

## CHAPTER XIII

### OTHER DEPARTMENTS

**T**HE work of some of the important administrative and development departments has been dealt with in some of the earlier and later chapters of this volume. In this chapter, a brief account of the organisational set-up of various other departments like Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Co-operation, Excise, Forests, Industries, Labour, Public Works, etc., has been given. The activities of several of these departments and the progress achieved by them have been dealt with in other chapters and hence mainly their administrative set-up has been explained here.

Until recently, all the agricultural extension and development activities in Tumkur district were being looked after by a District Agricultural Officer, assisted by some technical and ministerial staff. The Agricultural Department of the State was re-organised in January 1967, when a Senior Class I officer designated as the Deputy Director of Agriculture was placed at the head of the Agricultural Department in each district. Thus, all activities connected with the development of agriculture in Tumkur district are now under the charge of a Deputy Director of Agriculture with effect from January 15, 1967. Besides, the district has been divided into two agricultural sub-divisions with headquarters at Gubbi and Madhugiri, each of which is under the charge of an Assistant Director of Agriculture. While the Gubbi Sub-Division consists of Tiptur, Turuvekere, Chiknayakanahalli, Kunigal and Gubbi taluks, the Madhugiri Sub-Division includes Pavagada, Madhugiri, Koratagere and Sira taluks. The district headquarters taluk of Tumkur is looked after directly by the Deputy Director of Agriculture, to whom the Assistant Directors of sub-divisions are subordinate.

**Agriculture  
Department**

At the district-level, the Deputy Director of Agriculture is assisted by four Class II officers designated as Assistant Seed Development Officer, Assistant Manure Development Officer, Assistant Plant Protection Officer and Assistant Agricultural Engineer, and some other technical and ministerial staff. Each of these officers, in turn, is assisted by two to four Field Assistants

besides some ministerial and class IV staff like demonstration *maistries* and attenders. Each Assistant Director of Agriculture is assisted by three Assistant Agricultural Officers, one in charge of seeds, another in charge of manures and the third in charge of plant protection, at the sub-divisional level, besides necessary ministerial and class IV staff. Two to four Field Assistants are attached to each of the Assistant Agricultural Officers. For purposes of implementing the soil conservation scheme, the district has been again divided into two sub-divisions, with headquarters at Tumkur and Madhugiri, and each of these sub-divisions is under the charge of a Sub-Divisional Soil Conservation Officer.

Since the district has been brought under the Intensive Agricultural Area Programme and the High Yielding Varieties Programme with a view to achieving quick and tangible results in agricultural production, the services of all Gramsevaks in the community development blocks in the district have been made available to the Agricultural Department, and the Block Development Officers are required to implement the agricultural programmes in their respective jurisdictions in a full measure. For this purpose, each Block Development Officer is given the assistance of an Agricultural Extension Officer and Additional Gramsevaks. There are also Additional Agricultural Extension Officers in some of the bigger blocks. There are three Seed Farms in the district, one each at Hirehalli, Mathighatta and Ungra. Each of these Seed Farms is under the charge of a Farm Manager.

The main functions and duties of the staff of the Agricultural Department in the district are to give technical advice to the cultivators in order to step up production of different crops and to improve their quality, and also to carry on propaganda on scientific methods of agriculture. The Department also arranges for the supply of improved seeds, implements, chemicals and fertilisers, green manure seeds and the like. The services of tractors and bulldozers are also made available by the Department to interested cultivators. Under the Intensive Agricultural Area Programme, loans and subsidies and other kinds of assistance are also given to the cultivators for pursuing improved agricultural practices.

**Animal  
Husbandry  
Department**

The animal husbandry and veterinary activities in the district are being attended to by the District Officer, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, who is directly responsible to the Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services in Mysore, Bangalore. He supervises the working of the various veterinary institutions in the district and guides the veterinarians who are in charge of the veterinary institutions in the discharge of their functions. The main functions of the Department in the district are to take care of the general health of the livestock, treatment

against various livestock diseases, prevention of contagious diseases and breeding of improved stocks of animals and birds. The Department has also to arrange for castration of scrub bulls and upgrading of the local nondescript cattle through natural or artificial insemination methods.

The District Officer is assisted in his duties by Veterinary Assistant Surgeons located in all taluk headquarters. There are also two Veterinary Assistant Surgeons in the district headquarters and one in the Key Village Block, Kunigal. There are Rural Veterinary Dispensaries in almost all hobli headquarters manned by trained veterinarians called Stockmen, who work under the control and supervision of the Veterinary Assistant Surgeons of the respective taluks. There is also a Horse-Breeding Station (Stud Farm) at Kunigal manned by a Superintendent, who is also directly responsible to the Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services. He is assisted in his duties by two Veterinary Assistant Surgeons and some other technical staff.

