

## CHAPTER XIII

### OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

**W**ith the introduction of Five Year Plans and social welfare schemes, the spheres of the activities of Government have increased on an unprecedented scale. The existing departments were time and again bifurcated, reorganised and expanded. A number of Central Government offices and public undertakings were established to meet the new manifold needs of the people. In this Chapter the administrative set-up and organisation of various State Departments, Central Government Offices and public undertakings as found in the district are discussed.

#### STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

*Agriculture Department:* The Agriculture Office in the district was headed by the District Agriculture Officer. In 1967 the post was upgraded to Senior group A and the officer was designated as the Deputy Director of Agriculture. When the Agriculture Extension Project was implemented in 1980 the post of Deputy Director of Agriculture was redesignated as the Principal Agricultural Officer. He is assisted by five Assistant Directors of Agriculture (one for headquarters and four subject specialists), three Technical Assistants, one Assistant Agricultural Officer (Farm Management), one Senior Statistical Assistant, three Agricultural Assistants, one Administrative Assistant, one Manager, one Superintendent and other C and D group employees. At the taluk level, the Assistant Director is the head, who is assisted by five Agricultural Officers, 20 Assistant Agricultural Officers, one Superintendent and other staff. The Soil Testing Laboratory located at Sirsi is managed by one Agricultural Officer assisted by two Laboratory Assistants and other staff. There are

two Seed Farms at Haliyal and Mundgod (Malagankoppa), each headed by a Manager. There is the Indo-Japanese Agricultural Extension Training Sub-centre at Kumta, headed by an Agricultural Officer and is assisted by two Agricultural Assistants, and other staff. The Agricultural Schools at Kumta and Malgi are headed each by one Agricultural Officer assisted by three Agricultural Assistants and others. The immediate superior officer is the Joint Director, Dharwad Division, Dharwad.

*Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services:* The District Office of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services was founded at Karwar in 1958. The Senior Assistant Director is in charge of the office and there is one Assistant Director (Rinderpest Eradication Scheme), one Veterinary and Livestock Inspector (Sample Survey Scheme), and other subordinate staff to assist him. There are three major Veterinary Hospitals at Karwar, Kumta and Sirsi. Each of them has one Assistant Director, one Veterinary and Livestock Inspector, one Veterinary and Livestock Supervisor and one Pharmacist. There are three mobile dispensaries and each is in the charge of an Assistant Veterinary Surgeon. Each taluk Veterinary Hospital has an Assistant Director, one Veterinary and Livestock Inspector, one Pharmacist and other staff. There are also nine Veterinary Dispensaries, each one under the control of an Assistant Veterinary Surgeon. Each of the 26 Rural dispensaries has one Veterinary and Livestock Inspector, one Pharmacist and one group D Official. Six Key Village Sub-centres, seven Veterinary Aid Centres and three Artificial Insemination Centres that are in the district are in the charge of one Veterinary and Livestock Inspector each. The Key Village Scheme at Sirsi is manned by an Assistant Director, one Veterinary and Livestock Supervisor one Pharmacist, and other staff. There is one Poultry Extension Scheme at Kumta in the charge of one Veterinary and Livestock Inspector. The Compounder Training Centre at Karwar is manned by one Veterinary Assistant Surgeon and other assistants. The district office comes under the jurisdiction of the Joint Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Belgaum Division, Belgaum.

*Backward Classes and Minorities Department:* The District Office of the Backward Classes and Minorities was founded in 1977-78 at Karwar. The District Officer is the head of this office assisted by one Office Assistant and other staff. The immediate superior officer of this district unit is the Deputy Commissioner, Karwar.

*Commercial Tax Department:* The District office of the commercial taxes started functioning in 1965 at Karwar. In 1979, due to the enormous increase in work load, the district was divided into three circles for commercial tax purposes, one at Karwar with jurisdiction over Ankola, Haliyal and Supa and the other at Kumta having jurisdiction over Bhatkal, Honavar and Kumta and other at Sirsi having jurisdiction over Sirsi, Siddapur, Yellapur and Mundgod taluks. The office is headed by the Commercial Tax Officer, who is assisted by one Commercial Tax Inspector and other staff. The immediate superior officer of this district is the Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Dharwad (See chapter XI).

*Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies:* The office of the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies was established at Karwar in 1966 with the Deputy Registrar as its head. He is responsible for the development of co-operative movement in the district and for the organisation of different co-operative bodies to suit the needs of the people. He is authorised to exercise powers, as per the Karnataka Co-operative Societies Act, 1959 and powers delegated to him by the Government as and when necessary. He is to supervise all the co-operative societies in the district. As far as the administration of the co-operative law is concerned he delegates power to the Assistant Registrars in their respective jurisdiction. The Deputy Registrar is the *ex-officio* Registrar of Money Lenders, and in that capacity he is empowered to issue licence to the money lenders and pawn brokers to regulate their business. He is assisted by one District Auditor, nine Senior Inspectors, one Land Valuation Officer and other staff. At the sub-divisional level there are Assistant Registrars of co-operative Societies, one each at Karwar, Kumta and Sirsi. The Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Belgaum Division, Belgaum is the immediate superior officer.

*District Hospital:* The District Hospital, earlier known as the Civil Hospital was established in 1865 at Karwar. The District Surgeon is the head of this institution who is assisted by five Health Officers (Class I Junior), 10 Assistant Surgeons, one Assistant Dental Surgeon, one Principal of Auxiliary Nurse-Midwife Centre, two Nursing Superintendents, 25 Staff nurses, four Auxiliary Nurse Midwives, one X-ray Technician, one Senior Laboratory Technician, one Junior Laboratory Technician, one Blood Bank Technician, one Pharmacist, one Dietician, one Social Worker, two Sister Tutors, three Health Visitors, two Junior Health Inspectors, one Electrician,

other clerical and menial staff. The Divisional Joint Director, Health and Family Welfare Services, Belgaum, is the immediate superior officer of this district unit.

*District Industries Centre:* The District Industries Centre was established in 1979 at Karwar. Prior to its establishment there was only one departmental office in the district headed by an Assistant Director of Industries and Commerce, for issue of provisional and permanent registration certificates to the newly started industrial units. Now the General Manager is the head of the Centre. Four Managers (one each for Economic Investigation, Machinery and Equipment, Research and Training, Raw materials and Credit sections), one Assistant Director, one Industrial Promotion Officer, one Superintendent, one Weaving Demonstrator and other staff assist him. The immediate superior officer of this Centre is the Director of Industries and Commerce, Bangalore.

*District Statistical Officer:* The District Office of the Directorate of Economics and Statistics was established in 1958 at Karwar. The District Statistical Officer is the head of his office. He is assisted by seven Senior Statistical Assistants, 14 Junior Statistical Assistants, 12 Enumerators, and other staff. The immediate superior officer of this district office is the Director, Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Bangalore. At the taluk level, there is one Junior Statistical Assistant attached to each taluk office under the control of the Tahsildar. Each Community Development Block has one progress Assistant for the collection of statistics.

*District Treasury:* In 1862, District Treasury was established under the control of the Collector. The immediate officer holding the charge of Treasury was called the Deputy Collector. The Mamlatdars and Mahalkaris were also responsible for the control of Sub-Treasuries in the taluks. Before Reorganisation, there were 11 sub-treasuries in the district, one at each taluk headquarters under the direct control of the Revenue Department. After Reorganisation, two more sub-treasuries were established, one at Dandeli in 1965 and the other at Gokarn in 1978. The Deputy Commissioner was the head of the District Treasury till the formation of a separate Director of Treasuries in 1964 and a District Treasury Officer was appointed. The District Treasury Officer is responsible for the proper administration of treasuries both at the district-level and taluk-level. He is assisted by an Assistant Treasury Officer, a Senior Head Accountant, a Head

Accountant, four Deputy Accountants, four shroffs and other staff. The Tahsildars who continued as the heads of the treasuries at the taluk level till 1983, were replaced by Sub-Treasury Officers. Each Sub-Treasury Officer is assisted by a Head Accountant, a Shroff and two clerks. The immediate superior officer of the District Treasury is the Director of Treasuries, Bangalore.

*Drugs Control Department :* There is an office of the Drugs Inspector located at Karwar. The Drugs Inspector is responsible to inspect and carry out investigations as per the Acts and Rules, both State and Central at the premises where drugs are manufactured and sold. He works under the control of the Divisional Office at Belgaum. (See also chapter XVI).

