up each district is divided into two divisions (except Coorg, Bangalore (Urban) and Bidar districts) Each division comes under the administration of a Divisional Agriculture Director. He is assisted by two assistant directors of agriculture (one acts as a subject expert while the other stays at the headquarters and looks after agricultural activities.) He supervises the divisional administration of agriculture. A Joint Director (at district level) in each district is appointed for supervising and monitoring all agricultural activities in the district.

The office of the Deputy Director is situated at Gulbarga and has the jurisdiction over the five taluks of Afzalpur, Gulbarga, Aland, Chincholi and Chitapur. The other taluks come under the jurisdiction of the Deputy Director Shahapur. The taluk level subordinate officers come under the administration of the Assistant Director (agri). The other offices such as the Agricultural School Gulbarga, Soil Health Center, Gulbarga, and Mobile Soil Health Center and Seed Production Centers work under the Joint Director. The Director, Department of Agriculture Bangalore is the immediate superior officer.

### **Department of Employment and Training**

The District Employment Exchange started working at Gulbarga in the year 1964. Earlier it was working under the Labour Department. From 1964 the Department of Employment and Training has been functioning independently. This department has the objective of providing employment assistance, occupational guidance, employment information, and proper guidance to candidates in search of self-employment etc. The Employment Officer is the head of this office and has administrative jurisdiction of the whole district. This office enforces service enactments such as The Employment Exchange Centers (Compulsory Notification Of Vacant Posts) Act, 1959, Employment Exchange Centers Act, 1960, National Employment Service Manual Part 1 And Part 2. The names of all male and female candidates seeking employment assistance are registered in this office and the candidates have to renew their names once in 3 years. This office is engaged in activities like finding out the number of unemployed persons in the district. The private employers, sponsoring eligible candidates in accordance with their prescribed educational qualifications, and age limit indicated by them and on the basis of seniority of registration. This office also sponsors candidates for training and provides job guidance. This office also conducts registration of self-employment units and handicapped candidates on priority basis. The Director, Employment and Training is the immediate superior Officer.

### **Department of Collegiate Education**

The regional office of the Joint Director, Collegiate Education was started at Gulbarga in 1985. In the beginning the head of office was the Deputy Director, Collegiate Education, and was changed as Joint Director in 1995. This office carries out the responsibility of inspecting the compliance of the Government orders in private aided and unaided colleges of the Gulbarga division, salary of the staff as well as the management of general education. This office enforces various facilities of college establishments coming under Local Private institutions Rules 1963,

Government Orders and Guidance Rules 1981. This office manages activities such as administrative supervision of private aided and unaided colleges affiliated to the Gulbarga University and release of grants for aided college staff and other activities. The Director Collegiate Education, Bangalore is the immediate superior Officer.

### **Agricultural Marketing Department**

The office of the District Marketing Officer was started in Gulbarga in the year 1967 with the purpose of regulating the marketing agricultural produce and supervision of market committees. The designation of the post was changed in 1986 as Assistant Director, Agricultural Marketing Department. Later in 1994 this post was upgraded as Deputy Director, Agricultural Marketing. The Deputy Director has district wide jurisdiction. An establishment of seven members including the Marketing Inspector assists him. The Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees at Gulbarga, Surupur, Yadgir, Shahapur, Chitapur and Sedam are the subordinate offices working under the secretaries of APMC. This office enforces the provisions of the Karnataka Agricultural Marketing Regulation Act, 1966 and the acts related to marketing regulation of agricultural produce in the District Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees. There are six Agricultural Produces Marketing Committees and 22 sub-markets in Gulbarga district. This office performs the function of prescribing the marketing fee collection target, inspecting the regulatory duty and examining the developmental activities taken up under the action plan, sanctioning the developmental work of the marketing committees, inspection of warehouses etc. The Joint Director, Agricultural Marketing Department, Gulbarga is the superior officer. The office of the Joint Director being the divisional office has jurisdiction of Gulbarga Raichur, Bidar, and Bellary districts as well.

### **Karnataka Government Insurance Department**

The office of the Insurance Department was started in the year 1976 at Gulbarga in order to provide compulsory insurance cover to all the government servants in the district and to provide good service to policy holders. The district insurance officer is the head of the office. Sanction of loan on insurance policies, settling cases of entitlement, bringing all Government vehicles and vehicles of institutions wherein the Government finance exists, under the cover of motor vehicles section of the department for which it issues cover notes are some of its activities. This department carries out the responsibility of settling the cases of Family Welfare Fund of local bodies, aided education institutions, issue of endowment insurance policies, settling cases of surrender value of insurance etc. This office enforces Government Servants' Compulsory Life Insurance Rules (1958). The Deputy Director divisional office Gulbarga is the immediate superior officer.

### **Department of Legal Metrology**

The office of the Assistant Controller of Legal Metrology was started in Gulbarga in the year 1960. It enforces Standard Weights And Measures Act 1985 and the provisions of the Packed Goods Rules, 1977. Before the reorganization of the states it was not an independent department but was the weights and measures division of the Commerce And Industries Department. In the year 1990 this department was re-nomenclatured as the Department of Legal Metrology. Simultaneously this post was re-designated as the Assistant Director of Legal Metrology. The

head of the office has district wide jurisdiction and is assisted by one Inspector of Legal Metrology and another Inspector for auto and taxi unit of Gulbarga with six supporting staff. The administrative jurisdiction of the Inspector Of Legal Metrology extends to Gulbarga, Aland, Afzalpur and Jevargi taluks. Similarly the official jurisdiction of the inspector Yadgir is Yadgir, Surupur, Shahapur, Sedam, and Chitapur and Chincholi taluks. The Deputy Controller is the immediate superior. His divisional office is located at Gulbarga.

