

CHAPTER XI

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

The Policy decisions as well as programmes and activities of the administrative machinery are implemented through the different departments of the State Government, Central Government, various Corporations and Boards. In other chapters of this volume various functions and development programmes of different Departments and Corporations are discussed. In a democratic set up, the modification of administrative procedure and its extension become inevitable because of the necessities and progress of the Society. The main purpose of this Chapter is to introduce the functioning of several Departments, Corporations and Boards which do not fall under the purview of the Deputy Commissioner. It also briefly narrates the origin, development and execution of policies as well as programmes of the government under the supervision of their respective heads of Departments.

Agriculture Department

After the State Reorganisation in November 1956 the Agriculture Department came into existence as a separate entity in Kodagu district. The district level office of this department is at Madikeri and in the beginning District Agricultural Officer was the head of the office and thereafter the Deputy Director of Agriculture became the head and at present the Principal Agricultural Officer is heading the department in the district. His main functions are to implement Agriculture extension programmes and all other departmental schemes and also to look after its activities. The Principal Agricultural Officer is assisted by one Assistant Director of Agriculture (Headquarters), One Administrative Assistant and five Assistant Directors of Agriculture (Subject Experts). For the purpose of administration, one Manager, one Superintendent and other necessary

staff members are working under him. There are three Assistant Directors of Agriculture functioning under the supervision of Principal Agricultural Officer (Madikeri) for the three taluks of Madikeri, Somvarpet and Virajpet. The main function of the Assistant Director is to implement the agricultural schemes and programmes at the taluk level. The Agricultural officer, Soil Health Centre, Kudige and Agricultural Officer, Agriculture School, Kudige are also functioning under the District Agriculture officer. The immediate superior of this office is the Joint Director of Agriculture, Mysore Division, Mysore.

Anganawadi Training Centre

The Anganawadi Training Centre was started at Madikeri in 1982 with the main object of imparting training to Anganawadi workers and assistants. Chief Instructress is the head of the Centre, who is assisted by two instructresses and four other staff.

Animal Husbandry

The office of the Chief Veterinary Officer was started at Madikeri in 1956. This was changed in the year 1986 as the Office of the Deputy Director of Animal husbandry. Protection of the health of domestic animals is the main function of this office and its jurisdiction is limited to Kodagu district. The total strength of the Deputy Director's office is 26 which includes one Assistant Planning Officer, one Superintendent, two second division assistants, three first division assistants, three typists and other staff. The offices which function under his control are: Veterinary Hospital and Mobile Dispensary at Madikeri, Veterinary schools at Napoklu and Bhagamandala and seven Rural Veterinary Schools in Madikeri taluk, Regional Poultry Centre at Kudige, Veterinary Schools at Somvarpet, Kushalnagar, Hebbale, Suntikoppa, Shanivarasanthe and Kodlipet and 3 rural Veterinary schools, mobile veterinary dispensary and main Rural Project at Somvarpet and 6 main rural planning sub-centres under its jurisdiction and Gosadana Kendra at Hudugooru in Somvarpet taluk and Gosadan Kendra at Devamchi, Veterinary Schools at Virajpet, Ponnampet, Ammathi, Pollybetta, Siddapur and Titimathi, 8 rural Veterinary schools, Mobile Veterinary Dispensary at Virajpet, main rural project at Gonikoppal, and 6 sub-centres under its jurisdiction, main rural project at Ammathi and 6 sub-centres under its jurisdiction in Virajpet taluk. There are 196 different posts under the control of the Deputy Director which includes 10 Veterinary Officers, 14 Veterinary Surgeons, 5 Veterinary Supervisors, 14 First Grade Veterinary Inspectors, 38 Second Grade Veterinary Inspectors and 36 Veterinary Assistants and other staff. At the Zilla Parishad level the Chief Secretary of the Zilla Parishad is the immediate superior. This office is under the control of the Director for Animal Husbandry Veterinary Sciences, Bangalore.

Apiculture

The office of the Apiculture Development Officer was started at Madikeri in Kodagu district in 1962. The jurisdiction of this office extends to Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada, Shimoga, Hassan, Mysore and Chickmagalur districts. The office is at present under the control of Department of Industries and Commerce. Prior to 1962 it was under the Department of Agriculture. This office has technical as well as administrative staff for the discharge of its functions and the technical staff are transferred to the Zilla Parishad with effect from 1.4.1987. Technical supervision is under the

control of this office. There are apicultural development officers at Bhagamandala, Virajpet and Somvarpet.

Backward Classes and Minorities

The district level office of the Backward Classes and Minorities department started functioning in 1977 at Madikeri. The District Officer for the Backward Classes and Minorities is the head of this office. His main function is to implement the programmes for the promotion of the development of Backward Classes and minorities in the district. The staff consisting of one Office Manager, two first division assistants, three second division assistants, one Assistant Development Officer, one typist, one driver and one 'D' group official assist the District Officer. At the district level, Chief Secretary of the Zilla Parishad is the immediate superior and this department is under the control of the Director, Backward Classes and Minorities, stationed at Bangalore.