*Employment Exchange :* The District Employment Exchange was established at Karwar in 1960, headed by the District Employment Officer, having jurisdiction over the entire district. He is assisted by one Assistant Employment Officer and other staff. There is also another Employment Exchange at Dandeli. The immediate superior officer of this district office is the Director of Employment and Training, Bangalore. (See also chapter IX).

*Excise Department :* Prior to 1973, a Deputy Superintendent of Excise was in charge of the Excise Office in the district. This post was upgraded in the year 1973 and a Superintendent of Excise was appointed. He works under the control and guidance of the Deputy Commissioner of the district. For administrative purposes the district has been divided into four Excise Ranges with headquarters at Haliyal, Honavar, Karwar and Sirsi. Each range is in the charge of one Inspector of Excise. The four ranges are further divided into nine sub-ranges in all with a Sub-Inspector of Excise to manage each range. There is one Excise Flying Squad attached to each range, with headquarters at Bhatkal, Dandeli, Karwar and Sirsi under the charge of an Excise Inspector for detecting illicit distillation cases. In addition to flying squads, Karwar Range has a Kali River Patrol and one Dingi (Mechanic Boat Squad) and Honavar Range has Sharavati River Patrol and a Dingi at Honavar to check smuggling. There is a Sea Squad at Karwar with an Inspector and a Sub-Inspector. There are two check posts located at Anmod and Majali. Each check post has one Inspector and one Sub-Inspector. The Flying Squads, the Sea Squad and the check posts are under the control of the Deputy Superintendent of Excise (Excise Intelligence Bureau), Sirsi. It is

under the control of Enforcement and Inspection Wing, Mangalore Division, Mangalore.

*Fisheries Department* : The District Office of Fisheries at Karwar is headed by a Deputy Director. In the execution of various programmes and projects, he is assisted by six Assistant Directors, 12 Superintendents, one office Superintendent and other staff. The Special Projects and Schemes functioning at Karwar viz., the Brackish Water Fish Culture and the Mariculture are headed by a Deputy Director and an Assistant Director respectively. The prestigious Indo-Danish Project located at Tadri is headed by a Project Officer. The immediate superior officer is the Director of Fisheries, Bangalore.

*Forest Department* : Prior to the creation of the Kanara Circle with headquarters at Dharwad in 1967, the Forest Office of this district was a part of Belgaum Circle. It has five divisions at Haliyal, Yellapur, Honavar, Karwar and Sirsi. The Haliyal Division consists of two sub-divisions at Haliyal and Dandeli, ten ranges, 39 sections and 151 beats. The Yellapur Division comprises of one sub-division at Mundgod, six ranges, 25 sections and 69 beats. The Honavar Division includes one sub-division at Kumta, seven ranges, 54 sections and 76 beats. The Karwar Division has one sub-division at Karwar, nine ranges, 41 sections and 100 beats. The Sirsi Division has one sub-division at Siri, four ranges, 19 sections and 76 beats. All the five divisions together have 14 major depots and 15 minor depots. The Haliyal division staff pattern, for example, consists of one Deputy Conservator of Forests. He is assisted by six Assistant Conservators of Forests, 17 Range Forest Officers, 125 Foresters and other staff including 219 Forest Guards. The district is in the jurisdiction of the Conservator of Forests, Dharwad.

*Health and Family Welfare Department* : The District Health and Family Welfare Department was established in the year 1956 at Karwar. It is headed by the District Health and Family Welfare Officer who is responsible for the implementation of all health programmes in the district. He is assisted by one Medical Officer, one Gazetted Accountant, one superintendent Grade I and other staff. (See also chapter XVI).