### **Labour Department**

With a view to safeguard the interest of the labourers and to provide legal and other solutions to their problems, the office of the Labour Officer was stated as far back as 1950 in Gulbarga. Earlier the Labour Department and The Department Of Employment and Training were functioning together and later got bifurcated. The labour officer is the head of the office and has district wide jurisdiction. Under him there are three Senior Labour Inspectors and other supporting staff. This office enforces the provisions of The Workman Compensation Act (1923), Industrial Disputes Act (1947), Minimum Wages Act (1948).

The Labour Inspectors function at Sedam, Surpur and Chitapur. The Assistant Commissioner of Labour, Gulbarga division Gulbarga is the immediate Superior officer.

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

The office of the senior geologist was started at Gulbarga in the year 1958. Originally the Geologist was the head of the office, which in 1973 was designated as Senior Geologist. The present jurisdiction of the office includes Gulbarga and Bidar districts. Before 1990 the Bijapur district was under the jurisdiction of this office. In all 47 supporting staff including a Geophysicist, one Drilling Engineer, and one Assistant Geologist assist the Senior Geologist.

This office is in charge of mineral administration, mineral conservation, exploitation of minerals through scientific method, sanction of contracts and collection of sienorage (royalty) on them. It also takes action against unauthorized mining /quarrying without valid contract. Auditing the accounts of the minerals dispatched, tracing and selecting suitable site for bore wells through geophysical methods examining the yield after drilling the bore well etc. are the other functions of this office. This office is in charge of enforcement of the Mines Act 1952. MM (R&D) Act 1957, MCR 1960 and KMMCR.1994. The Director, Mines and Geology Department in Bangalore is the immediate Superior officer.

### **Department of Kannada and Culture**

The office of the Assistant Director of Kannada and Culture started working at Gulbarga in the year 1980. The main objective of this office is to monitor the use of Kannada in all Government and non-Government offices enforce cultural publicity and to conduct Kannada teaching programmes. Training Government servants under the Kannada development programme, training as to use Kannada in courts, subsidy to unemployment Kannada typists, conducting Kannada Classes to non-Kannadigas, identifying the artists of the district, conducting cultural programmes and seminars at district level, encouraging artists under special component

plan, providing financial assistance to construct one open air theatre at each taluk and such other activities are being conducted by this office. Besides, this office is conducting other activities like reimbursement of medical expenses to artistes and literateurs, financial assistance to scheduled caste and scheduled tribe artistes for performance of their art, providing opportunities to local artistes to conduct cultural programmes and paying remuneration to them, help the folk artists in getting honorarium or monthly pension etc. The Assistant Director is head of office with district wide jurisdiction. The Deputy Director in the divisional office of the Kannada and Culture department is the immediate superior officer. The divisional office was started at Gulbarga in 1976. Earlier, this department was a part of the Directorate of languages and Development of Kannada and the Assistant Director was the office head. Now it is changed to the office of the Deputy Director, Kannada and Culture and has jurisdiction of four districts of Bidar, Gulbarga, Bellary and Raichur.

### **Industries and Commerce Department**

The office of The General Manager, District Industries Center came in to existence in the year 1980 with the purpose of identifying the raw materials available all over the district, establishment of small scale industries, guidance to entrepreneurs, industrial development etc. Earlier it was working under an Assistant Director. Thereafter in 1971 it was changed to as the office of the Deputy Director, ex-officio Planning Officer, Village Industries and Planning. In 1980 it was again changed into the present post of General manager, District Industries Center. The General Manager has district wide jurisdiction and has the responsibility of all round development of industries and commerce. The functions and activities of this office range from survey of manpower useful to industry, and market survey, preparing technical and economic plan reports, providing assistance to industrial entrepreneurs, proper training to small industries, financial assistance for raw materials, providing marketing facilities to development works such as identifying new industries, solving the problems of existing industries, identifying sick industries and their revival, census of industries, their registration, distribution of subsidy, identifying the scheduled tribe beneficiaries, land allotment for industrial purposes implementation of the Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana, Special Component Plan, Viswa Yojane etc. This office applies the provisions of the Karnataka Industrial Assistance Act, (Packet Of Incentives And Concession To Small Scale Industries 1993), the Karnataka Collection Of Public Funds Acts and Rules 1959 etc. The Commissioner, Industries and Commerce Department is the superior officer.

### **Home Gaurds**

The office of the Commandant, Home Guards was started in the year 1963 at Gulbarga with the purpose of assisting the police in maintaining law and order and for the rescue of the public in times of calamities. The Commandant has the administrative powers at the district level. This office enforces the provisions of the Home Guards Act and rules 1963, Home Guards Manual and other service rules. The unit officers are the taluk level functionaries who implement the orders of the district office. The office performs the functions of deploying personnel to various

bandobust duties whenever there is a requisition from the deputy commissioner and district magistrate to deploy home guards, imparting training locally at head quarters through trainers, first aid, rescuing from fire accidents, armed and unarmed combat training, protection from flood, protection to buildings and maintenance of law and order.

### **Consumer Forum**

The district consumer forum was started in 1990 to safe guard the interests of the consumers. This forum has district wide jurisdiction. The Chairman is the chief of the forum who examines the grievances and disputes of the consumers. This office enforces the provisions of The Consumer Protection Act 1986 and the Karnataka Consumer Protection Rules 1988. The Forum examines the grievances of the consumers and orders payment of compensation to them. This office has two sections namely 1. Court section 2. Administrative section. The court section has a Chairperson of the rank of the District Judge, a male member and a lady member. The administrative section has one Administrative Officer and other staff. The Director, Food and Civil supplies, Bangalore and the Chairman, Karnataka State Consumer Protection Forum, Bangalore are the immediate superior officers.