Commercial Tax

The Office of the Commercial Taxes was started functioning at Madikeri in 1966. Prior to this, there was the Office of the Assistant Director of Commercial Taxes which was functioning under the control of the Deputy Commissioner for Commercial Taxes, at Mysore. The jurisdiction of this office is limited to Kodagu district. On 1.4.1988 the administration of the office was divided into Circle-I and Circle II and a Commercial Tax Officer was appointed to each circle. The jurisdiction of I Circle extends to the taluks of Madikeri and Somvarpet (excluding Kushalnagar hobli) and II Circle extends to Virajpet taluk and Kushalnagar hobli. Since 1990 there are two Commercial Tax Officers in I Circle. Every Circle has one Commercial Tax Inspector, two first division Assistants and other staff. Deputy Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Mangalore is the immediate superior. (See Chapter IX for details)

Co-operative Training Centre

The Co-operative Training Centre started functioning at Madikeri in 1955. The Principal is the head of the Centre. Three Lecturers and other staff members, discharge their duties under his control. The main function of the Centre is to impart training in Co-operative education to junior officials of the Department of Co-operation. Managing Director, Karnataka State Co-operative Federation in Bangalore is the immediate superior.

Co-operation

When Kodagu was a separate State, Registrar of Co-operative Societies was the head of the department. After State Reorganisation, Office of the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies was started at Madikeri. In 1971, the Office of the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies started functioning. The responsibility of the Deputy Registrar is to promote Co-operative activities in accordance with the needs of the people and to organise co-operative institutions. He is entrusted with the powers of implementing the Karnataka Co-operative Societies Act, 1959 and discharges such other duties entrusted to him from time to time. Supervising over the activities of various co-operative institutions in the district is also his responsibility. He is an *ex-officio*

Registrar of Money Lenders and pawn brokers in the district and exercises his powers to issue licenses to them. The Deputy Registrar is assisted by one District Supervisor (Consumer Forum) two Co-operative Development Officers, one Superintendent, three Senior Inspectors, one Statistical Inspector and other staff. Under the control of this office, Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Madikeri and Recovery Officer, Kodagu District Central Co-operative Bank Ltd., Madikeri discharge their duties. Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Mysore Division, Mysore is the immediate superior of this office.

District Central Library

The District Central Library came into being in 1956 and then it was called Mahatma Gandhi Library. It was under the control of the State Education Department. In 1971 it was brought under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Libraries. The Chief Librarian is the head of the Library and his main function is to open branch Libraries and Mandal Libraries in the district and to administer them. Mobile Library Service has been started in the district since 1987. The Chief Librarian is assisted by two librarians, one Assistant Librarian, six library assistants, one Second division assistant and other staff. Six branch libraries, mandal libraries and one mobile library are functioning under his control. The Director of Public Libraries in Karnataka, Bangalore is his immediate superior (See Chapter 13).

District Prison

The District Prison was started in 1871 at Madikeri. In the beginning the District Medical Officer (Surgeon) was the *ex-officio* Superintendent. Since 1978 Superintendents of the Karnataka Prisons Department are being appointed as Superintendent of District prison. Formerly their jurisdiction was limited to this office only. Since 1987 he has also been entrusted with the Supervision of the Sub-Jail at Virajpet. The office staff includes one Second Division Assistant, three head warders, 10 warders and two female warders. Inspector General of Prisons in Karnataka, Bangalore is the immediate official superior.

District Treasury

The District Treasury has been started functioning at Madikeri since 1.6.1961. Prior to the creation of the Department of Treasuries, this office was under the administrative control of the Deputy Commissioner. The jurisdiction of the District Treasury is limited to the Kodagu district. The scrutinising of bills presented by the drawing officers in the State, payment and consolidation of department-wise expenditure and receipts, payment of pensions of Defence department, Central Government and State Government, payment of Old Age, Disabled, and Destitute Widow Pensions and also receipt and distribution of stamp papers etc., are the main functions of the district treasury. The District Treasury Officer is assisted by one Assistant Treasury Officer, four Head Accountants, Seven First Division assistants, 15 Second division assistants, one typist, two daffedars and two 'D' group officials. Sub-treasuries at Kushalnagar, Somvarpet, Ponnampet, Virajpet and Naapoklu are functioning under this office and the sub-treasuries have in all 27 staff members working. Director of Treasuries in Bangalore is their immediate superior officer.

District Statistical Office

The District Statistical Office is functioning in Kodagu district at Madikeri since 1965. The main function of this office is to collect relevant statistical information from the various departmental offices in the district. The District Statistical Officer is the head of this Office. He is assisted by two Assistant Statistical Officers, two Statistical Inspectors, one Superintendent and other staff members. Under his control, at the taluk level, Statistical Inspectors and enumerators and in the taluk panchayat offices Progress Assistants are working in the district. The Director, Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Bangalore is the immediate superior of this office.

Drugs Control

The Drugs Inspector's office was started in Madikeri in 1980 to carry out the operations of the Drugs Control department in Kodagu district. Prior to this, it was under the jurisdiction of the divisional office of the Drugs Control Department in Mysore. The main functions of this office are to inspect and recommend for the issue of licence to persons who propose to open drug shops and to consider complaints received from the public and to take appropriate action in the matter. This office has one Drug Inspector and other staff members.

