

CHAPTER XIII

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Works Department

Roads and Buildings

The Works Department is responsible for all public works relating to construction and maintenance of roads, bridges and buildings in the state and is divided into several branches, each being in charge of a Chief Engineer. For administrative purpose each branch is divided into several Circles. Each circle is under the control of a Superintending Engineer who is directly responsible to the Chief Engineer. Besides, there are other circles to help the department for taking up investigation, quality control, design, special projects, etc.

The office of the Superintending Engineer, Eastern Circle (R & B), Baleshwar is functioning at Baleshwar since January, 1974. This circle has jurisdiction over two Revenue districts of Mayurbhanj and Baleshwar.

In Baleshwar district there are three Divisions, namely, Baleshwar (R & B) Division, Bhadrak (R & B) Division and Subarnarekha Division with headquarters at Baleshwar, Bhadrak and Rajghat respectively.

The Baleshwar (Roads and Buildings) Division comprises 3 regular subdivisions and one temporary subdivision, i.e., Baleshwar Subdivision, Soro Subdivision and Nilagiri Subdivision and Flyover bridge subdivision and 16 sections. This division is in charge of a Executive Engineer who is working under the direct control of Superintending Engineer, Eastern Circle, Baleshwar.

In October, 1981 the Bhadrak (R & B) Division was created with headquarters at Bhadrak. The division consists of three subdivisions located at Bhadrak, Chandbali and Basudebpur having 16 sections under these subdivisions.

The Subarnarekha Division consists of two subdivisions with headquarters at Rajghat, namely, Rajghat subdivision-I and Rajghat subdivision-II. Each subdivision is divided into 4 sections.

Besides, there is one more Subdivisional Officer in charge of General Electrical Subdivision at Baleshwar under the General Electrical Division No. II, Cuttack to look after all electrical installation

works of government buildings in Baleshwar district. The subdivision is functioning with three sections located at Baleshwar, Bhadrak and Nilagiri.

There is one Mechanical Division at Baleshwar to look after the machineries of all the divisions in the districts of Baleshwar, Mayurbhanj and Kendujhar.

Each division is in charge of an Executive Engineer and the subdivisions and sections are under the charge of Assistant Engineers and Junior Engineers, respectively.

National Highways Projects

The Chief Engineer, National Highways, Bhubaneswar is the head of this organisation. Baleshwar district comes under the Superintending Engineer, National Highways, Circle-I, Bhubaneswar. Since January, 1962 the National Highway project was started in the district. There is one divisional office at Baleshwar under a Executive Engineer. This division executes the construction, maintenance and repairs of National Highway No. 5. It has its jurisdiction over 106.50 km. of National Highways and 76 numbers of other roads having a total length of 670.90 km.

The District National Highway Projects Office, Baleshwar was created in September, 1961. This division has been divided into 4 subdivisions, viz., National Highway Subdivision No. I, Baleshwar; National Highway Subdivision No. II, Baleshwar; National Highway Subdivision, Bhadrak and National Highway Subdivision, Bhandaripokhari. The National Highway Subdivision, No. I, Baleshwar comprises four sections of which 2 sections are functioning at Soro whereas other two sections are located at Baleshwar and Khantapara respectively. The National Highway Subdivision No. II, Baleshwar consists of four sections, namely, National Highway Section No. I, National Highway Section No. II, National Highway Section No. III and National Highway Section No. IV. The headquarters of all the sections are at Bhubaneswar. There are four sections under the National Highway Subdivision, Bhadrak of which two sections are located at Bhadrak and the other two sections are at Markona. The National Highway Subdivision, Bhandaripokhari has four sections of which two sections are functioning at Bhandaripokhari, whereas one section is located at Barikpur and another at Akhuapada. Each subdivision is under the supervision of an Assistant Engineer and each section is under the charge of a Section Officer in the rank of Junior Engineer.

Public Health Department

The Chief Engineer, Public Health, with headquarters at Bhubaneswar is the head of the State Public Health Organisation. This organisation has been divided into a number of Public Health Circles, each in charge of a Superintending Engineer. Baleshwar district comes under the Public Health Circle, Cuttack. The organisation mainly looks after the water supply, sanitary installation, sewerage and drainage schemes, and sinking of tube-wells in the state.

Till 30th, September, 1982, the district had two Public Health Divisions named as Baleshwar Public Health Division and Bhadrak Public Health Division. The Baleshwar Public Health Division with headquarters at Baleshwar was created on 17th April, 1974 whereas the Bhadrak Public Health Division with headquarters at Bhadrak was created on 16th January, 1978. On 1st October, 1982 the Bhadrak Public Health Division with its two subdivisions, i.e., Chandbali Public Health Subdivision and Basudebpur Public Health Subdivision were transferred from the control of the Superintending Engineer, Public Health Circle, Cuttack to the control of the Project Director, DANIDA, Bhubaneswar to look after the DANIDA investigation and execution work of water supply in the district. This division was renamed as the DANIDA project Public Health Division, Bhadrak.