### **Public Health Engineering**

In order to provide pure and protected drinking water in adequate quantities to the rural public of Gulbarga division, the office of the Superintending Engineer, Public Health Engineering circle started functioning in Gulbarga in 1984. This is an independent department and has divisional level jurisdiction. The Superintending Engineer is the head of office. When all the seven Public Health Engineering civil divisions were converted to Zilla Panchayats engineering divisions with effect from 1-4-1987 they were handed over to Zilla Panchayath with only the responsibility of technical management in the hands of this office. The jurisdiction of this office is limited to all Public Health Engineering Divisions in the districts coming under Gulbarga division, Mechanical division Gulbarga and workshop sub division, Gulbarga. The responsibilities of this department are technical supervision regarding supply of drinking water to all villages, reconnaissance for ground water availability, monitoring the drilling of borewells through departmental rigs, undertaking and implementing various programmes by taking some from the Zilla panchayath engineering division and some from state units, verification of progress of the water supply schemes, scrutiny of estimate statement, technical sanction and supervision (see chapter 12 for details) .

### **District Training Institute**

The District Training Institute was started in Gulbarga in the year 1974. It has the jurisdiction of both Bidar and Gulbarga districts and is headed by a Principal. The activities of this institute are imparting training to all the employees of all the departments of state government, training the elected members of Panchayath institutions, and arranging training camps for the employees regarding various schemes launched by the government from time to time. The training camps are scheduled under the annual training programmes. The Director General of Training, Administrative Training Institute, Mysore is the immediate superior officer.



### **District Treasury**

The office of the District Treasury Officer was started at Gulbarga well before the reorganization of states, in the princely state of Nizam under the Revenue Department. It was then called "The Treasury Bank of The Deputy Commissioner". It became an independent department in the year 1964. The District Treasury officer was the office head and the said post is designated as the Deputy Director from the year 1980. The Deputy Director is the controlling authority of all the sub treasuries of all the taluks of the district. The activities of this office are submitting accounts to the Accountant General, maintenance of accounts, preparing the accounts on the basis of the heads of accounts of the bills etc. This office has taken up the computerization of accounts. There are 69 staff members at the District Treasury and at the taluk level the staff strength of sub treasuries is 97. The Director of Treasuries, Bangalore is the immediate superior officer.

### **Horticulture Department**

The district office of the Horticulture Department, which was started at Gulbarga in the year 1992, is at present modified as the office of the Deputy Director Horticulture Department and is working under the Zillah panchayath, Gulbarga. Under the jurisdiction of this office, Assistant Directors of Horticulture are functioning at taluk level with their supporting staff. This office is performing the duty of monitoring the activities of the taluk level officers, presenting the activities and progress of the department at district level and state level meetings, furnishing technical information regarding district horticulture, training farmers, maintenance of fruits and vegetable farms and crop development, training SC and ST candidates as per government rules etc. The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat Gulbarga and the Joint director of Horticulture, Gulbarga are the immediate superior officers.

The divisional office of the Joint Director of Horticulture was established in Gulbarga in the year 1992. Earlier this office was functioning at Raichur. It was transferred to Gulbarga on 8-7-92. The Joint director has jurisdiction of four districts viz Bidar, Gulbarga, Bellary and Raichur.

### **Department of Registration and Stamps**

The office of the District Registrar and the Deputy commissioner of Stamps and registration is functioning at Gulbarga. The objectives of this department are to control the working of the subordinate offices and to register societies and associations. The District Registrar is the head of the office and enforces the provisions of the Societies Registration Act 1908, Indian Stamps Act, Registration rules, Karnataka Stamps Act, etc. The Sub-registrars work at taluk level under this office with taluk wide jurisdiction.

### **Archaeology Department**

The Government Museum was started at Gulbarga in the year 1964. This department intends to exhibit and introduce archaeological materials as well as rare art pieces to the general

public and in this direction the government has undertaken the work of establishing and developing a museum. The Assistant Curator is the head of this museum and is in charge of its administration also. This museum exhibits pottery and stone idols of first and second century particularly the stone edicts for the propagation of Buddhism, the Jaina idols of Parshwanatha, Kubera, Ambika and Dwarapalakas of the Kalyani Chalukya period, ancient swords, katharis, chilakathu and crowns, the relics quite recently found during the excavation at Sannathi, the Mysore style paintings and artworks both ancient and modern which have been purchased from the Bangalore museum are displayed here. The chair used by Medos Tailor of England and some china pottery are also exhibited here. The Director, Directorate of Archaeology And Museums, Mysore is the superior officer.

### **Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services**

The Office of The Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services is functioning at Gulbarga and was earlier headed by the Assistant Director, Animal Husbandry. Later the designation of the head of office was changed to Senior Assistant Director, which is now upgraded to as Deputy Director. All the taluks of the district come under this office. 12 Assistant directors, 40 Veterinary doctors, 86 Senior Veterinary Inspectors and other staff assist the Deputy director in his office. The activities of this office are: protecting the animals from diseases, developing the animal wealth and their progeny through artificial insemination into better breeds, adopting and implementing the social and economic programmes connected with the department, developing fodder and animal feed, arranging treatment camps for barren cattle, mobile dispensary, providing mobile veterinary clinic facility, etc. Under the Special Component Plan this office carries out many development programmes. At the taluk level the assistant director looks after the administration. The divisional office of the Joint Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary services is situated in Gulbarga and looks after the supervision and overall administration of Bidar, Gulbarga, Raichur and Bellary districts.