Education

The Office of the Kodagu State Educational Officer started functioning at Madikeri in 1939. The office continued under the same name until 1956, when Kodagu became a separate district. Thereafter the head of the office had been the District Educational Officer. This office was converted as the office of the Deputy Director of Public Instruction on 1.4.1970. The staff in this office consists of one Education Officer, five Subject Inspectors, one Superintendent for Physical Education, One Hindi Pracharak, one Gazetted Assistant, one Manager and other staff. Every taluk in the district has one Assistant Education Officer. Working under the control of this office. The administration and control of all the Primary Schools in the taluk is the responsibility of the Assistant Education Officer of the respective taluk. The Joint Director of Public Instruction, Mysore Division, Mysore and the Chief Secretary, Kodagu Zilla Parishad are the immediate superiors to the Deputy Director of Public Instruction (See Chapter 13).

Employment and Training Department

The District Employment Exchange was started at Madikeri in 1940. District Employment Officer is the head of this office. The main function of this office is to register the names of candidates seeking employment and sponsoring candidates for vacant posts notified by employers and collecting quarterly information about persons employed under public and private sectors and submitting reports thereon to the Central Government. The jurisdiction of this office extends to the entire district. The staff for the assistance of the Officer consists of one Employment Officer (Vocational Guidance), two Assistant Employment Officers, two first division assistants, three Second Division Assistants, one typist and four 'D' group officials. The Director, Employment and Training in Bangalore is the superior officer.

Excise Department

The Office of the Excise Superintendent is functioning at Madikeri in order to enforce various enactments of the Excise Department. Prior to 1968, this office was called "office of the Excise Inspector of Prohibition", and was changed as "office of the Assistant Excise Superintendent" in 1968. Again in the year 1970, it was changed as the "office of the Excise Superintendent". Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) of the district is the *ex-officio* Deputy Excise Commissioner. The Excise Superintendent is assisted by one Deputy Excise Superintendent. Besides, there is one Office Superintendent and other staff. Under the control of this office, Zonal Office at Madikeri which includes Somvarpet and Kushalnagar sub-zones, Zonal Office at Virajpet which includes sub-zones at Virajpet, Ponnampet and Napoklu, duty liquor depots at Madikeri, Somvarpet and Virajpet, and bottling godowns at Madikeri and Kushalnagar are functioning in the district with the total staff of 45, which includes two Excise Inspectors and six Deputy Excise Inspectors.

Since 1987 Deputy Director of Excise, Mobile Squad Sub Division, Madikeri, is appointed. Under his control there are mobile squads at Madikeri, Somvarpet and Virajpet. Every such mobile squad consists of one Excise Sub-Inspector and other staff. The Deputy Excise Commissioner, (Enforcement and Investigation) Mangalore Division, Mangalore is the immediate superior. Excise Commissioner, Bangalore is the superior officer to this district unit.

Fisheries Department

The Office of the Superintendent of Fisheries started functioning in the district at Madikeri in the year 1958 and it was changed as the office of the Assistant Director of Fisheries Grade-I in 1987. His jurisdiction is limited to Kodagu district. Procuring good breed fingerlings and stocking them in big tanks of the district, producing fingerlings in the Harangi fish breeding centre and rearing them upto finger length and undertaking fisheries development scheme under the Special Component Plan in the district are some of the main functions of this office. The staff in the office consists of one First Division Assistant, two Second Division Assistants, one typist and other staff. Under the control of this office, the Assistant Directors of Fisheries Grade I are functioning at Madikeri, Somvarpet and Ponnampet (Virajpet tq) having taluk level jurisdictions. Besides, one Assistant Director of Fisheries Grade-2 at the Harangi Fish-breeding Centre is also functioning. The Chief Secretary, Zilla Parishad, Madikeri is their immediate superior officer.

Food and Civil Supplies Department

In Kodagu district, the work pertaining to distribution of food and other essential commodities is taken up by the Office of the Deputy Director of Food & Civil Supplies functioning at Madikeri. This office was started during October 1984 and formerly these duties were being discharged by the Food Assistant attached to the Deputy Commissioner. The Deputy Director of Food and Civil Supplies is assisted by one Accounts Superintendent, one Civil Supplies Inspector, one District Food Inspector, one office Manager and other staff. Besides, one Sheristedar, one first division assistant, and other staff members have been sent on deputation to Zilla Parishad. In the Tahsildar's office of the three taluks, three first division assistants of this department are attending to this work. Under the Zilla Parishad, three Sheristedar, three first division assistants and three

Second division assistants of this department are discharging their duties. The Director of Food & Civil Supplies, Bangalore is the official superior.

Forest Department

Kodagu had a forest department even when it was a separate State, and it was started in the year 1863. Prior to that, excepting the concessions granted to the ryots, the palace itself used to purchase forest products from the persons who had collected and brought it and sell it. Subjects could not sell it to others. The Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Madikeri Division is located at Madikeri and it discharges functions pertaining to conservation and development of forest as well as related activities in regard to sale of forest product, like timber, sandalwood and minor forest produce and collection of revenue there of. The jurisdiction of this office extends to Madikeri and Somvarpet taluks and to the villages of Virajpet taluk excluding Tithimathi, Bhadrakola, Chennayanakote, Mekoor-Hosakeri, Channangi, Badaga-Banangala, Kodagu-Srirangapatna, Maldare, Nokya-Siddapur, Hebbale, Balele, Devanur, Nittoor, Kanuru, Koithur and K.Badaga which come under Hunsur division. Regional Division includes Mangalore, Madikeri, K.R.Nagar, Hunsur and Piriapatna taluks of Mysore district. The Deputy Conservator of Forest is assisted by one Superintendent, four first division assistants, nine second division assistants and one typist besides other staff. The sub-division office of the Assistant Conservator of Forest at Madikeri and Virajpet, Office of the Assistant Conservator of Forest, Forest mobile unit at Madikeri and 14 Range Forest Offices are under the control of this office. The Conservator of Forests, Kodagu Circle, Madikeri is their immediate superior.