*Horticulture Department* : The District Office of the Department of Horticulture was established at Sirsi in 1960, formerly headed by District Horticulture Inspector, and from 1961 Assistant Director of

Horticulture headed the Office. In 1971 he is redesignated as District Horticultural Officer. The two sub-divisional offices are at Karwar and Yellapur, the former having jurisdiction over the coastal taluks and the latter on the up-ghat taluks. The District Horticultural Officer is assisted by one Headquarters Assistant, two Assistant Directors, two Assistant Horticultural Officers, one Technical Assistant, one Senior Statistical Assistant, 10 Horticultural Assistants, six gardeners and other staff in his office. At the sub-division office, the Assistant Director is assisted by one Assistant Horticultural Officer, one Horticultural Assistant, four Gardeners and other staff. At every taluk there is an office headed by one Assistant Horticultural Officer who is assisted by one Horticultural Assistant and two Gardeners. The immediate Superior Officer is the Deputy Director of Horticulture, Belgaum.

*Information and Publicity :* The Department of Information and Publicity has its district office at Karwar established in 1958, headed by the District Information and Publicity Officer. He is assisted by one Information Assistant, one Assistant Information and Publicity Officer, one Radio Supervisor, one Receptionist-cum-Librarian and other staff. The Deputy Director, Information and Publicity, Belgaum is the immediate superior officer.

*Karnataka Government Insurance Department :* The District Branch of the Karnataka Government Insurance Department was established in the year 1976 at Karwar, with the District Insurance Officer as the head. He is assisted by an Assistant Insurance Officer and other staff. The immediate superior officer of this branch is the Deputy Director, KGID, Dharwad Division, Dharwad.

*Labour Office :* The Labour Department Office was established in 1978 at Karwar. Enforcement of various Labour Acts and the conciliation work in the district are the main functions of this office. The District Labour Officer is the head, having jurisdiction over the entire district. He is assisted by five Labour Inspectors (one each at Bhatkal, Dandeli, Karwar, Kumta and Sirsi) and other staff at his office, Karwar. The Labour Inspectors are assisted by two class 'D' officials. There is one Labour Welfare Centre at Dandeli attended by one Supervisor and other staff. The immediate superior officer over this district office is the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Belgaum Division, Hubli.

*Local Audit Circle :* The Local Audit Circle was established

at Karwar in 1977. The functions of this office are audit of the accounts of local bodies, high schools run by local bodies, the local bodies' personal deposits, accounts of minor institutions like Bharat Scouts and Guides, District Central Library, District Police Benevolent Fund, Home Guards, Red Cross Society Funds, Town Planning Authorities, verification and authorisation of payment of pensions and pensionary benefits to retired municipal employees. It is headed by the Assistant Controller who is assisted by three Accounts Superintendents and other staff. The Controller of State Accounts, Bangalore, is the immediate superior officer.

*Marketing Office :* Prior to 1967, there was a District Marketing Inspector to look after the marketing activities in the district. Later the District Marketing Officer of Belgaum had jurisdiction over Belgaum as well as Uttara Kannada district. In 1976 Uttara Kannada District was separated from Belgaum marketing office and an independent Marketing Officer was appointed with Sirsi as his headquarters. The District Marketing Officer is to look after the activities of the seven Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees of the district and also their sub-markets. The District Marketing Officer is assisted by one Marketing Inspector and other staff.

*Mines and Geology Department :* The Ground Water Survey Unit of the Department of Mines and Geology was established in 1974 at Karwar. The head of the office is the Geologist. He is assisted by four Assistant Geologists, one Assistant Draftsman one Supervisor and other staff. The immediate superior officer is the Senior Geologist, Ground Water Survey Unit, Belgaum Division, Belgaum.

*National Highway Division :* The West Coast Division, Kumta, started in 1959 was converted into National Highway Division of the district in 1972 and shifted to Karwar. This Division had jurisdiction over N H No. 17 in Uttara Kannada District which was formerly the West Coast Division. From September 1978 to January 1980 it also looked after N H No. 48 of Dakshina Kannada. At present this Division looks after the National Highway work and construction of all the Central Government aided bridges and roads in the district. It has two sub-division offices at Karwar and Honavar. The important functions of this divisional office are the following: maintenance of National Highways, repairing flood damages, investigation, improvement and construction of National Highway No. 17 and also the construction of bridges and roads of Centrally-aided projects. The Divisional Office is headed by one

Executive Engineer. He is assisted by four Assistant Engineers, two Draftsmen, one Superintendent, one Accounts Superintendent and other staff. The Karwar sub-division office is headed by an Assistant Executive Engineer. He is assisted by two Assistant Engineer one Junior Engineer and other staff. At the Honavar Sub-division office, the Assistant Executive Engineer is assisted by three Assistant Engineers, two Junior Engineers and other staff. The immediate superior officer of this Division is the Superintending Engineer, N H Circle, Dharwad.