### **Department of Survey, Settlement and Land Records**

The office of the Joint Director, Land records, Gulbarga division was started at Gulbarga in the year 1972. The Joint director has the jurisdiction of Gulbarga, Bidar, Raichur and Bellary districts. The responsibilities of this department are: maintenance of land records of the division, declaration and land measurement, sodi cases, urban land survey, maintenance, control and monitoring of land revenue proceedings along with technical advice and advising the Divisional Commissioner. The office enforces the provisions of The Land Revenue Act and Rules, Land Reforms and Land Grant Rules. Two Deputy Directors Of Land Records and two Urban Land Survey Offices work under him.

### **Department of Women and Child Welfare**

The office of the Assistant Director, Department of Women and Child Welfare started working in Gulbarga with a view to implement the women and child welfare programmes in the

district. The Assistant Director is the head of office with district wide jurisdiction. The main activity of the department is implementing the women and child welfare programmes. This office enforces the provisions of The Juvenile Justice Act, 1989 Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act, and Habitual Offenders Act 1958. Under the District Sector Plan this office implements schemes such as 1. Crèche for the children of working women 2. Taluk level unions 3. Rehabilitation of widows and devadasis 4. Centrally sponsored scheme for integrated child development services and meal scheme for pre-school children. Besides, under the State Plan it implements (1) enforcement of prevention of child marriage programme (2) scholarship to girls of the age 5-10 years (3) child labour welfare scheme (4) financial assistance scheme for vocational training for women (5) financial assistance to women to prepare for the competitive examinations (6) training programme for Panchayath Raj women members and Mahila Samridhi Yojane and Mane Belaku Yojane etc.

### **Fisheries Department**

The office of the Senior Assistant Director of Fisheries (under zilla Panchayath) has been functioning in Gulbarga since 1959. This office carries out the activities of auction of fisheries development tanks, supply of fingerlings etc. The Senior Assistant Director is the head of the office and the subordinate offices are located at Gulbarga, Chincholi, Shahapur, Surapur, Yadagir, and Hathikuni. (Yadgir taluk) and the Assistant directors are the heads of the respective offices. The Deputy Director Of Fisheries, zonal office, Bellary is the immediate superior officer.

### **Department of Printing, Stationery and Publications**

In order to cater to the printing needs of the Government offices of Gulbarga division the Government Press under a Deputy Director was started in the year 1963 at the old jail premises of Gulbarga. The press was shifted to the present building in the year 1969. In the beginning the Assistant Director was the head of the press the post was changed to Deputy Director in the year 1964-65. This is a divisional level office. Printing and supplying general applications and forms, printing and supplying part -9 of the gazette from the year 1974-75, printing and supplying court petition forms to government etc. are the activities of this office. The office of the Assistant Director, Text Book Press was started in the year 1980-81 at Gulbarga. Printing and supplying of textbooks in minority languages such as Marathi, Hindi, Urdu and Telugu is the main activity of this office. The Joint Director, Government Text Book Press, Mysore is the immediate superior officer.

### **Department of Youth Services and Sports**

The office of the District Youth Services and Sports Officer was started in Gulbarga in the year 1992. Earlier it was under the control of District Planning Officer. At present the District Youth Services and Sports Officer is the office head and has district wide jurisdiction. This office has the objective of developing sportive spirit in the rural youth and encourages development of

sports. It is conducting District Level Sports Meet, Women's Sports Festival, Youth Mela and Government Servant's Sports Meet in the district from time to time. This office conducts many planning and development activities such as, supply of sports materials, construction of indoor stadia and ranga mandirs, organizing sports training camps in rural areas etc. At taluk level the Assistant Youth Services and Sports Officer functions under the Block Development Officer.

### **Sericulture Department**

The office of the Deputy Director of Sericulture was started at Gulbarga in 1982 to introduce and encourage sericulture, which was quite unknown in Gulbarga region upto the recent decades. Giving publicity to sericulture done by the Technical Service Centre, visiting farms wherein the replantation has been done, inspection of technical advice centres and administrative work related to the service centres are the activities of this office. The Deputy Director Gulbarga has district wide jurisdiction. This office implements publicity programmes of sericulture farm development, training programmes, subsidy to bivoltine cocoon rearing, subsidy to purchase silk worm rearing implements, disease control programmes, construction of residing cum silk rearing sheds, demonstration farms for women and maintenance of Community Development Centers under Special Component Plan, financial aid for irrigation wells, subsidy to silk worm rearing and construction of houses and other developmental activities and schemes. Ten technical centres and 43 Chawki rearing centres are functioning in the district. About 3000 acres of land are under mulberry cultivation while 2800 persons have taken up sericulture. Among them 558 persons belong to Scheduled castes and Scheduled tribes. Assistant Directors of Sericulture function at all the taluks. The Joint Director of Sericulture is the immediate superior officer.

### **Department of Mass Education**

The office of the District Adult Education Officer was started at Gulbarga in the year 1983. From 1987 it is under the administration of the Zilla Panchayat. The District Adult Education Officer is the head of the office. This office conducts activities such as educating the neo literates through libraries provided by the Jana Shikshana Nilayas, creating awareness regarding literacy motivation and various programmes, organizing sports and cultural programmes through Jana Shikshana Nilayas. Under the State Plan a total of 37 Jana Shikshana Nilayas have been started in the district - 13 in Chitapur taluk, 11-in Sedam taluk and 13 in Yadgir taluk. There are facilities of reading room, library and for conducting cultural activities in these Centres. Under the Central Plan further 78 Jana Shikshana Nilayas have been started the taluk wise distribution of the same is as follows: Aland 17, Afzalpur 12, Gulbarga 12, Shahapur 15, Surapur 11 and Jevargi 11.