Government Press

The Government Press started functioning at Madikeri in 1954 when Kodagu was still a separate State. After the Reorganisation of the States in 1956, it came to be called as Government Branch Press. The Assistant Director is the head of this Press and he is assisted by one Supervisor, one first division assistant, one second division assistant, one typist and other staff members. Besides, for printing and book binding there are other officials. The superior of this office is the Director of Printing, Stationery and Publications, Government Central Press, Bangalore. (For details see Chapter V, Industries).

Health Department

The Health Department in Kodagu district started functioning from 1936 under the supervision of Civil Surgeon, Kodagu. In the year 1949 the Public Health Department was separated from the Medical Department and was entrusted to the jurisdiction of Malaria Officer. In 1960, Assistant District Health Officer, besides discharging duties of the administration of the Health Department in the district was also entrusted with the jurisdiction of medical institutions excluding some big medical institutions. In 1967 with the integration of the Medical Department and the Health Department, District Health Officer became the Chief of Medical Services in the district. During the succeeding years, at the district level two separate divisions were created, one under the District Surgeon with district hospital in his charge and the other with District Health Officer who was re-designated as District Health and Family Planning Officer and again in 1978 as District

Health and Family Welfare Officer. As in April 1990, his office was manned by one Gazetted Assistant, one Health Supervisor, two district Nurse Supervisors, one District Health Education Officer, three Deputy Health Education Officers, one Assistant Malaria Officer, Five Superintendents and other staff.

Home Guards

The Home Guards Commandant's office started functioning at Madikeri in 1963. He is assisted by one Instructor, two Assistant Instructors, one First Division Assistant, one Second Division Assistant, one Dalayath and other staff members. The homeguards assist the police force. Besides they also assist the respective protection corps during fire accidents, earthquakes, floods, strikes and such other calamities. There are homeguard units in ten different places in the district namely, Madikeri, Somvarpet, Shantalli, Shanivarasanthe, Virajpet, Siddapur, Kushalnagar, Ponnampet, Bhagamandala and Murnad. The Director-General and Commandant-General, Homeguards in Karnataka, Bangalore, is the immediate superior.

Horticulture Department

The office of the Horticulture Department has been functioning at Madikeri since 1969. The jurisdiction of this office is limited to Kodagu district. Formerly, that is prior to 1957 this office was called Office of the Cardamom Development Officer and its area of operation extended to the districts of Kodagu, Hassan and Uttara Kannada. In 1963 this office was changed as the Office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture and subsequently it was changed as District Horticultural Officer in July 1969 and its jurisdiction is confined to the Kodagu district. The main functions of this office are to supply suitable crop materials to the horticulturists and help them to promote development of horticultural production by imparting technical knowledge. The head of the office is assisted by one Headquarters Assistant, one Horticultural Officer, one Superintendent, one Assistant Statistical Officer, one First Division Assistant, and two Horticultural Assistants, two Second Division Assistants and other staff. The Office of the Assistant Horticulture Officer at Somvarpet and Ponnampet and the Horticultural farm at Napoklu and Kudige are functioning under the control of this office. The Deputy Director for Horticulture stationed at Mysore is the immediate superior of this office. There are some farms in the district under the control of this department (for details see Chapter IV Agriculture).

Industries and Commerce

Prior to 1963 there was one Assistant Director to look after the administration of Industries and Commerce Department for the districts of Hassan and Kodagu and in 1963 a separate office of the Assistant Director was started with its jurisdiction limited to Kodagu district. This office was redesignated as the office of the General Manager, District Industries Centre in 1982. The main function of this office is the formulation of schemes for the development of Industry and Commerce based on the economic factors of the district. Besides, it supervises the activities of Rural Artisan Training Centres in the district. The General Manager is the head of this office and he is assisted by four functional managers, Assistant Director, one Industries Development Officer, one Superintendent and other staff members. Under the control of this office, the office of the

Assistant Director, District Industries Centre, Madikeri Sub-Division is functioning at Madikeri. Commissioner for industrial Development and Director, Industries and Commerce Department, Bangalore, is the immediate superior of this office.

Information and Publicity

The District Information and Publicity Office is functioning at Madikeri to implement the programmes of the Information and Publicity Department. It is headed by District Information and Publicity Officer and he is assisted by one Information Assistant, one Audio-Visual Supervisor, one First Division Assistant, one Librarian, one receptionist and other staff. Some main duties of this office are to give publicity to Government news items, different Government schemes, and achievements of Government in various fields and to bring out publications on the developmental activities in the district. The Deputy Director of Information and Publicity at Mysore is the immediate superior of this office.

Insurance

The District Officer of the K.G.I.D. started functioning at Madikeri in 1979. The main function of this office is to bring all Government servants in the district under Compulsory Insurance Scheme. The District Insurance Officer is the head of this office and he is assisted by two Superintendents, four First Division Assistants, five Second Division Assistants, and other staff. The Deputy Director of Karnataka Government Insurance Department at Mysore is the immediate superior.