*Ports Department :* The Department of Ports and Inland Water Transport is at Karwar and it is headed by the Director. To assist him there are four Port Officers, two Port Engineers and one Marine Engineer. Inland Waterways is a branch of it and is located at Bangalore with a Deputy Director heading it. The Department was founded in 1957 at Karwar to look after the administration of minor ports in the State. The Ports Department consists of two divisions with their headquarters at Karwar and Honavar. Previously the Karwar Division had eight ports. As a result of the merger of Sadashivgad Port and Kodar Port with Belekeri port now there are six ports in the Division viz., Ankola, Belekeri, Binaga, Chendiye, Karwar and Majali. The Karwar Division is headed by the Port Officer, assisted by one Port Conservator, five Assistant Port Conservators and other staff. The Honavar Division comprises of Bhatkal, Gangavali, Kumta, Murdeshwar, Shirali and Tadri ports. The Port Officer, Kundapur is having the administrative and technical control over this Division. He is assisted by one Port Conservator, two Deputy Port Conservators, five Assistant Port Conservators and other staff. In the Flotilla, there are one Sarang grade II, one Sarang grade III, two drivers and five seamen. Each one of the ports of both the divisions are headed by one Assistant Port Conservator, one light keeper and one Seaman.

*Ports Division (P W D) :* The Ports Division, Public Works Department, Karwar, was established in 1960 at Karwar. The main functions of this Division are the investigation and execution of the works of Ports Department and the Fisheries Department. At present, this Division comprises of No. 1, Ports Sub-Division, Karwar, No. 2, Ports Sub-division, Honavar and No. 3, Ports Sub-division, Karwar. The Executive Engineer is the head of the Division. He is assisted by three Assistant Engineers, two Junior Engineers, one Draftsman, two Tracers, one Superintendent Grade I and other

staff. The No. 1 Ports sub-division, Karwar is headed by an Assistant Executive Engineer. He is assisted by three Assistant Engineers, two Junior Engineers, seven Work Inspectors, one Draftsman and other staff. The No. 2 ports sub-division, Honavar is headed by an Assistant Executive Engineer, assisted by two Assistant Engineers, three Junior Engineers, three Work Inspectors and other staff. The No. 3 ports sub-division, Karwar is headed by the Assistant Executive Engineer assisted by four Assistant Engineers, three Work Inspectors and other staff. The immediate superior officer of this Division is the Superintending Engineer, Dharwad Circle, Dharwad.

*Public Health Engineering:* Formerly, the Public Health Engineering Division (PHE) of the district was attached to the Public Works Department. It became an independent department in 1982. The main functions of this office are: the preparation, investigation and execution of the water supply and underground drainage schemes in respect of towns and big villages. This Divisional office is headed by the Executive Engineer. He is assisted by an Assistant Executive Engineer, three Assistant Engineers, two Draftsmen, one Assistant Geologist, one Senior Statistical Assistant, one Tracer, one Superintendent Grade I and other staff. This Division has three sub-divisions at Haliyal, Karwar and Sirsi. Each Sub-division is headed by an Assistant Executive Engineer, assisted by three Assistant Engineers, six Junior Engineers, a Draftsman, one Tracer and other staff. There is a Maintenance Cell to supervise the work of three Sub-divisions. It has a pump mechanic, three Inspector-cum-Mechanics and other staff. The immediate superior officer of the Divisional Office is the Superintending Engineer, PHE Circle, Belgaum.