Since then the Executive Engineer, Baleshwar Public Health Division is in charge of the normal works of the Public Health Organisation in the entire district of Baleshwar except the Chandbali Public Health Subdivision. This division has been divided into four subdivisions, viz., Baleshwar Public Health Subdivision, Bhadrak Public Health Subdivision, Soro Public Health Subdivision and Jaleshwar Public Health Subdivision each in charge of an Assistant Engineer. Each subdivision has been subdivided into a number of sections each in charge of a Section Officer in the rank of a Junior Engineer.

Baleshwar Public Health Subdivision has been divided into five sections of which four are functioning at Baleshwar whereas one is located at Remuna. The Section Officers of Public Health Sections No. I, and No. II, Baleshwar besides looking after the maintenance of water supply to Baleshwar town also execute some original public health works. The Section Officer No. III Baleshwar is in charge of the public health works of Baleshwar Sadar Community Development Block and also looks after the vehicles of the Public Health Organisation. The Section Officer No. IV, Baleshwar has been entrusted with the central store and tool and plants of the Public Health Organisation. The public health work of the Remuna C. D. Block is looked after by the Section Officer Remuna.

The Public Health Subdivision, Bhadrak has been divided into four sections of which three sections, viz., Public Health Section No. I, Public Health Section No. II and Public Health Section No. III are located at Bhadrak. The Section Officer No. I has been in charge of store, vehicles, and tools and plants. The Section Officer No. II looks after the maintenance of town water supply whereas the Section Officer No. III is in charge of original and maintenance work of tube-wells of Bhadrak, Tihiri and Bant C. D. Blocks and maintenance work of Chandbali C. D. Block. The Section Officer, Public Health Section No. IV is in charge of original work and maintenance of tube-wells of Bhandaripokhari and Dhamnagar C. D. Blocks.

There are three sections functioning under the Soro Public Health subdivision. The Section Officer, Soro is in charge of original work and maintenance of tube-wells in Soro and Bahanaga C. D. Blocks. He also looks after the vehicles of the organisation. The Section Officer Nilagiri is in charge of original and maintenance of public health works of Nilagiri and Oupada Blocks whereas the works of Basudebpur, Similia and Khaira Blocks are looked after by the Section Officer, Basudebpur.

The Jaleshwar Public Health Subdivision has four sections attached to each of the C. D. Blocks of Jaleshwar, Baliapal, Bhograí and Basta. These sections, viz., Jaleshwar Public Health Section, Baliapal Public Health Section, Bhograí Public Health Section and Basta Public Health Section look after original work and maintenance of tube-wells of the respective Blocks.

Danida Project Public Health Division

As stated earlier the Public Health Division, Bhadrak with its Chandbali and Basudebpur subdivisions was transferred to the control of the Project Director, DANIDA, Bhubaneswar on 1st October, 1982 to form the DANIDA Project Public Health Division, Bhadrak. The division has taken up original work in connection with sinking of tube-wells in the saline belt of the district. It is financed both by the Danish International Development Agency and the Government of Orissa.

The division has been divided into three Public Health Subdivisions, viz., Baleshwar Public Health Subdivision with headquarters at Bhadrak, Basudebpur Public Health Subdivision and Chandbali Public Health Subdivision. Each of the subdivisions is in charge of an Assistant Engineer. There are three Junior Engineers working under the Baleshwar Public Health subdivision whereas 3 and 5 Junior Engineers are posted under the Basudebpur and Chandbali Public Health Subdivisions respectively.

Activities of the Public Health Organisation in the district find mention in Chapter XVI (Medical and Public Health Services).

Irrigation Department

The Chief Engineer in state headquarters is at the apex of this organisation. There are six irrigation circles each under the control of a Superintending Engineer.

Baleshwar Irrigation Division with a Executive Engineer at its head is in charge of Orissa Coast Canal, Chudamani canal, river embankments and test relief embankments in Subarnarekha, Burhabalanga and Kansbans basins. The division has been divided into three subdivisions located at Baleshwar, Basudebpur and Jaleshwar. Each subdivision has four sections. The sections are located at Baleshwar, Nilagiri, Basta, Soro, Jaleshwar, Bhograi, Basudebpur and Kaithkola. This division is under the control of Superintending Engineer, Baripada Irrigation Circle, Baripada.