Integrated Tribal Development

There is an office of the Project Co-ordinator at Madikeri to implement Tribal Sub-Plan for Scheduled Tribes in Kodagu district. This Scheme was started in 1976-77. The Co-ordinator is the head of this office and he is assisted by one Superintendent, four Scheduled Tribe Welfare Extension Officers, one First Division Assistant, one Accountant, one Second Division Assistant, one Bamboo and Cane Work Instructor, one Apiculture Assistant, four nurses and other staff members. At the taluk level the tribal educational institutions are maintained through the Block Development Officer with the assistance of the Scheduled Tribe Welfare Extension Officers. (See Chapter 16 Other Social Services).

Kannada and Culture

The Office of the Assistant Director of Kannada and Culture started functioning in Kodagu district at Madikeri in 1980. The main functions of this office are to supervise the implementation of Kannada in the various departments in the district, to conduct Kannada learning programmes for non-Kannadiga officials, to identify artists in the district, to organise cultural activities and to arrange seminars at the district level. The Assistant Director is assisted by one clerk, one typist and one 'D' group official in the office. The Deputy Director of Kannada and Culture, Mysore is the immediate Superior of this office.

Labour

There is a Labour Officer in Kodagu to enforce various labour laws and to preserve industrial peace and harmony in the district. This office came into existence at Madikeri in 1954. Three Senior Labour Inspectors are working under him in the three taluks of the district. To assist the officer in the discharge of his duties, there is one Senior Labour Inspector and other staff in the office. The Assistant Labour Commissioner at Chickmagalur is his immediate superior. (See also Chapter XVI, Other Social Services).

Legal Metrology

The Office of the Assistant Controller of Legal Metrology started functioning at Madikeri in the year 1962. In the beginning, the designation of the head of this office was Assistant Controller, Weights and Measures Department which was redesignated in 1989 as Assistant Controller of Legal Metrology and Assistant Director Consumers Protection. Again in 1990 it was changed as Assistant Controller of Legal Metrology. In the beginning the area of operation of this office extended to Kodagu district and Sullya taluk of Dakshina Kannada district. Since 1989-90 it is limited to Kodagu district only. The main objects of this office are annual verification of weighing and measuring equipments, to conduct inspections of weights and measures frequently and to file suits against persons who deceive in respect of Weights and Measures as per rules and to enforce Central Government Packed Commodities Act 1977. The Assistant Controller is assisted by other staff. Under this office, the Inspector of Legal Metrology of Madikeri Sub-Division is functioning at Madikeri. Deputy Controller of Legal Metrology, Mysore is the immediate superior of this office.

Lokashikshana

The District Adult Education Office started functioning at Madikeri in 1980 and it is headed by the District Adult Education Officer. To implement the Akshara Sena Programme and supervise the rural creative literacy programme are the main responsibilities of this Officer. He is assisted by one Assistant Statistical Officer, one Second Division Assistant and other staff. The Rural Creative Literacy Unit functions under the control of this office. The Director of Lokashikshana, at Bangalore is the official superior of this office.

Marketing

The District Marketing Office started functioning at Madikeri from 1982. It was converted as the office of the Assistant Director of Agricultural Marketing Department in 1987. The main functions of this office are to improve regulated markets for Agricultural and livestock products and collecting and compiling information on market-stocks. The Assistant Director is assisted by one Marketing Inspector, one First Division Assistant and other staff. Under the Control of this Office, Honey Grading Centre at Madikeri, Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees at Madikeri, Gonikoppal and Somvarpet are functioning in the district. The Joint-Director of Agricultural Marketing Department Mysore Division, Mysore is his immediate superior. (For details see Chapter VI).

N.C.C.

In Kodagu district, the office of the 19th Karnataka National Cadet Corps Battalion was established in 1954 at Madikeri. In the beginning it was company N.C.C. and in 1963 it was converted as N.C.C. battalion. The jurisdiction of this office extends to Kodagu district and Puttur taluk of Dakshina Kannada district. Commanding Officer of the status of Lieutenant Colonel is the head of this office. To assist him in his duties, there is an Administrative Officer of the status of Major, One Junior Commissioned Officer and six Non-Commissioned Officers who are in the status of Havaldars. Besides, there are one Superintendent and other staff members in the office. The main functions of this office are selecting school and college students for N.C.C. training and imparting them regular military training, promoting leadership qualities, and help to develop spirit of service and adventure among them. These activities are undertaken with the assistance of part-time N.C.C. Officers in schools and colleges. This office is under the control of the Group Commander whose headquarters is in Mangalore.

Public Works

Prior to independence Kodagu had its own Public Works Department and a Divisional Office was functioning under its control. During the period of Second World War, it was converted into a Sub-Divisional office with the object of reducing departmental expenditure. After the Reorganisation in 1956, the Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Kodagu Division started functioning at Madikeri. The main functions of this office are the construction as well as the maintenance of State Highways, rural roads, bridges, Government buildings etc., coming under the Kodagu district. To assist the Executive Engineer, there are 44 posts which includes one Technical Assistant, two Assistant Engineers and four Junior Engineers. There are Sub-Divisional offices with Assistant Engineers as their head at Madikeri, Virajpet and Somvarpet under the jurisdiction of this office. Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department, Bangalore, is the immediate superior.