*Public Works Departments:* Formerly the Public Works Department had only one office with its headquarters at Karwar. As a result of the reorganisation, in 1960, it was divided into two divisions with headquarters at Karwar and Sirsi. The Karwar Division has jurisdiction over Ankola, Bhatkal, Honavar, Karwar and Kumta, whereas the Sirsi Division has jurisdiction over Haliyal, Mundgod, Siddapur, Sirsi, Supa and Yellapur taluks and also the Bachanki Irrigation Project in Mundgod taluk. Construction and maintenance of all government buildings, roads, bridges and minor irrigation projects in the district are its main functions. The Karwar division is headed by one Executive Engineer. He is assisted by seven Assistant Executive Engineers, 25 Assistant Engineers, eight Junior Engineers, eight Draftsmen, two Tracers, 19 Work Inspectors, one

Superintendent Grade I, one Stores Superintendent, one Accounts Superintendent and other staff and 66 supernumerary posts. The Sirsi Division is in the charge of an Executive Engineer assisted by one Technical Assistant, two Assistant Engineers, one Superintendent Grade I and other staff. The immediate superior officer is the Superintending Engineer, Dharwad Circle, Dharwad. At the taluk-level the PWD Office is headed by an Assistant Executive Engineer. He is assisted by one Assistant Engineer, one Junior Engineer and other staff.

*Regional Transport Office:* It was the Regional Transport Officer of Belgaum, who was in charge of Motor Vehicles in the district till 1958. The Regional Transport Office was established at Karwar with the Regional Transport Officer as the head. There is a Regional Transport Authority at Karwar which is a quasi-judicial body consisting of the Deputy Commissioner as Chairman, the Superintendent of Police and the Executive Engineer of PWD as the members. The Regional Transport Officer is its secretary, exercising the powers delegated to him by the Regional Transport Authority. His main functions are the registration of motor vehicles, collection of taxes, issue of licences to the drivers and conductors and permits to private carriages. In the administration, he is assisted by two Superintendents, two Inspectors of Motor Vehicles and other staff. One Assistant Regional Transport Officer is functioning as the head of the Sub-Regional Transport Office at Sirsi. He is assisted by one Inspector of Motor Vehicles and six other clerical and class 'D' officials. The Inspector of Motor Vehicles is empowered to enforce various Motor Vehicles Acts and Rules for realisation of Government revenue and control and maintenance of motor vehicles. The immediate superior officer of this district branch is the Divisional Commissioner for Transport, Belgaum Division, Belgaum.

*Social Welfare Department:* The District Office of the Social Welfare Department was established in 1957 at Karwar. Prior to it, there was an office of Backward Classes to deal with the Welfare of the Backward Classes under the administrative control of the Deputy Commissioner. In 1957 the Office of Backward Classes of the district was changed as the Social Welfare Office and it is headed by the District Social Welfare Officer. He is assisted by one Manager, one Programme Co-ordinator, three First Division Clerks, three Second Division Clerks, one Driver and two Class 'D' officials. The immediate superior officer of this district unit is the Director for

Social Welfare, Karnataka, Bangalore. This department is re-designated as the Department of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (See also Chapter XVII).

*Town Planning :* The Office of Town Planning was established in 1964, at Karwar, in order to prepare master plan of big and medium cities and towns in the district. The Assistant Director of Town Planning is the head of the office, who is assisted by two Junior Town Planners, two Town Planning Supervisors, four Draftsmen, one Tracer and other staff. There is also an office of the Assistant Director of Town Planning at Dandeli, founded in 1981 with the same objectives as that of Karwar office. He is assisted by one Town Plan Supervisor and other staff. The immediate superior officer is the Joint Director, Town Planning, Dharwad. (see also Chapter XIV)

*Weights and Measures :* The office of the Assistant Controller of Weights and Measures was established at Karwar in 1962 which is headed by the Assistant Controller. In the administration, the Assistant Controller is assisted by three Inspectors and other staff. The Inspectors conduct periodical inspections of shops and other business centres and trading establishments to check the weights and measures. The immediate superior officer is the Deputy Controller of Weights and Measures, Belgaum Division, Belgaum.

### PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

*Karnataka Electricity Board :* The Karnataka Electricity Board has its Division at Sirsi started in 1966. This Division has five sub-divisions at Dandeli, Honavar, Karwar, Kumta and Sirsi. The Sirsi Division is headed by the Executive Engineer (Electrical). He is assisted by one Assistant Executive Engineer, two Assistant Engineers, a Tracer, an Accounts Officer and other staff. Each sub-division office is headed by an Assistant Executive Engineer (Electrical) who is assisted by an Assistant Engineer and other regular office staff. The sub-sections are headed by Junior Engineers (Electrical) who are assisted by Overseers, Meter Readers and Line Mechanics.