Another Flood Investigation Division under Baripada Irrigation Circle has been created with three subdivisions. Of these one subdivision with headquarters at Baleshwar is working for Baleshwar district. There is a Minor Irrigation Division in Baleshwar under Baripada Irrigation Circle with five subdivisions, two at Baleshwar, one at Bhadrak, one at Nilagiri and one at Soro in charge of minor irrigation projects in the district.

Under the Superintending Engineer, Northern Irrigation Circle, Salapada, Kendujhar there is one Division, namely, the Salandi Canal Division with headquarters at Bhadrak. It was created during 1961 to execute the Salandi left canal system, and flood, saline and test relief embankments of Salandi basin. This division consists of four subdivisions and a number of sections. The subdivisions have headquarters at Bhadrak, Khera, Markona and Chandbali.

The Anandapur Barrage Division at Bidyadharpur in Kendujhar district is in charge of the Salandi right canal system. This division has three subdivisions working in Baleshwar district with headquarters at Salania, Bant and Agarpada (Badahat Trilochanpur).

Moreover, Akhuapada Irrigation Subdivision under Jajpur Irrigation Division of Eastern Circle, Cuttack is in charge of the high level canal range-III system, flood and test relief embankments on Baitarani left in Baleshwar district.

Each division is in charge of a Executive Engineer and the subdivisions and sections are under the charge of Assistant Engineers and Junior Engineers respectively.

Lift Irrigation Department

The Director, Lift Irrigation, Orissa is the administrative head of this organisation. The functions of this department are survey and investigation of sources of ground water, installation of water pumps and tube-wells for irrigation purposes. Besides, this department is also responsible to provide lift irrigation facilities in the non-irrigated areas of the state.

In Baleshwar district Lift Irrigation Projects started in 1966 under the Baleshwar Irrigation division. The Divisional Office is located at Baleshwar town. Under this Division there are six subdivisions of which four are civil subdivisions, located at Basta, Jaleshwar, Baleshwar, and Baripada in Mayurbhanj district. The rest two are mechanical and electrical subdivisions located at Baleshwar. The Basta Lift Irrigation Subdivision consists of 4 sections located at Basta, Rajghat, Jamsuli and Baliapal. The Jaleshwar Lift Irrigation Subdivision consists of 4 sections of which two sections are located at Jaleshwar, one at Raibania and the other one at Bhograi. The Baleshwar Lift Irrigation Subdivision comprises three sections located at Baleshwar, Nilagiri and Remuna. The Lift Irrigation Subdivision (Mechanical) Baleshwar has five sections and all the section offices are attached to the subdivision. The Lift Irrigation Subdivision (Electrical) has been divided into 4 sections located at Baleshwar, Baripada, Basta and Jaleshwar.

The Bhadrak Lift Irrigation Division was established in August 1978. This division is in charge of installation of tube-wells for irrigation purpose. Under this division there are five subdivisions, i.e., (1) Lift Irrigation Subdivision, Bhadrak (2) Lift Irrigation Subdivision, Soro, (3) Lift Irrigation Subdivision, Dhamnagar, (4) Mechanical (Drilling) Subdivision, Bhadrak and (5) Lift Irrigation (Electrical) Subdivision, Bhadrak. Each subdivision has been divided into 3 to 5 sections.

Each division is headed by a Executive Engineer and each subdivision and section is headed by an Assistant Engineer and Junior Engineer, respectively.

Electricity Department

Baleshwar district comes under the administrative control of the Extra High Tension Constructions Circle, Bhubaneswar. Power is brought at high tension from Jajpur Road to Baleshwar Bhadrak and from Baleshwar it is distributed to consumers at low tension. The Extra High Tension Construction Division with sub-station at Bhadrak is headed by a Executive Engineer. Three

subdivisions and eight sections are functioning under this division. Out of 3 subdivisions two subdivisions are located at Bhadrak and one at Baleshwar.

Another construction division is at Baleshwar under the Baleshwar Electrical Circle. This division has got three subdivisions, i. e., Sadar Construction Subdivision No. I, Baleshwar Sadar Construction Subdivision No. II, Baleshwar and Soro Construction Subdivision and eight sections.

Moreover, there are two divisions, one Electrical Investigation Division which works directly under the Orissa State Electricity Board, and Baleshwar Electrical Division which works under the control of the Superintending Engineer, Baleshwar Electrical Circle. The Electrical Investigation division is located at Baleshwar. This division is responsible to investigate potentialities for formulation of project reports for rural electrification in the district. The division consists of one subdivision, namely, Electrical Investigation subdivision at Baleshwar with two sections. The Baleshwar Electrical Division is responsible for maintenance of power supply to the entire district of Baleshwar. Under this division, there are five subdivisions of which two subdivisions are located at Bhadrak, and other three subdivisions are located at Jaleshwar, Baleshwar and Soro and 21 sections. Each subdivision is under the supervision of an Assistant Engineer and each section is under the charge of a Junior Engineer. The divisions are in charge of Executive Engineers.