There are two Commercial Tax Officers and four Assistant Commercial Tax Officers in the district to attend to the work of assessment under the Sales Tax Act and other statutes. One of the Commercial Tax Officers is designated as Additional Commercial Tax Officer and both of them are at Tumkur. Of the Assistant Commercial Tax Officers, one is at Tumkur, two are at Tiptur and the other at Madhugiri. Both the Commercial and Assistant Commercial Tax Officers are directly responsible to the Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Bangalore Division, Bangalore. The Commercial Tax Officer, Tumkur, exercises jurisdiction over dealers in Tumkur town, while the jurisdiction of the Additional Commercial Tax Officer extends to all the taluks in the district except the taluks of Madhugiri, Pavagada and Sira, which come under the jurisdiction of the Commercial Tax Officer, Chitradurga. The dealers whose turnover is more than Rs. 40,000 per annum are assessed by the Commercial Tax Officers, while the dealers whose turnover is less than Rs. 40,000 are assessed by the Assistant Commercial Tax Officers.

Commercial  
Taxes Depart-  
ment

The Assistant Commercial Tax Officer, Tumkur, exercises jurisdiction over Tumkur taluk including Tumkur town and the taluks of Kunigal and Gubbi, while the two Assistant Commercial Tax Officers at Tiptur have jurisdiction over Tiptur taluk including Tiptur town and Chiknayakanahalli and Turuvekere taluks. The Assistant Commercial Tax Officer, Madhugiri, has jurisdiction over Madhugiri, Pavagada, Sira and Koratagere taluks.

The Commercial Tax Officers and the Assistant Commercial Tax Officers are independent registering and assessing authorities.

The Acts and rules administered by the Commercial Taxes Department in the district are the Mysore Sales Tax Act, 1957, the Mysore Sales of Motor Spirit Taxation Act, 1957, the Mysore Entertainments Tax Act, 1958, and the Central Sales Tax Act, 1956, and the rules made under the respective Acts. The Commercial Tax Officers are the appellate authorities under the Mysore Entertainments Tax Act, while the Assistant Commercial Tax Officers are also the Entertainment Tax Officers under the Act.

**Community  
Development  
Organisation**

The Divisional Commissioner, Bangalore Division, Bangalore, is designated as the Joint Development Commissioner for the purpose of implementing the Community Development Programme in the districts coming under his jurisdiction. The State Government have delegated many of the powers of the Development Commissioner to the Joint Development Commissioner. The Deputy Commissioner of Tumkur has been designated as the Deputy Development Commissioner for the effective implementation of the programme in the district. The progress reports of all the blocks are reviewed by the Deputy Commissioner and, after approval, sent to the Development Commissioner and the Divisional Commissioner once a month. The heads of the various development departments are responsible for the proper execution of the several programmes in the development blocks. They prepare and implement block-level programmes through their respective District Officers in the district. As already stated elsewhere, the entire district has been covered under the Community Development Programme.

All the development blocks in the district come under the jurisdiction of the Deputy Commissioner. In this work, he is assisted by a District Development Assistant of the rank of Assistant Commissioner and some ministerial staff in the district headquarters and by Block Development Officers or Deputy Block Development Officers in the blocks. There are, in all, 19 development blocks in the district, including full, half and quarter blocks. According to the standard staff pattern of the development blocks, each full block consists of the following Extension Officers: (1) Agricultural Extension Officer, (2) Animal Husbandry Extension Officer, (3) Rural Engineering Extension Officer, (4) Co-operative Extension Officer, (5) Industrial Extension Officer, (6) Panchayat Extension Officer, (7) Social Education Organiser and (8) Mukhyasevika. Of these, the post of Animal Husbandry Extension Officer has since been abolished. In addition to these, there are Gramsevaks and Gramsevikas at the village-level, at the rate of ten Gramsevaks and one Gramsevika for each full block. These village-level workers are trained in the fundamentals of agriculture, animal husbandry, co-operation, rural engineering, health and sanitation and crafts. They are required to advise and guide the villagers in various aspects of rural development.

Until recently, the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Tumkur, was the officer in charge of the administration of the Co-operative Department in the district. With the re-organisation of the department in 1966, a Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies was appointed for the district, with two Assistant Registrars under him, one at Tumkur and the other at Tiptur. The Deputy Registrar is responsible to the Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Bangalore Division, Bangalore. While the Deputy Registrar is charged with the responsibility of promoting the co-operative movement in the district as a whole, the Assistant Registrars are responsible for the development of the movement in their respective jurisdictions. The Deputy Registrar is also the *ex-officio* Registrar of Money-Lending and, in that capacity, he is empowered to issue licences to money-lenders and pawn-brokers and to regulate the money-lending transactions in the district.

The Deputy Registrar is assisted in his duties by three District Auditors, one Senior Auditor, three Senior Inspectors of Co-operative Societies—one each for consumers' co-operatives, housing and statistics—and some other executive and ministerial staff. There is also another Senior Inspector and a Co-operative Extension Officer to look after the farming aspect of the work, with their headquarters at Kunigal.