Regional Transport

The Office of the Regional Transport Officer started functioning in Kodagu at Madikeri in the year 1957. Some of the main functions of this office are registration of vehicles, issuing licenses to drivers and conductors, collection of vehicle tax and issuing permits for vehicular traffic. The jurisdiction of this officer is limited to Kodagu district. The Officer is assisted by one Assistant Regional Transport Officer, one Office Superintendent, one Accounts Superintendent, one Senior Motor Vehicle Inspector, two Motor Vehicle Inspectors, one Prosecution Inspector, five First Division Assistants and other staff members. Under his control, one Assistant Regional Transport Officer functions at Makutta Checkpost near Virajpet. His immediate superior is the Deputy Commissioner, Transport, Mysore Division, Mysore (For details see Chapter-VII Transport and Communication).

Remand Home

In Kodagu District, Remand Home came into existence in 1971 at Madikeri. The main function of the Remand Home is to remand for observation the neglected, uncontrollable, orphan, destitute children and also juvenile offenders and on the orders of the Juvenile court, they will be handed over to parents or guardians or sent to certified schools. The Probation Officer-cum-Superintendent is the head of the Remand Home. He is assisted by one Second Division Assistant, one house-mother, three guards, one cook and other staff. Assistant Director of Women and Children Welfare at Madikeri is his immediate superior (See. Chapter XVI Other Social Services).

Sericulture

The Office of the Assistant Director of Sericulture was started in 1980 at Madikeri to implement various activities of sericulture and allied activities. Now this office is under the jurisdiction of the Zilla Parishad. Formerly the Sericulture Assistant of the Government Sericulture farm at Kudige was looking after the sericulture activities in the district. The office staff consists of one Office Superintendent, one first division assistant, one sericulture inspector and others. Under his control, the Senior Sericulture Inspector, Sericulture Extension Centre, Somvarpet, the Sericulture Extension Officer, Girijan Extension Centre, Virajpet and the Sericulture extension officer, Government Sericulture Farm, Kudige are functioning in the district. The Deputy Director for Sericulture, Mysore is his immediate superior.

Social Welfare

The District Social Welfare Office started functioning at Madikeri in the year 1956. In the beginning the head of this office was designated as Special Officer for Scheduled Castes, which was changed as District Social Welfare Officer in 1965. The function of this office is to undertake programmes for social, economic and educational development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the district. The staff in this office, to assist the District Social Welfare Officer, includes the Office Superintendent, one Special Superintendent for Special Component Plan one Inspection Assistant and other staff. The total number of posts in district at the taluk level is 99, which includes Social Welfare Extension Officers and other staff and they are working under the Block Development Officers. At the district level the Chief Secretary, Kodagu Zilla Parishad and at the State level Director of Social Welfare in Bangalore are the official superiors (See Chapter XVI Other Social Services).

State Accounts

The District Local Audit Circle, started functioning at Madikeri in 1986. Its jurisdiction is limited to the district. The Assistant Controller is the head of the office. Its main activity is to audit the accounts of the Local bodies. One Audit Officer, six First Division Assistants and other staff are assisting the head of the office. The Controller of State Accounts Department, Bangalore is the immediate superior of this office.

Tourism

The Office of the Tourism Department started functioning in the district at Madikeri in 1960. At present the office is housed in Government Travellers' Bungalow. In the beginning the office was under the control of the Tourist Officer, Regional Tourist office, Mysore. At present it is under the control of the Senior Deputy Director, Regional Tourist office, Mysore. The main function of this office is to furnish tourist information. The office consists of one receptionist who is assisted by other necessary staff.

Town Planning

The District Planning unit came into being at Madikeri in the year 1985, with the object of implementing the Karnataka Urban and Rural Development Act, 1961. The head of this office is the Assistant Director of Town Planning and he is assisted by two Junior Town Planners, five Town Planning Supervisors, one Draughtsman., one Tracer and other staff. The Director of Town Planning, Bangalore is his immediate superior.

Women and Children Welfare

In order to implement the programmes for the welfare of women and children the Women and Children Welfare Department in Kodagu District was started as a separate unit at Madikeri in 1985. In the beginning, this office was called the office of the Assistant Director for Social Welfare, Kodagu District. It has been renamed in 1987 as the Office of the Assistant Director, Women and Children Welfare Department. The Assistant Director is assisted by the staff in the office which includes one Women and Children Welfare Officer, one Office Superintendent, one Typist and one Driver.

Under the control of the Assistant Director, at the taluk level, Child Development Project Officers and other staff members are working at Madikeri, Ponnampet (Virajpet tq) and at Somvarpet. Besides, the Remand Home, headed by Probation Officer-cum-Superintendent and the Probation of Offenders Act office headed by a Probation Officer are functioning in the district at Madikeri, (For details see Chapter XVI Other Social Services).

Youth Services and Sports

The Office of the District Officer, Youth Services and Sports, started functioning at Madikeri in the year 1975. The main functions of this office are to identify talents among the youth and affording them appropriate guidance and training in social, cultural and sports activities; to organise sports competitions and Dasara sports. The officer is assisted by an Assistant Youth Service and Sports Officer. District Training Officers, Stenographers and other staff assist him. Under his control, Youth Service and Sports Office functions in the three taluks of this district. Chief Secretary of the Kodagu Zilla Parishad is his immediate superior.