### **Public Works Department**

The office of the Superintending Engineer has started functioning from the year 1962. This circle office has the administrative control of Gulbarga, Yadgir and Bidar divisions. The

Superintending Engineer is the head of this circle office and is assisted by Technical Assistants, a Registrar, Assistant Engineers, and other staff. The divisional offices at Gulbarga and Yadgir are the offices of the Executive Engineers, which come under the administrative control of this office. Similarly the sub-divisional offices function at the taluk level under the Assistant Executive Engineers. This office has the objective of construction and maintenance of bridges for public utility, construction and maintenance of government buildings, departmental buildings and school buildings and implements several schemes. It also implements many works under the Hyderabad Karnataka Development

Board. The Chief Engineer, PWD Communication and Buildings (north), Dharwad is the immediate superior officer.

### **Commercial Tax Department**

The office of the Joint Commissioner (administration) of Commercial Taxes, Gulbarga division is functioning in the district from the year 1957. In the beginning this post was designated as the Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Administration and Intelligence) with the headquarters at Bellary. In 1984 he had the jurisdiction of only Gulbarga, Raichur, and Bidar districts. Later in 1992 the designation was changed to the present Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (administration). He has the administrative jurisdiction of Bidar, Raichur and Gulbarga districts presently. The offices of the Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Taxes Circle 1, 2 and 3, Gulbarga, Assistant Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Yadgiri, Commercial Tax Officer (chief), Gulbarga, Commercial Tax Officer (rural) Gulbarga, and Commercial Tax Officers, Sedam, Shahapur, Yadgir and Gulbarga circles are the subordinate offices. Three Deputy Commissioners of Commercial Taxes 9 Assistant Commissioners of Commercial Taxes and 162 staff members assist the Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes. This office carries out activities such as collection of taxes on the business of merchants and dealers, assessment of tax, educating them regarding the laws and rules, checking evasion of taxes and collection of revenue to government. This office enforces Acts and Rules related to the Karnataka Sales Tax, Entry Tax, Profession Tax, Entertainment Tax and Luxury Tax. The Additional Commissioner of Commercial Taxes of Davanagere Zonal office is the immediate superior of this office.

### **Information and Publicity Department**

The office of the District Information and Publicity was started in the year 1981 at Gulbarga with the purpose of educating the rural public about different plans and programmes of the government through various publicity media. Earlier to this, in 1960, this was under the administration of the Assistant Director of Information and Publicity of divisional office. In 1966 with the creation of District Publicity officer's post the office of the District Publicity officer was established in every district. Later (in 1974) the post of Assistant Directors and publicity officers

were merged and modified and named as Divisional Information and Publicity Officer. In the year 1981 the department was again reorganized and the divisional and district offices were separated. In the district level office, as at present, the District Information and Publicity officer is the head of office and has a district wide jurisdiction. At the divisional level under the Deputy Director, the office functions with the jurisdiction of Bidar, Gulbarga, Raichur and Bellary districts

The activities of this office include conducting programmes of music, drama, seminars, gigipada, lavani, harikathe, exhibitions, film shows establishing reading rooms, arranging television coverage of government programmes, covering ministers and leaders, press conference, giving press release of news from government offices and releasing of extra ordinary news etc. Besides this office shoulders the responsibility of bringing public grievances to the notice of the relevant departments, providing monthly pension, medical and traveling facility to the journalists and acting like a guiding agency between the government and the general public.

#### **Small Savings Department**

The office of the Assistant Director of Small Savings Department was started at Gulbarga after the reorganization of the states with an intention to promote savings culture among the general public and thereby mobilise resources necessary for the developmental activities of the state. The Assistant Director (small savings) having a district wide jurisdiction is the head of the office. One Development Officer, seven Assistant Development Officers - one each for Jevargi, Aland, Chincholi, Afzalpur, Surpur, Sedam, Shahapur along with other staff assist him. This office is engaged in activities such as making an allout effort to achieve the annual target fixed by the government, to motivate the people to develop saving habit, to provide incentives, to encourage educational institutions, mujrai institutions, youth associations by providing them with small saving agencies.

The Small Savings and Lotteries Department manual of the year 1990 and the Rules of the Central Government applied through post offices are administered by this Department. The Deputy Director (divisional) of Small Savings, Gulbarga is the immediate superior officer.

#### **Social Welfare Department**

The office of the District Social Welfare Office was started at Gulbarga in 1948. The objective of this department are payment of scholarship to scheduled caste/scheduled tribe students, providing hostel accommodation to them, redressing of their socio-economic problems and implementation of programmes launched by government for their development. The District Social Welfare Officer is the head of office having a district wide jurisdiction.

This office carries out many activities such as, supply of sewing machine, financial assistance to law graduates, cash awards to scheduled caste/scheduled tribe students who have passed the pre university and degree examination with a I class in first attempt. Auto rickshaw and light vehicle training to those who seek self employment, scholarship and hostel accommodation etc. Under this department the offices of the taluk social welfare officers are working at taluk level independently at Gulbarga, Aland and Chitapur while in the remaining taluks they work under the Block Development Officers.