The Assistant Registrars inspect the co-operative societies in their jurisdictions and supervise their working. They have also powers to register co-operative societies (except special types of societies), to amalgamate them wherever necessary, to hear and dispose of disputes arising from the societies, to conduct enquiries and execute decrees. The Assistant Registrar, Tumkur, was being assisted in his duties, in 1968, by seven Inspectors—one attached to the District Co-operative Central Bank, one for Marketing, one for Arbitration, one for Land Development Banks, one for Reserve Bank of India loans, one General Inspector and one attached to the office—while the Assistant Registrar, Tiptur, had under him two Inspectors—one for marketing and another for general affairs. At the block-level, the Assistant Registrars are assisted by Co-operative Extension Officers. Both the Assistant Registrars are directly responsible to the Deputy Registrar, who heads the departmental set-up in the district.

On the audit side, there is a Special Auditor for Co-operative Societies in the district at Tumkur, who is also directly responsible to the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies. He has the overall responsibility for the audit of all the co-operative societies in the district. He is assisted by four Auditors of senior grade, 15 Senior and two Junior Auditors and some ministerial and class

IV staff. The Inspectors of Co-operative Societies and the Co-operative Extension Officers have also to inspect all the societies in their respective circles. They are required to inspect at least six societies in a month. They should also arrange to convene general body meetings of all the societies in their jurisdictions, after the completion of the annual audit which is conducted by the auditors of the Department.

**Employment  
and Training  
Department**

The Department of Employment and Training was created in the year 1964. Prior to that, the functions of this department were being attended to by the Department of Labour. After the bifurcation, a separate Directorate was created with a Director of Employment and Training as its head at the State-level. The Department maintains an Employment Exchange at Tumkur under the charge of a District Employment Officer. The main function of the Employment Exchange is to bring together employers needing workers and workers seeking employment, so that the employers could find suitable workers and the workers suitable jobs. (See also Chapter IX). The District Employment Officer is responsible to the Director of Employment and Training. He is assisted in his duties by a Junior Statistical Officer, an Employment Information Assistant and some ministerial staff.

**Excise  
Department**

The Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur, is in charge of the administration of the Excise Department in the district. He is responsible to the Excise Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore, in so far as this aspect of his work is concerned. Till October 1967, he was being assisted in this work by a District Inspector of Prohibition and Excise and an Assistant Inspector. But consequent on the relaxation of prohibition by the State Government with effect from 15th October 1967, the set-up of this department in the district has been re-organised and expanded. The Deputy Commissioner is now assisted by an Assistant District Excise Officer, who acts as his Headquarters Assistant in all excise matters. The latter is, in turn, assisted by an Excise Inspector for Prosecution and some ministerial staff in the district headquarters and five Excise Inspectors, 15 Assistant Inspectors and 69 Excise Guards in other places.

For purposes of excise administration, the district has been divided into three ranges, with headquarters at Tumkur, Tiptur and Madhugiri, under the charge of an Excise Inspector each. These ranges have been further sub-divided into 15 sub-ranges, each under the charge of an Assistant Excise Inspector. There is an arrack-bonded depot at each taluk headquarters. The Assistant District Excise Officer exercises certain independent powers under the excise laws. He also controls and exercises supervision over all the excise staff in the district. The Excise

Inspectors are empowered to issue tree tapping licences and transport permits, to inspect liquor shops, date groves and licensed liquor manufacturing units and also to book cases in respect of contravention of excise laws. They are required to ensure proper assessment and collection of excise duties and also prevention of malpractices. The duties of the Assistant Excise Inspectors include inspection of arrack depots and shops, marking of date trees and detection of excise offences in their respective jurisdictions.

There is an Assistant Director of Fisheries at Tumkur, who is in charge of the administration of the Fisheries Department in the district. He is responsible to the Director of Fisheries in Mysore, Bangalore. To ensure planned development of fisheries, the district has been divided into two divisions, with headquarters at Tumkur and Gubbi. The Gubbi Division consists of Gubbi, Turuvekere, Tiptur and Kunigal taluks, while the Tumkur Division comprises Tumkur, Koratagere, Madhugiri, Sira, Pavagada and Chiknayakanahalli taluks. Each of these divisions is under the charge of an Assistant Superintendent of Fisheries. Each Assistant Superintendent of Fisheries is assisted in his work by two Assistant Inspectors of Fisheries, four fishery watchers and two fishermen. There are also two Fisheries Extension Officers attached to the community development blocks in the district. Of these, one is stationed at Kunigal and the other at Turuvekere. They are assisted by two fishermen each.

**Fisheries  
Department**

The important functions of the Department in the district are—survey of cultivable waters, fish-seed collection, rearing and stocking of fish, management of fish farms, conservation and exploitation of fishery resources, fishery extension work, demonstration of fishing in deep tanks and reservoirs, organising fishermen's co-operatives, fish marketing and the like.