BOARDS AND CORPORATIONS

Fisheries Development Corporation

The Karnataka Fisheries Development Corporation, Mangalore started its unit at Madikeri in 1971. It is headed by one Assistant Sales Officer. The designation of the head of the office was changed as the Senior Sales Assistant in 1978. The sales of frozen fish in Kodagu district is the main function of this office. In the discharge of his duties the Senior Sales Assistant is assisted by one Junior Accounts Assistant, two Sales Assistants and other staff.

Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Corporation

The district level office of the Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Corporation (Ltd) started functioning at Madikeri in 1973. In the beginning, the Assistant Manager was the head of the office. His main functions were to supply essential commodities to the public and to levy food grains etc., as per the policy of the Government: The post of the head of the office was changed as District Manager in 1985 and since 1986 collection of levy work has been discontinued and the office is attending to the work of supplying essential commodities to the public only. There are two Senior Assistants, two Junior Assistants and other staff to assist the head of the office. The General Manager, Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., Bangalore is the immediate superior of the District Manager.

Karnataka SCs and STs Development Corporation

This Corporation started functioning at Madikeri during 1979-80. The main function of the Corporation is to promote self-employment among the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes who are economically backward in order to uplift them above the poverty-line, by providing loans with the assistance of nationalised banks. The jurisdiction of this Corporation is limited to the district. Prior to the commencement of this office, the State level office of the Corporation itself was carrying out this function. The District Manager is the head of this office and he is assisted by one Development Assistant, two Junior Assistants and two Dalayats.

Karnataka State Financial Corporation

The branch of the Karnataka State Financial Corporation started functioning at Madikeri in 1985. The Branch Manager is the head of this office. He is assisted by one Technical Deputy Manager, One Finance-cum-Accounts Deputy Manager and other staff. Besides providing financial assistance for the establishment of Industrial units, the main object of the Corporation is to provide financial assistance to small scale industries, transport, Hotel business, nursing homes, tourism activities etc., Deputy Chief Manager, Mysore Zone is the immediate superior.

Karnataka State Khadi and Village Industries Board

The District Office of the Khadi Board started functioning at Madikeri in 1986. Prior to this, the responsibility as to the extension and development of Khadi and Village Industries in the district was under the jurisdiction of the District Officer at Mysore. In the beginning, the designation of the head of the office was the District Officer, Karnataka Khadi and Village Industries Board which was changed in 1988 as District Officer, Khadi and Village Industries. The head of the office is assisted by one clerk-cum-typist, three technical supervisors, one bio-gas technician and other staff. Divisional Officer, Karnataka State Khadi and Village Industries Board, Mysore is the immediate superior.

Karnataka Warehousing Corporation

The Office of the Warehousing Corporation started functioning in the district at Kushalnagar in 1981. It is headed by a Manager. The main functions of this office are to provide for scientific storage of goods belonging to farmers, merchants, fertiliser companies and others and to insure for the stored goods. The Manager is assisted by one Senior Clerk, one Junior Clerk and other staff. His jurisdiction is limited to Kodagu district. The Regional Manager, Karnataka Warehousing Corporation, Mysore, is the immediate superior.

Karnataka Electricity Board

The Divisional Office of the Operation and Maintenance Division of the Karnataka Electricity Board started functioning at Madikeri in 1978. The jurisdiction of this office is limited to Kodagu district. The Executive Engineer (Electricity) is the head of this office. The staff in his office consists of 53 officials including one Assistant Executive Engineer (Electricity), one Assistant Engineer (Electricity) one Assistant Engineer (Civil), one Accounts Officer and three Assistant Accounts Officers. Under his control, there are offices of Assistant Executive Engineer, Maintenance and Execution Sub-Division at Madikeri, Gonikoppal and Kushalnagar. These Offices have 99,173 and 148 different posts, respectively. The Superintending Engineer (Electricity), Mysore Circle, Mysore is the immediate superior of this office.

Kodagu Temple Funds Management Committee

Kodagu Temple Funds Management Committee started functioning at Madikeri in 1893. The Deputy Commissioner of the district is the Chairman of the Committee. The Executive Engineer of the Public Works Department is the Official member of the Committee among the total number of 11 members of the committee. Government have nominated one of the non-official members of the Committee as its Vice-Chairman. One of the members appointed by the Committee is the Manager. The following seven temples namely the Omkareswara Temple, Raja's *gadduges* (tombs at Madikeri) and the Bhagandeswara temple (Bhagamandala) and the Talakaveri temple, Padi Shri Subraya Temple (Iggutappa) (Kakkabbe), Mahalingeswara Temple (Palur), Harischandra Temple (Palur, Madikeri taluk) and the Irpu Sri Rameswara Temple (Kurchi, in Virajpet taluk), come under the jurisdiction of this Committee. Maintenance of the accounts of the temples under the Committee, and also organising meetings, *jatras* and other festivals etc., are the main functions of

this committee. Every temple has one *Parpattegar* who prepares the accounts of the temples and submits them to the Committee and manages the affairs of the temples. A total number of 65 officials discharge their duties in the temples under the Committee. The present members of the Committee were nominated by the Government on 21.1.1989 and their term is three years.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Postal Department