In the Concurrent Audit Section, there is one Assistant Accounts Officer and one typist. In addition, there are Village Improvement Cell, Transport Section, Divisional Stores, Civil Engineering Section, Leave Reserve Section, Telephone Section, Meter Testing Section,

Relay Testing Section, with necessary staff. The immediate superior officer is the Superintending Engineering (Electricity), K E B. Hubli.

*Karnataka Fisheries Development Corporation:* The branch of the Karnataka Fisheries Development Corporation was established in 1970 at Karwar headed by the Plant Manager who was earlier called as the Assistant Director of Fisheries (Engineering). He is assisted by four Junior Plant Assistants, five Plant Helpers, one processing Technologist and one Field Assistant in the Plant Section and separate ministerial staff in the office section. The Corporation at present has one Freezing Plant and one Fish Meal and Oil Plant in the district.

*Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Corporation:* The office of the Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., (KFCSC), was established in the year 1975 at Karwar. The main functions of the Corporation are procurement, storage and release of paddy as per the food policy of the Government; it has to act as the wholesale agent of the Deputy Commissioner for distribution of essential goods. Apart from dealing in the essential goods, the K F C S C, started recently sale of goods like oil, soaps, tea, biscuits, etc., with the aim of providing goods to consumers at fair prices. It is headed by the District Manager and he is assisted by an Office Manager and other staff. The immediate superior officer of this district unit is the General Manager, Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Corporation, Bangalore.

*Karnataka Housing Board:* The Sub-division office of the Karnataka Housing Board was founded at Karwar in 1972. This office was shifted to Dandeli in 1976, to supervise a major project under the HUDCO. The Scheme is almost completed, and there is a proposal to shift this sub-division office to Sirsi. The office is headed by an Assistant Executive Engineers, five Junior Work Inspectors and other staff. The Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board Division, Hubli, is the immediate superior officer of this sub-division.

*Karnataka SCs and STs Development Corporation Ltd.:* The Karnataka Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd., has its district office at Karwar, established in 1978. The main aim of the Corporation is the economic upliftment of persons belonging to SCs/STs who get Marginal Money Loan from the Corporation (25% margin money with a maximum of rupees three

thousand) as per the Margin Money Programme, through the banks. The District Office of the Corporation is headed by the Verification Officer, who is assisted by one Field Supervisor and other staff. The Deputy Commissioner of the District is the immediate superior officer.

*Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation:* The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation established its district branch at Sirsi in 1967. It was then named as the Office of the Deputy General Manager. In the year 1983, the office was renamed as the Office of the Divisional Controller. In the administration, the Divisional Controller is assisted by one Divisional Traffic Officer (Junior), one Divisional Mechanical Engineer, one Assistant Administrative Officer, one Divisional Statistician, one Assistant Store Officer, one Security Officer, two Assistant Traffic Managers, one Assistant Law Officer and one Divisional Work Superintendent, eight Assistant Traffic Supervisors, two Assistant Traffic Inspectors, seven Traffic Inspectors, one Accounts Superintendent, eight Accounts Supervisors, eight Assistant Accountants, one Stores Superintendent, two Store Keepers, four Assistant Store Keepers, four Assistant Work Superintendents, seven Chagemen, 17 Head Artisans, 68 Artisans, 85 Assistant Artisans, one Divisional Security Inspector, one Police Sub-Inspector, two Assistant Security Inspectors, one Administrative Superintendent, four Administrative Supervisors and the other ministerial staff. There are five Depot Managers who are in charge of the Depots and also 508 Drivers, 498 Conductors, 80 Traffic Controllers and other staff. In addition to this regular staff, there is a special staff called the Central Line Checking Squad, comprising of one Assistant Traffic Manager, who has jurisdiction over the entire division, and 15 Traffic Inspectors, who are working under the direct control of the Regional Manager. The immediate Superior Officer of this Division is the Regional Manager, Belgaum Region, Hubli.

*Khadi and Village Industries Board:* The District branch of the Karnataka State Khadi and Village Industries Board was established at Karwar in 1961. The District Officer, is the head of this branch and is assisted by an Auditor-cum-Inspector, Industry-wise technical staff, Gobar Gas Technicians and other staff. The immediate superior officer is the Divisional Officer, Karnataka Khadi and Village Industries Board, Dharwad.