The Deputy Commissioner of the district is in charge of the work relating to procurement, storage, movement and distribution of foodgrains in the district. He is the licensing authority in respect of the following statutory orders which are in force in the district at present :—

**Food and Civil  
Supplies  
Department**

- (1) Mysore Foodgrains Dealers' and Millers' Licensing Order, 1958.
- (2) Mysore Sugar Dealers' Licensing Order 1959, and
- (3) Rice Milling Industry (Regulation) Act, 1958.

His functions in this connection comprise, among other things, keeping in touch with the supply position and price-trends of foodgrains in the district, authorising the opening of fair price depots wherever necessary, equitably allocating the foodgrains allotted

to the district, procurement of foodgrains and regulating their supplies.

The Deputy Commissioner is also in charge of the work of civil supplies in the district. In so far as this aspect of his work is concerned, he has to attend to all items of work relating to the control and distribution of several essential commodities like kerosene, diesel oil, vegetable oils, textiles, drugs, baby-foods, soaps, matches, paper and stationery, cycle tyres and tubes, under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. The Deputy Commissioner is assisted in his work relating to food and civil supplies by a whole-time Food and Civil Supplies Assistant of the rank of Assistant Commissioner and a Special Tahsildar. There is also an Assistant Inspector of Food and Civil Supplies to attend to the civil supplies aspect of the work. The Tahsildars of taluks also attend to the food supplies work of the Department in their taluks, as may be entrusted to them from time to time.

**Forest  
Department**

The Divisional Forest Officer is the officer in charge of the Forest Department in the district. He is directly responsible to the Conservator of Forests, Bellary Circle, Bellary. The forests in the district are divided into units called ranges, and there are, in all, five ranges, *viz.*, Tumkur, Madhugiri, Bukkapatna, Tiptur and Kunigal, each under the charge of a Range Forest Officer. The Tumkur Range covers Tumkur taluk and some parts of Gubbi and Koratagere taluks, the Madhugiri Range Madhugiri and Pavagada taluks and some parts of Koratagere taluk, the Bukkapatna Range Sira taluk and some parts of Chiknayakanahalli and Gubbi taluks, the Tiptur Range Tiptur and Turuvekere taluks and some parts of Chiknayakanahalli and Gubbi taluks and the Kunigal Range the Kunigal taluk. Each Range Forest Officer is assisted by protective and office staff to carry on the range administration.

There are, in all, five Range Forest Officers, 14 Foresters and 68 Forest Guards in the Tumkur Forest Division. There are five forest lodges in the district under the control of Range Officers and a care-taker is attached to each of them. The main functions of the Forest Division include afforestation of the depleted State Forests, conservation and maintenance of plantations and village forests with a view to providing timber, fire-wood and minor forest produce to the people and protection of whatever natural vegetation that exists in the area. During the successive Five-Year Plan periods, a considerable area has been brought under artificial regeneration and afforestation schemes and this work is being continued even now.

**Horticulture  
Department**

For purposes of horticultural development in the district, there is an Assistant Coconut Development Officer at Tiptur. He



is an independent officer in the district and is directly subordinate to the Director of Horticulture in Mysore, Bangalore. The Assistant Coconut Development Officer visits the places where his services are required in connection with the development of horticulture and gives advice and technical help in respect of cultivation of fruits, vegetables, flowers, coconut, arecanut and cashewnut, maintenance of orchards, farms, gardens and parks, and introduction of new varieties of fruits, flowers and vegetables suited to the local climatic conditions. He does also propaganda work by organising exhibitions and issuing good quality seeds and plants to the cultivators in local *jatras* and other public gatherings. He helps in the preparation of layouts of bungalow and kitchen gardens and inspects lands for establishing fruit and vegetable gardens. Besides, he also takes measures for control of pests and diseases of horticultural plants in the district.

The Assistant Coconut Development Officer is assisted in his duties by Horticultural Assistants, one in each taluk, and some ministerial staff. The Horticultural Assistants are responsible for the management of horticultural farms, development and extension of horticultural crops and protection of such crops against pests and diseases in their respective taluks. They are assisted in their field work by one or two Field Assistants.

The Assistant Director of Industries and Commerce, Tumkur, is the officer who is in charge of the work of the Department of Industries and Commerce in the district. He is responsible to the Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore, Bangalore. The functions of the Assistant Director of Industries and Commerce include the undertaking of industrial surveys, the collection of statistical information, the drawing up of schemes and plans for the development of industries and the supervision of the activities of rural artisan training institutions, model craft centres and sales emporia of the Department; he also exercises supervision over the activities of industrial co-operative societies and *mahila samajas* receiving assistance from the Department and control over the work of the Industrial Extension Officers in the development blocks. He has also to implement the plan schemes pertaining to several industries, such as, handlooms, handicrafts, coir and other small-scale industries, khadi and village industries, recommend deserving cases for supply of machinery under the hire-purchase scheme from the National Small Industries Corporation, guide the small-scale industrialists in the matter of location and procurement of raw materials, give technical guidance to the industrialists and inspect loan records under the Mysore State Aid to Industries Act and other enactments.