The Office of the Superintendent of Post Offices of Kodagu Division started functioning at Madikeri in 1981. Prior to this, the duties of this office were being discharged by the Office of the Superintendent of Post Office, Hassan Division. One Assistant Superintendent, one Inspector, one Accountant, six Office Assistants, one Stenographer and other staff members are assisting the Superintendent. His jurisdiction is limited to the district. To take suitable steps to establish new post-offices by reviewing, to supervise the working of the post offices, to arrange transport for the despatch of the post, to provide buildings for post offices and to receive and attend to complaints from the public, are the main duties of the Superintendent. Under the control of this office, one Central Post Office, 25 Sub-post offices, and three non-departmental sub-post offices function in the district. Total staff working in various posts in the department in the district consists of 202 departmental staff and 450 non-departmental staff. The post Master-General Karnataka Zone, Bangalore is the immediate superior of the Superintendent. (For details See Chapter VII Transport and Communication).

Telecom District Engineer

The office of the Telecom District Engineer started functioning at Madikeri in 1984. Prior to the commencement of this office, the Mangalore Division Telegraph Engineer was discharging these functions. In the beginning the designation of the head of this office was Divisional Engineer (Telegraphs) and it was changed in 1985 as Telecom District Engineer and in 1989 as Divisional Officer, Telecom. Once again in the year 1990 it was redesignated as Telecom District Engineer. The main functions of this office are installation, maintenance and administration of Telecom Network. The jurisdiction of the officer is limited to Kodagu district. In this office there are 53 different posts including one Telecom District Officer, one Accounts Officer, two Assistant Accounts Officers, two Junior Telecom Officers, one Senior Section Supervisor, one draughtsman and 33 telecom office assistants. Under the control of this office, offices of Sub-divisional Officer, Telegraphs, Madikeri with the jurisdiction of Madikeri and Somvarpet taluks and Sub-Divisional Officer, Virajpet with the jurisdiction of Virajpet taluk are functioning. In the Sub-Divisional office at Madikeri, there are 211 posts including the head of the office, and in the Sub-Divisional office Virajpet, there are 182 posts including the head of the office. The Director, Telecom, Mangalore Area, Mangalore is the controlling authority of this office.

Telegraph Office

Divisional Telegraph office started functioning at Madikeri in 1973. In the beginning Telegraphist-in-charge was the head of this office. Since 1976 Assistant Superintendent is the head

of this office. Receiving and Communicating the telegrams are the main functions of this office. The Superintendent for Telegraph Transmission, Mangalore Division is the controlling authority of this office.

Nehru Yuva Kendra

Nehru Yuva Kendra, an autonomous body of Government of India came into being at Madikeri in 1977. Encouraging youth to participate in Sports activities, motivating youth in National Development Programmes and activities, organisation of youth other than students from rural areas and promoting integrated rural development through them, encouraging the development of culture and folk arts etc., are some of its important functions. Youth Co-ordinator is the head of this office and his jurisdiction is limited to Kodagu district. The staff in this office consists of one Accountant and one 'D' group official. Regional Youth-Co-ordinator at Davanagere in Chitradurga district is the immediate superior of the Youth Co-ordinator.

Coffee Board

The Office of the Deputy Director (Extension), Coffee Board Extension wing is functioning at Madikeri. The main purpose of this office is to render necessary technical assistance to coffee growers. The jurisdiction of this office extends to Kodagu district and Biligiri Rangana Hills in Mysore district. Under the control of this office the following offices namely Division Offices with Senior Liaison Officers at Madikeri, Somvarpet and Gonikoppal, Zonal offices with Junior Liaison Officers at Napoklu, Suntikoppa, Shanivarasanthe, Virajpet, Siddapur and Srimangala and Extension Centre with Assistant Extension Officers at Murnad, Siddapur, Balele and Titimathi are functioning in the district. In all there are 72 posts including the Deputy Director under the jurisdiction of this office. The Joint Director (Extension), Coffee Board, Bangalore is the immediate superior of this office.

Coffee Research Sub-Centre at Chattalli in Somvarpet taluk is functioning since 1947. The main purposes of the centre are maintenance, plants-production and protection of coffee. This Centre develops coffee breed which are suitable to be grown in the district. The office of the Deputy Chief Marketing officer is functioning at Madikeri. The main responsibility of this office is procuring, processing and sale of coffee (See Chapter IV, Agriculture and Irrigation).

Spices Board

The Office of the Field Officer of Cardamom Board in Kodagu started functioning at Madikeri in 1969. In 1970 it was changed as the Office of the Assistant Director and again in 1987 it was redesignated as the Zonal Office of the Assistant Director (Development), Spices Board. Initially, his jurisdiction was the entire cardamom growing areas in Karnataka and since 1981 his jurisdiction is limited to the districts of Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada and Yeslur unit area of Sakaleshpur taluk. The staff in his office include three Senior Clerks, one Field-man and one Senior Driver. Under the Asst. Director, Spices Board Field Officers at Madikeri, Bhagamandala, Virajpet, Somvarpet and Yeslur in Saklespur taluk of Hassan district and Assistant Farm Officers at Biligeri, Yeslur and Igoor and other staff are working. The Deputy Director, Regional Office of the Spices Board at Sakleshpur in Hassan district is the controlling authority of this office.