*Land Army:* The District Unit of the Karnataka Land Army

Corporation Ltd, of Uttara Kannada District was established in the year 1974 at Haliyal and the office was shifted to Sirsi in 1978. The main object of the Corporation is tackling unemployment problem in rural areas. The Deputy Director is the head of the office, who is to supervise the work of the Assistant Directors (Project Officers) under him stationed at Karwar, Kumta and Sirsi. In the administration, he is assisted by Task Force Commander, three Assistant Task Force Commanders and other staff. The Assistant Directors are assisted by Task Force Commanders, Assistant Task Force Commanders and other necessary staff. The immediate superior officer of this district unit is the Chairman and Managing Director, Karnataka Land Army Corporation, Bangalore.

*Sainik Welfare and Resettlement*: The district office of the Sainik Welfare and Resettlement Board was established in the year 1963 at Karwar. Formerly it was administered by a board appointed by the Bombay Government. It is one of the eight districts in the State with such a district-level Board. The Deputy Commissioner is the Chairman of the Board and the Deputy Director, Sainik Welfare Board is the Secretary. He will implement the recommendations of the Board. The functions of the Board are: 1) The settlement of financial problems such as pension and other retirement benefits of the retired service personnel, 2) providing financial assistance and also medical facilities (in military and Civil Hospital) to them, 3) Providing all resettlement benefits extended by the State Sainik Board and the Central Sainik Board. The Board registers the names of the retired servicemen of the district and helps them in getting employment. It provides assistance to the widows and other dependents of deceased servicemen. It is authorised to organise rallies, celebrate Flag Day and fund raising programmes. The Board in the district is headed by the Deputy Director, who is assisted by one Superintendent and other staff. The Director, Sainik Welfare and Resettlement Board, Bangalore, is the immediate superior officer of this unit.

#### CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES

*Central Excise*: The district office of the Central Excise Department was established in 1981 at Karwar by upgrading the Forward Sector of Karwar, the Forward Sector of Sirsi and the PBC Unit of M/s Ballarpur Industries Ltd, Binaga. This office deals only with the

Central Excise. The Superintendent of Central Excise is the head of the office. He is assisted by four Inspectors of Excise (two at Karwar Range and one each at Sirsi Range and M/s Ballarpur Industries Ltd, Binaga). The Assistant Collector of Central Excise Hubli, is the immediate Superior Officer.

*Customs Department:* There is an office of the Assistant Controller of Customs at Karwar. The main functions of this office are, checking smuggling and collection of customs duties and also maintaining traffic of imports and exports through the customs ports. There is an Anti-Smuggling Unit at Bhatkal under the charge of a Superintendent. There are also four customs special preventive units at Ankola, Honavar, Karwar and Sadashivgad and also a customs Flying Squad at Sirsi. The immediate superior officer of this district unit is the Deputy Collector of Customs, Mangalore.

*Export Inspection Agency:* The Office of the Export Inspection Agency was established at Karwar in the year 1976. The main aims of this office are: the inspection and testing of the marine products intended for export. This office is headed by an Assistant Director, who is assisted by two Technical Officers. There is a Micro-Biological Laboratory, attached to this office with modern equipments for testing the marine products. This laboratory is in the charge of one Laboratory Assistant. The Deputy Director for Export Inspection Agency, Cochin, Kerala is the immediate superior officer.

*District Savings Office:* The District Savings Office is located at Karwar with the following functions: 1) Encourage the habit of savings among the people and tap fresh savings from the various sections of the people, 2) Scout, train and motivate extension workers like Authorised Agents, Group Leaders and voluntary workers for the promotion of savings and 3) Co-operate with the State Government Selling Agencies for the development of National Savings Movement and the mobilisation of savings for the national development. The District Savings Officer is the head of this office, assisted by 335 Agents under Standardised Agency System, 11 agents under Public Provident Fund System and 63 Agents under Mahila Pradhan Kshetra Bachavat Yojana Agency system. The Assistant Regional Director for National Savings (Government of India), Hubli, is the immediate superior officer.