**Industries and  
Commerce  
Department**

The Assistant Director of Industries and Commerce is assisted in his work in the district headquarters by a Senior Industrial

Supervisor, a Junior Industrial Supervisor, a District Weaving Supervisor, two Weaving Demonstrators and some ministerial staff. There are also ten Industrial Extension Officers attached to the community development blocks in the district to look after the arts, crafts and other industrial programmes in the blocks. Although they work under the respective Block Development Officers, they are under the technical control of the Assistant Director.

The Industrial Supervisors and Extension Officers are empowered to supervise and inspect, as and when necessary, all the rural industrial co-operative societies and other institutions like the handloom emporia, *mahila samajas* and craft societies, and prepare statistical data relating to industrial schemes, in their respective jurisdictions. The District Weaving Supervisor looks after the work relating to the textile branch with the help of the Weaving Demonstrators.

Under the Rural Industries Project, Tumkur-Gubbi, there is a separate office at Tumkur, headed by a Project Officer. The objective of this project is intensive development of industries in Tumkur and Gubbi taluks. The Project Officer is assisted in his duties by two Technical Assistants (one Mechanical and another Textiles), two Extension Officers (Industrial) and necessary ministerial staff.

**Information  
and Tourism  
Department**

The officer representing the Information and Tourism Department in the district is the District Publicity Officer. He is directly responsible to the Assistant Director of Publicity and Information, Bangalore Division, Bangalore. The District Publicity Office at Tumkur, which was started in March 1966, has an Information Centre attached to it. The main function of the Department in the district is to publicise the various developmental activities and welfare measures of the Government among the people with a view to enlisting their co-operation and active participation in the task of national development. For this purpose, various media of publicity and propaganda, such as, film shows, exhibitions, press releases, etc., are made use of. There are also two Radio Supervisors of the Department in the district, one at Tumkur and the other at Madhugiri, to look after the installation, repairs and maintenance of community radio sets in the rural areas of the district. As at the end of March 1968, there were 204 community radio sets and 44 Radio Rural Forums in the district. Both the Radio Supervisors are directly responsible to the Assistant Radio Engineer, Bangalore Division, Bangalore.

**Labour  
Department**

Until recently, the Assistant Commissioner of Labour, Bangalore Division, Bangalore, was the officer in charge of the administration of the Labour Department in Tumkur district. However,

from June 1968, the district is placed under the jurisdiction of the Assistant Commissioner of Labour, Mysore Division, Mysore. He is responsible to the Commissioner of Labour in Mysore, Bangalore, and has jurisdiction over three districts, viz., Tumkur, Mandya and Mysore. He is assisted in his work by a Labour Officer, who has also jurisdiction over these three districts (including Tumkur). Besides, there are three Labour Inspectors in Tumkur district, one each at Tumkur, Tiptur and Madhugiri. The Assistant Commissioner of Labour has to enforce the various labour laws in the districts coming under his jurisdiction. He has to safeguard the rights and privileges of the employees in the various industrial establishments located in his jurisdiction. If industrial disputes occur, by virtue of the conciliation powers vested in him under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, he has to mediate and bring about an amicable settlement and strive to maintain cordial relations between the employers and employees. He is also an appellate authority under section 39 of the Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1961, Additional Registrar under the Trade Unions Act, 1926, Certifying Officer under the Standing Orders Act and *ex-officio* Inspector under some other Acts.

The Labour Officer supervises and guides the work of the Labour Inspectors in the district. Besides, as Additional Inspector under the Factories Act, Payment of Bonus Act and Mysore Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Act, he inspects the various factories and establishments so as to ensure that the provisions of these Acts are implemented by the employers. He also attends to the work relating to the administration of the Maternity Benefits Act, Workmen's Compensation Act, Indian Trade Unions Act, Industrial Employments (Standing Orders) Act and the Working Journalists' (Conditions of Service and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act in the district. He is also a Conciliation Officer under the Industrial Disputes Act. The Labour Inspectors look after the enforcement of the Mysore Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, the Minimum Wages Act and other labour laws in the district. They work under the administrative control of the Labour Officer. There is also an Inspector of Factories for Mysore Division, who looks after the enforcement of the provisions of the Factories Act in his jurisdiction, including Tumkur district.

The work of the Survey, Settlement and Land Records Department in the district is under the charge of an Assistant Superintendent of Land Records, who is directly responsible to the Superintendent of Survey, Settlement and Land Records, Bangalore Division, Bangalore. The Assistant Superintendent is assisted in his duties by three Supervisors, each in charge of three taluks and 14 Surveyors, at the rate of one to three for each taluk, besides the necessary ministerial and class IV staff. In

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addition, under the plan schemes, there is also a temporary establishment of two Supervisors and 15 Surveyors in the district, whose function is to bring the record of rights up-to-date.