### **Transport Department**

In order to enforce the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules the office of the Regional Transport Officer started working at the district head quarters from 1957. Before the reorganization of states this office was working as a branch of the police department. The Regional Transport Officer has district wide jurisdiction. From 1985 he has the jurisdiction of seven taluks i.e., Aland, Afzalpur, Chincholi, Chithapur, Jevargi Gulbarga, and Sedam. The remaining taluks of Yadgir, Surpur, and, Shahapur come under the control of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer of Yadgir. This office carries out registration of motor vehicles, giving permit, fitness certificate to transport vehicles, issuing of driving license, and conductor's license, inspection of cases of violation of law, implementation of decision taken in respect of traffic control, implementation of decisions regarding road safety etc.

This office enforces the provisions of The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, Motor Vehicles Rules 1989 and Karnataka Motor Vehicles Taxation Act 1957 and Rules. It also enforces the provisions of Prevention of Vehicular Pollution and Learning License Act.

### **Department of Public Libraries**

The District Central Library was started in Gulbarga under the Karnataka Libraries Act in the year 1975. The library office is headed by Chief Librarian and functions with a district wide jurisdiction. This office has the main objective of providing books, periodicals and dailies to readers, providing library services in rural areas, celebrating National Library Week etc. There are 120 branch libraries in the district and it is the duty of the District Library to distribute books to them and to maintain their administration. There are already 64 Grama Panchayath libraries and 18 rural libraries functioning and a mobile library service to the villages is yet to be envisaged. There is a separate City Central Library for Gulbarga city (1980) and under its control there is a network of 12 branch libraries and city mobile library. The Director, Public Libraries Department is the immediate superior officer.

### **Department of Public Instruction**

In order to implement developmental works of education and to provide efficient administration of Primary and Secondary Education the office of the Deputy Director, Department Of Public Instruction was started at Gulbarga in the year 1970-71. Prior to 1970 the administration of Public Instruction in the district was under the District Education Officer.

The Deputy Director has the responsibility of administration of education in the district. He is assisted by two Education Officers, one Gazetted Assistant, one District Physical Instruction Superintendent, five Subject Inspectors etc. and other officers of different cadres. This office carries out the responsibilities of looking after the teacher's development, considering the cases of leave transfer, pay and complaints of teachers. It implements programmes such as Mid-day meal, Operation Black Board, area incentives, school furniture, etc.

At the taluk level the Education Officer looks after the block educational development and administrative works. Ten Assistant Education Officers and other staff members assist him. The Gulbarga divisional office of the Joint Director is working at Gulbarga since 1970. The Joint Director has the administrative and supervisory responsibility of Bidar, Gulbarga, Raichur and Bellary districts.

### **Department of Sainik Welfare and Re-settlement**

With an objective of catering to the needs of the welfare of families of soldiers who died in war and also of the ex-military personnel, the office of the Deputy Director of the Department of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement was started at Gulbarga in the year 1992. The Deputy Director is the head of office. This office carries out activities such as getting employment to ex-military personnel, collection of flag day funds for armed forces, implementing self employment schemes of the central government, recommending scholarship applications of the children of the ex-military personnel, sanction of subsidy to destitute ex-military personnel, issue of dependent certificate to the children of the ex-military personnel for professional course purposes, issue of identity cards to ex-military personnel and their widows, correspondence for family pension, free sites for the widows of soldiers killed in action, building houses for them, providing cultivable land or financial assistance, employment to the dependents etc.

The Director, Department of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement, Bangalore is the immediate superior officer.

### **Department of Backward Classes and Minorities**

The office of the Department of Backward Classes and Minorities was started in the year 1977 in Gulbarga for the welfare of the socio-economically backward communities. The main activities of the department are: establishing hostels for the development of backward classes and minority students and grant of scholarship to backward classes students. Besides, under the education programmes establishment of pre-metric and post-metric boys and girls hostels, freeship for pre and post metric students, establishment of Ashram schools, women welfare centers, tailoring training centers, training to law graduates, typing and short hand training are some of the activities of the Department. Under the economic programmes for backward classes development, Chaithnya Loan Scheme, self-employment scheme, self-reliance loan scheme are implemented. Vehicle driving training and foreman training are also undertaken. The Director, Department Of Backward classes and Minorities, Bangalore is the immediate superior officer.



### **Dry Land Development Board**

The Dry Land Development Board was started at Gulbarga in the year 1984. The administrator is the head of the office. This being the divisional office the offices of the Directors of the four water shed development area schemes of Moddahalli (Humnabad) Muchakalli (Gulbarga district) Hirehalla (Kustagi, Raichur district) and Sanna Bommarahalli (Kottur, Bellary district) come under its control. The divisional commissioner of Gulbarga is the administrator of the Dry Land Development Board and shoulders the responsibility of the sanction of annual administrative action plans and comprehensive scrutiny of the developmental programmes undertaken by the watershed areas. This board has the responsibility of ensuring land use according to its capacity, developing green cover over the land during rainy season, retention of rain water as far as possible in the area where it falls, transporting surplus water through waste weirs to water reservoirs and utilization of marginal holdings of land through crop rotation, technical advice, sanction and monitoring etc. It implements Jawahar Rojgar Yojane, Drought Prone Area Development Programme, Employment Assurance Scheme, and Million Wells Scheme.

### **Karnataka Hand Loom Development Corporation**

The office of the Integrated Handloom Development Project is a unit of the Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation. The objective of the corporation is providing continuous employment to the poor weavers and promoting the sustenance of the handloom industry. The Project and Quality Control Administrator is the chief of the unit and has district wide jurisdiction in Gulbarga district. This office is implementing various schemes such as weaving, training for the devadasis, training to rural women, providing electrification to weavers under Ashadeepa scheme, providing infrastructure facility to those who are in need of residence and workshop etc. The sub-centres project works under this corporation.