There is another Assistant Superintendent of Land Records at Tumkur to carry out the reclassification work and to detect encroachments on Government lands. He is also assisted by some Surveyors and ministerial and class IV staff. There is also another temporary establishment at Madhugiri, which is headed by an Additional Assistant Superintendent of Land Records, with Madhugiri taluk as his jurisdiction.

**Marketing  
Department**

The Marketing Department in the district is under the charge of a District Marketing Officer. He is directly responsible to the Deputy Chief Marketing Officer, Bangalore Division, Bangalore. He is assisted in his duties by a Marketing Inspector and some ministerial staff. There are two primary grading units in the district, one at Tumkur and the other at Tiptur, for grading agricultural commodities, and an oil sub-packing station at Tiptur for grading coconut oil. Two Graders are attached to each primary grading unit and a Laboratory Assistant to the oil sub-packing station.

The main functions of the Marketing Department in the district include, among other things, conducting of market surveys, compilation of market rates of regulated and other important commodities and supervision of regulated markets in the district. The Department is also required to collect data on agricultural marketing and make them available to the authorities concerned.

There is also an Assistant Controller of Weights and Measures at Tumkur to look after the administration of the Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Act, 1958, in the district. He is directly responsible to the Joint Controller of Weights and Measures, Bangalore. He is assisted in his duties by two Inspectors of Weights and Measures, one stationed at Tumkur and the other at Tiptur, and some ministerial staff. At the State-level, the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Mysore, Bangalore, is the authority concerned with the administration of both these aspects of work, for which purpose he is also designated as Chief Marketing Officer and Controller of Weights and Measures, respectively.

**Public Works  
Department**

There was only one division of the Public Works Department in the district till 1st August 1960. From that date, one more division was created and now there are two Public Works Divisions in the district under the charge of an Executive Engineer each, with their headquarters at Tumkur and Madhugiri, respectively. The Executive Engineer, Tumkur Division, has jurisdiction over

five taluks, viz., Tumkur, Gubbi, Kunigal, Tiptur and Turuvekere. The Executive Engineer, Madhugiri Division, has jurisdiction over the remaining five taluks, viz., Sira, Madhugiri, Koratagere, Pava-gada and Chiknayakanahalli. Both these officers are under the control of the Superintending Engineer, Bangalore Circle, Banga-lore, in all administrative and technical matters.

The main functions of the Executive Engineer are the construction and maintenance of Government buildings, roads, bridges and irrigation works within his jurisdiction. (The public health works in the district are, however, looked after by the Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Division, Banga-lore). The Executive Engineer is empowered to accord administrative approval, as well as technical sanction, to works upto Rs. 50,000 in each case. This is in regard to original works, which are specifically provided for in the budget and included in the Plan programme. He can entrust all works costing Rs. 10,000 or more to contractors after calling for tenders. Works costing less than Rs. 10,000 can be entrusted by him either after calling for tenders or straightaway, at rates not exceeding the current schedule of rates, to local contractors who are duly registered for taking up such works. He also scrutinises the estimates of works prepared by other departments and local bodies. The Executive Engineer has been invested with a wide range of powers under the Public Works Code, the Manual of Financial Powers and other Government Orders issued from time to time, in order to enable him to carry out efficiently and expeditiously the various civil works entrusted to his care. He is also vested with powers to disburse money on P.W.D. account and maintain and render accounts direct to the Accountant-General.

The Executive Engineer is a touring officer who has to go round his areas for purposes of inspection of roads, buildings, bridges, irrigation works, canals and the like. He is the *ex-officio* professional adviser to all departments in respect of public works. He is also a member of the Regional Transport Authority and other similar committees in the district. The powers of the Executive Engineer, with reference to repairs and special repairs of works, have also been specified. He has powers to accept tenders upto Rs. one lakh provided the excess, if any, of the tender amount does not exceed 8 per cent over the sanctioned estimate as recast on the basis of current schedule of rates. In addition to these various functions, the Executive Engineer has also to perform the functions of an Irrigation Officer under the Mysore Irrigation Act, 1965.

The Executive Engineers are assisted by Assistant Engineers, Junior Engineers, Supervisors and some ministerial staff. There is an Assistant Engineer in each taluk headquarters in charge of a

sub-division to assist the Executive Engineer in the execution of public works. The Tumkur Division has one special sub-division under the charge of an Assistant Engineer at Marconahalli for the construction of Mangala Reservoir. There is also an Additional Assistant Engineer in Madhugiri Division for investigation of minor irrigation works.

Each Executive Engineer in the district is assisted in his work, in the Divisional office, by one Personal Assistant (of the status of Assistant Engineer), one Junior Engineer, two Supervisors, three Draughtsmen, one Tracer and about 20 ministerial and class IV staff.

The Assistant Engineers are empowered to execute all public works in their respective jurisdictions. They have to check-measure all the works and are responsible for the satisfactory execution of the works in their jurisdictions. They are members of the Block Development Advisory Committees in their respective jurisdictions. There are six Assistant Engineers in charge of the six sub-divisions, under each Executive Engineer in the district. Each Assistant Engineer is assisted in his work by two Junior Engineers, one Overseer, three Sub-Overseers, one Draughtsman and about half a dozen ministerial and class IV staff.

**Registration  
and Stamps  
Department**

The administration of the Registration and Stamps Department in the district is looked after by the Deputy Commissioner himself in his capacity as the *ex-officio* District Registrar and Collector of Stamps. In so far as these aspects of work are concerned, the Deputy Commissioner is responsible to the Inspector-General of Registration and Commissioner of Stamps in Mysore, Bangalore. He is assisted in this work by a Headquarters Assistant and some ministerial staff. Besides, there is a Headquarters Sub-Registrar at Tumkur and Sub-Registrars in all other taluk headquarters, all of whom are responsible to the District Registrar through the Headquarters Assistant.

The District Registrar exercises general control and superintendence over all the Sub-Registrars in the district. He can also, at his discretion, receive and register documents, which might be registered by any Sub-Registrar. The deposit of wills has to be made only at the District Registrar's office. The District Registrar is empowered to hold enquiries and pass orders on appeals preferred by the public against the orders of the Sub-Registrars. The Headquarters Assistant to the District Registrar is also the Inspector of Registration and, in that capacity, he has to inspect all the Sub-Registrars' offices in the district. The Sub-Registrars are responsible for registration of documents and are also *ex-officio* Marriage Registration Officers under the Special Marriages Act, 1954.

As Collector of Stamps, the Deputy Commissioner exercises such of the powers and functions as are conferred on him by the Mysore Stamps Act, 1957, and the Mysore Stamps Rules, 1958. The Headquarters Assistant to the District Registrar and his staff assist the Deputy Commissioner also in this work. The Collector of Stamps is empowered to take suitable action under various sections of the Mysore Stamps Act. He has to deal with documents which are brought to him for adjudication and to fix stamp duty and penalty on documents impounded and forwarded by Sub-Registrars.

The Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur, is in charge of the work of the Religious and Charitable Endowments Department in the district. He is the Chief Muzrai Officer of the district and, as such, has control over all the muzrai institutions in the district. He is responsible to the Commissioner for Religious and Charitable Endowments in Mysore, Bangalore, in respect of muzrai matters. He exercises supervision over the administration of the affairs relating to the muzrai institutions in his jurisdiction in accordance with the provisions of the Mysore Religious and Charitable Endowments Act and the rules made thereunder. The three Assistant Commissioners in the revenue sub-divisions and the ten Tahsildars in the taluks, who are subordinate to the Deputy Commissioner, also exercise the powers and perform the duties of Muzrai Officers in their respective jurisdictions. The Tahsildars, as Taluk Muzrai Officers, inspect all muzrai institutions in their respective taluks, and they have powers also to enquire into the claims of the temple servants and to exercise disciplinary control over them.

Religious and  
Charitable  
Endowments  
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The district has an Assistant Director of Sericulture at Kunigal, who supervises the sericultural activities in the area. He is responsible to the Director of Sericulture in Mysore, Bangalore. He is also in charge of the sericultural activities in some of the adjoining taluks of other districts. The Assistant Director is assisted in his duties by some technical staff, such as, Sericultural Assistants, Sericultural Inspectors, Sericultural Demonstrators and Sericultural Operatives, besides some ministerial staff.

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Department

There are two Government Silk Farms in the district, one at Kunigal and the other at Bilidevalaya. The Silk Farm at Bilidevalaya is under the charge of a Sericultural Assistant, assisted by one Senior Sericultural Inspector, four Sericultural Inspectors, 12 Sericultural Demonstrators and 14 Sericultural Operatives, while the Silk Farm at Kunigal is also under the charge of a Sericultural Assistant but assisted by only one Sericultural Inspector, one Sericultural Demonstrator and six Operatives.

The district has been divided into five sericultural circles with their headquarters at Kunigal, Santhemavathur, Huliurdurga, Kempanahalli and Hebbur, and each of these circles has a Government Cocoon Market and a Government Grainage. Each of these circles is under the charge of a Sericultural Inspector, assisted by Sericultural Demonstrators and/or Sericultural Operatives. Each sericultural circle has been further sub-divided into ranges and each range is under the charge of a Sericultural Demonstrator. There are, in all, 27 such ranges in the district. The duties of the technical staff of the Department in the district comprise, among other things, inspection of silkworm rearing and mulberry gardens, propaganda work, offering of technical advice and guidance to the sericulturists, preparation and distribution of disease-free and foreign-race layings, supervision over the work of silk farms, grainages and other sericultural centres.

**Social Welfare  
Department**

There is a District Social Welfare Officer at Tumkur, who is responsible for the implementation of the several schemes formulated for the welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes in the district. While he works under the direct supervision of the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur, he is under the administrative control of the Director of Social Welfare in Mysore, Bangalore. At the taluk level, the District Social Welfare Officer is assisted in this work by a Social Welfare Inspector, stationed in each of the taluks. The Department also runs several social welfare institutions in the district such as nurseries-cum-women welfare centres, hostels for boys and girls, tailoring centres for women, *ashram* and residential schools, agricultural colonies and the like for the benefit of the above mentioned classes of people.