### **Karnataka Land Army Corporation**

The office of the Deputy Director, Karnataka Land Army Corporation was started at Gulbarga in the year 1983. This office has a district wide jurisdiction. It implements major activities of carrying out developmental works and building works entrusted to the land army by Zilla panchayat, Deputy Commissioner, Hyderabad Karnataka Development Board and other Government and quasi Government bodies and private concerns. This corporation carries out the works of the Hyderabad Karnataka Development Board, Border Area Development works entrusted by the Deputy Commissioner, construction of earthquake resistant houses, backward classes and minorities hostel works entrusted by the Zilla panchayat, works of the fisheries department, sports hostel and stadium works under District Youth Services Department, construction of hostels for scheduled caste and scheduled tribes and construction of houses under Indira Awas Yojane etc.

### **Karnataka State Khadi and Village Industries Board**

The District Khadi and Village Industries Board office was started at Gulbarga in the year 1957. This office has the objective of redressing the employment problem by creating employment

for the village artisans craftsmen, educated unemployed and women at their place of stay, inculcate a spirit of self reliance among the rural population and facilitate the building up of a strong village community. The District Khadi and Village Industries Officer is the head of the office. This office enforces the provisions of the Karnataka Khadi Gramodyoga Act 1956. The village industries are classified into mineral based industries, forest based industries, agro-based industries, engineering and non-conventional energy industries, textile industries, Polyvastra and chemical based industries, and electronic industries and providing financial as well as technical assistance. Further this office implements activities like extending interest free loans and training in different industries. The Divisional Officer, the Karnataka State Khadi and Village Industries Board, Gulbarga is the superior officer.

### **Karnataka Housing Board**

In order and to meet the increasing demand for houses, the office of the Executive Engineer Karnataka Housing Board started functioning at Gulbarga in 1966. In the beginning the board had the jurisdiction of five districts- Gulbarga, Bidar, Bellary, Raichur and Bijapur. Later in 1971 it was bifurcated and the Gulbarga division was given the administration of Gulbarga and Bidar Districts only. The Executive Engineer is the head of the office. This offices functions as per the Karnataka Housing Board Act and t7he Acts and Rules governing the Public Works Department. This office carries out activities such as constructing and allotting houses to people of all classes in accordance with the need. Laying out new extensions and construction of high quality low cost houses, implementation of housing schemes of State and Central Governments also. From 1966 till date the board has constructed 2638 houses in this division and has allotted the same to people under different categories. (See Chapter 12)

### **Karnataka State Finance Corporation**

The zonal office of the Deputy General Manager, Karnataka State Finance Corporation was started at Gulbarga in the year 1987 with an intention to extend financial aid though loans for establishing small industrial units. The Deputy General Manager has the jurisdiction of Bidar, Gulbarga, Raichur and Bellary districts with five branch offices working under him. Among them the Gulbarga branch is a class "A" office while the remaining four branches at Bidar, Raichur, Koppal and Bellary are class "B" offices. Besides two field offices are functioning at Yadgir and Hospet. This office carries out activities like sanctioning loan under various schemes, guidance to branch office, recovering loan etc. It has the powers to sanction loans up to Rs 8 lakhs. It provides financial assistance to small-scale industries, transport, hotel industry, nursing homes, tourism, physically handicapped entrepreneurs, quality control facilities, women entrepreneurs, eligible professionals, those seeking self- employment, etc.

### **The Gulbarga Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation Ltd**

The Karnataka Milk Producers' Federation unit started at Gulbarga and Bidar districts in the year 1984. This Federation was registered by the Additional Registrar (Consumption and

Sales) of Co-operative Societies, Bangalore in the year 1985 and has jurisdiction of Gulbarga and Bidar Districts. At the end of the year 1993-94 there were 286 milk producers co-operatives in operation. Of them 78 societies were at Gulbarga and 208 societies are at Bidar with a total strength of 56,033 members. Annually about 41,343 kgs of milk is produced. The main duties of this federation are providing technical support to white revolution, veterinary services, artificial insemination, development of green fodder, sale of nutritious cattle feed, conducting training programmes, providing marketing facilities to milk and dairy products, providing extension activities of dairy and cold storage units.

This federation implements Special Component Plan co-operative development scheme, dairy technology mission, and children dairy scheme etc. schemes.

### **Hyderabad Karnataka Area Development Board**

The Hyderabad Karnataka Area Development Board came into existence in the year 1992. The main objective of this board is the implementation and study of various developmental programmes of the government in the districts under its jurisdiction. Earlier to this a high power committee at Bangalore looked after the functions of the board.

The Secretary is the head of the office of the Board and Gulbarga, Bidar, Raichur and Bellary districts come under its jurisdiction. To assist the Secretary in the functioning of the office there is a Deputy Secretary, a Finance Controller, a Joint Director (Planning), an Executive Engineer and 35 other members of staff. The Board under its scopes takes up and implements road and bridge works, building of educational and medical institutions, small and medium irrigation projects, hostels for backward classes and electrification of Harijan Basthis and Thandas. From 1990 to 1996, the board has taken up developmental activities to a tune of Rs. 325 crores. This office administers the Hyderabad Karnataka Development board Act, 1992 and the rules of the board 1993. The board publishes its progress report every month. This board works under the Secretary, Planning, Institutional Finance, Statistics, Science and Technology Department, Bangalore.

### **Karnataka Electricity Board**

The office of the Superintending Engineer circle office was started at Gulbarga in the year 1966 to meet the increasing demand of electricity and to provide service to consumers of electricity. This circle office has the jurisdiction of Gulbarga and Bidar districts and the Superintending Engineer is the head of the circle zone. His scope of administration includes Gulbarga, Yadgir and Bidar divisions. This office looks after the activities like sanction of various works, transmission of electricity, repairs of lines, maintenance of electric grid, etc. The Chief Engineer is the immediate superior officer.