The Director of Social Welfare is also the *ex-officio* Chief Inspector of Certified Schools. For looking after this aspect of the work in the district, there is a Probation Officer at Tumkur. He is responsible to the Regional Probation Superintendent at the State headquarters through the Senior Inspector of Certified Schools, Bangalore.

**State Accounts  
Department**

The Assistant Controller, Local Audit Circle, Tumkur, is the officer who is in charge of the administration of the State Accounts Department in the district. He is responsible to the Controller of State Accounts in Mysore, Bangalore. He has jurisdiction over both Tumkur and Hassan districts. The main functions of the Assistant Controller are—the auditing of the accounts of all local bodies in his jurisdiction, including Municipalities, Taluk Development Boards, Village Panchayats, Municipal and Taluk Board High Schools, Regulated Markets, Aided Hostels and Bharat Scouts and Guides. The Assistant Controller is assisted in his duties by three Accounts Superintendents—one to look after



audit work in Tumkur district, another in Hassan district and the third to look after audit work of the Village Panchayats—22 Accounts Clerks and some other ministerial and class IV staff. There is also a Probationary Accounts Superintendent attached to this circle.

The nomenclature of the Statistics Department was changed to "Bureau of Economics and Statistics" with effect from 20th March 1968, in keeping with the nature of the duties and functions that are being performed by the department. The administration of this department in the district is looked after by a District Statistical Officer, who is responsible to the Director, Bureau of Economics and Statistics, Bangalore. This officer has to collect all essential statistical data about the district from various Government departments, semi-government organisations and private bodies, and correlate and analyse them. He has to furnish those facts and figures to the head office for processing and publication. Besides compilation of general statistics, the Department has also undertaken some other schemes in the district, such as, collection of vital statistics, conducting of crop estimation surveys on food and non-food crops, national sample survey and the like. The District Statistical Officer is being assisted in his duties by four Senior Statistical Assistants, seven Junior Statistical Assistants, 11 Enumerators, one Computer, 10 Progress Assistants attached to community development blocks and some ministerial staff.

Statistics  
Department

Prior to 1958, the administration of the Transport Department in the district was being looked after by the Regional Transport Officer of Bangalore Division, comprising five districts, with his headquarters at Bangalore. From 1st January 1958, as a result of the re-organisation of the Motor Vehicles Department, each revenue district was formed into a separate region and Tumkur district, like other districts, became an independent unit under a separate Regional Transport Officer, and has been functioning as such since then. The Regional Transport Authority of the district, which is a quasi-judicial body, is headed by the Deputy Commissioner, who is its chairman, and consists of two official and one non-official members. The Regional Transport Officer, Tumkur, is its secretary. He is the executive officer exercising the powers delegated to him by the Regional Transport Authority and also carrying out the administrative functions delegated to him under the Motor Vehicles Act. Though he works under the control of the Deputy Commissioner, he is responsible to the Commissioner for Transport in Mysore, Bangalore, in all technical and administrative matters. He is the registering authority for the district in respect of all motor vehicles and also the licensing authority in respect of drivers' and conductors' licences. He is also responsible for collection of taxes under the Motor Vehicles Taxation Acts. The Regional Transport Officer is assisted in his

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duties by two Inspectors of Motor Vehicles and some ministerial staff. His duties also include conducting of surprise checking of motor vehicles, conducting of route surveys in respect of traffic potentialities of various routes, etc.

A 30-ton capacity weigh-bridge was established in the district during 1964 to check the weight of loads the vehicles carry. There are three more Inspectors of Motor Vehicles to look after this weigh-bridge round-the-clock.

**Treasury  
Department**

Till 1964, the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur, was the head of the Government Treasuries in the district, and the District Treasury Officer was directly responsible to him. But in 1964, the Deputy Commissioner was relieved of this additional charge of treasury functions and the District Treasury Officer was given the full charge of the Treasury Department in the district. He is now directly responsible to the Director of Treasuries in Mysore, Bangalore, which post was created in 1964 consequent on the re-organisation of the Treasury Department. The District Treasury Officer is assisted in his duties by a Head Accountant, a Deputy Accountant-cum-Stamp Head Clerk and some other ministerial and class IV staff. There is a taluk treasury in all taluk headquarters, each under the charge of a Sub-Treasury Officer. The Sub-Treasury Officers are responsible to the District Treasury Officer, who apart from supervising the District Treasury, is also empowered to inspect the taluk treasuries and supervise the work of the Sub-Treasury Officers. Since all the treasuries in the district are bank-treasuries, only pensions and savings bank cash transactions are handled by them, while the other Government cash transactions are done by the State Bank of Mysore.

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