### **Gulbarga Development Authority**

The Gulbarga Development Authority was started at Gulbarga in the year 1988 with an intention of preparing a planning map of Gulbarga city, preventing growth of unauthorized

construction, sites to the siteless, sites to the economically backward classes and scheduled caste people at a concessional rate etc. Earlier to this, it was functioning as the Urban Development Board Gulbarga. The Commissioner is the head of the Authority and has the jurisdiction of Gulbarga urban area and the notified areas. There are 33 staff members at different levels. This office conducts activities such as acquiring land and distribution of sites. This Authority functions as per the provisions of the Karnataka Urban Development Authority Act, 1978 and the Karnataka Town And Country Planning Act 1961. The Secretary Housing and Urban Development, Bangalore is the immediate superior officer (see chap. 12 for details)

### **All India Radio**

Though considered the most backward area of the state economically, the districts of the Hyderabad Karnataka are endowed with a rich culture, tradition, art, literature and music. In order to introduce this rich culture and art to the other parts of the state and spread outside the state, Gulbarga AIR station was started in the year 1966. The station engineer /Station Director is the officer incharge here. The station has a transmitter of 10 Kw power with a broadcasting range of about 110 kms. A 104 staff members assist the Station Director.

### **Income Tax Department**

The office of the Assistant Commissioner Income Tax circle (1) started functioning at Gulbarga in the year 1992 in order to enforce the direct tax law and rules related to income tax, which is one of the revenue resources to the central government. Earlier (from 1956) the Income Tax Officer was the head of office. The official jurisdiction of the Assistant Commissioner is Gulbarga and Bidar districts. This office enforces the provisions of the Income Tax Act (1961), the Income Tax Rules (1962), the Wealth Tax Act (1956) and Gift Tax Act (1957) etc. acts and rules as amended from time to time. The Deputy Commissioner Income Tax Belgaum range Belgaum is the immediate superior officer.

### **Central Excise and Customs Department**

The office of the Asst. Commissioner, Central Excise started functioning at Gulbarga in 1984. This office has the objective of collection of central excise duty and enforcement of various Acts related to excise. The Assistant Commissioner is the head of the office and under him the F.S. range offices of Bidar, Shahabad, Yadgir, Humnabad are functioning. The Commissioner, central excise, Belgaum is the immediate superior.

### **Nehru Yuva Kendra**

Nehru Yuva Kendra an autonomous body of the Government of India started functioning at Gulbarga in the year 1977 with a view to encourage rural youth in sporting activities. The Youth Coordination Officer is the head of the centre. Motivation to the youth to participate in the national development process, striving for the development of culture and folk arts, etc. are the activities of this centre. (See chapter 16)

### **Indian Postal Department**

The office of the Senior Superintendent of Posts started functioning at Gulbarga for the purpose of providing postal service to the people of the district in the year 1950. In the beginning

it was headed by the Assistant Superintendent and from 1980 the name was changed to Senior Superintendent of Posts. The major activity of this office is superintendence and control of the 621 post offices in the district and catering to the postal needs of the people. Motivating people to open small savings accounts in the post offices, implementation of various savings schemes, extending small savings services along with postal services are the other activities of this office. This office has the project of computerization for speed post delivery, money order through satellite and establishment of panchayat mobile service etc. The Post-Master General, North Karnataka zone Dharwad is the immediate superior officer.

### **Doordarshan Kendra**

The Doordarshan Kendra was started at Gulbarga in 1977 under the Satellite Instruction Television Experiment (SITE) programme with an objective of providing popular programmes towards the new direction of responding to the local sentiments. Initially a one-hour programme was telecast every day. In 1982, the Gulbarga station started relaying programmes of the Delhi Kendra. Later from 1990 it started relaying directly the regional telecast colour programmes of Bangalore Doordarshan from Bangalore. From 14-10-94 Gulbarga Doordarshan started producing independent programmes. At present its transmission capacity is one KW, which will eventually increase to 10 kws. Simultaneously the range of telecast will increase from 35 kms to 70 kms. When the Kendra was started, it was headed by an officer called Officer on Special Duty. In 1993 the post was re-designated as the Station Director and at present he is called the Director.

The main objective of the Kendra is to organize and produce programmes related to the Gulbarga region. A staff of 128 members is working in this Kendra. This Kendra is carrying out the responsibility of telecasting the programmes highlighting local talents for a time slot of half an hour once a week and also programmes capturing effectively the greatness of the land of Gulbarga in visual medium in addition to regular relay.

### **Office of the Assistant Commissioner of Provident Fund**

The sub regional office of the Assistant Commissioner of Provident Fund started functioning in Gulbarga in 1987. The Assistant Commissioner of Provident fund is the head of office and has the administrative jurisdiction of Bidar, Gulbarga, Raichur and Bijapur districts. This office is established under the Labour Welfare Act, 1952 of the Ministry of Labour of the Union Government with the objective of providing social security to the organized labour. This office functions under the provisions of the Employees Provident Fund Act, 1952, The Provident Fund Scheme, 1952, Employees Pension Scheme 1995 and other Acts.

This office carries out activities like providing financial aid to the employees according to their needs from out of the saving funds contributed by the organized labourers to the provident fund, extending pension facilities and financial aid to workers who retire from service and other activities. The Regional Commissioner of Provident Fund, Karnataka, Bangalore is the immediate superior officer.