Veterinary Department

The Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Orissa, Cuttack is directly responsible for the control and management of the veterinary services and is the administrative head of the department. He exercises overall administrative control and supervision on the work of the staff. There are three ranges, such as, Central, Northern and Southern, each under the control of a Deputy Director. The district comes under the jurisdiction of the Deputy Director, Central Range.

The department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services was reorganised in August 1983. The Chief District Veterinary Officer functions as the administrative and technical head in the district. He looks after the improvement of livestock, poultry and prevention and treatment of their diseases. Three Assistant District Veterinary Officers like Assistant District Veterinary Officer (Poultry

Development), Assistant District Veterinary Officer (Artificial Insemination), Assistant District Veterinary Officer (Disease Control) and one Assistant District Dairy Officer are working under him to help in technical and administrative affairs.

There are three Subdivisional Veterinary Officers stationed at Baleshwar, Bhadrak and Nilagiri, 35 Veterinary Assistant Surgeons, 9 Additional Veterinary Assistant Surgeons, 2 Junior Veterinary Officers, and 239 Livestock Inspectors are there in charge of 32 veterinary dispensaries, 164 Livestock Aid Centres and Artificial Insemination Centres in the district.

Besides, there are three Key Village Blocks located at Bhadrak, Tihiri and Soro with 10 Key Village Units each, 3 Demonstration Poultry Units, one Auxillary Nutrition Programme Unit, one Rinderpest Eradication follow up scheme and a Fodder Marketing Centre at Remuna. A Co-operative Milk Union at Baleshwar has been established having 34 co-operative societies. A milk chilling plant has been established at Remuna.

Fishery Department

The Fishery Department undertakes all the fisheries development activities in the district relating to marine, brackishwater and inland fisheries. The Director of Fisheries is in overall charge of the directorate with headquarters at Cuttack.

In the district, the Deputy Director of Fisheries (Marine North) is the supervising officer for northern zone relating to all marine fishery activities. The northern zone of marine comprises Baleshwar district only. To assist the Deputy Director in the district there are district officers in the cadre of Assistant Directors such as:

(1) The Assistant Director of Fisheries (Inland) is in charge of the entire inland fishery activities of the district supported by his technical staff in the district office, extension staff in the C. D. Blocks and field staff in different fish farms.

(2) The Assistant Director of Fisheries (Marine) is in charge of the entire marine fisheries development work of the district with the help of technical and field staff in the coastal areas. He also supervises the fishing operation at Chandipur and Chandbali. He is in charge of implementation of Marine Fishing Regulation Act. Under him there is a Superintendent of Fisheries, one Deputy Superintendent of Fisheries, 2 Fishery Inspectors alongwith other field staffs.

(3) The Chief Executive Officer, Fish Farmers Development Agency monitors the schemes relating to development of tanks for extensive and intensive culture of carps with subsidy from the agency and loan from different financial institutions.

(4) The Chief Executive Officer, Brackishwater Fisheries Development Agency in the district looks after the development of brackishwater fisheries and provides subsidy from Agency and arranges loan for the entrepreneurs for development of brackishwater fisheries. A pilot brackishwater fish farm has been established at Inchudi.

(5) The Project Officer, Kirtania Fishermen co-operative society monitors the operation of 23 numbers of mechanised gill-netters at Talasari near Chandaneswar supported by technical and field staff.

(6) The Project Officer, Rajlaxmi Fishermen co-operative society is in charge of the operation of 40 numbers of gill-netters at Chandipur fishing base. He is also responsible for collection of loan dues from beneficiaries and repayment to the financing banks.

(7) The Assistant Director of Fisheries, Maa Dhamuria Marine Fishermen co-operative society monitors the operation of 20 numbers of trawlers at Dhamara and is also responsible for collection of loan dues from the beneficiaries for repayment to the financing banks.

Forest Department

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Orissa, Cuttack is responsible for the control and management of forests and is also the administrative head of department. For administrative purpose, the whole state is divided into eight forest circles, and each circle into a number of divisions.

In the district, the administration of the forest department is under the control of two Divisional Forest Offices located at Baripada in the adjoining district of Mayurbhanj and the other located at Chandbali. Two forest ranges of the Baripada Forest Division, viz., the Nilagiri Range and the Chandipur Range are located in the district having headquarters at Nilagiri and Baleshwar respectively. The headquarters of a section of the Betnoti Range (Mayurbhanj district) is located at Raibania in this district. In Nilagiri Forest Range there is a Range Officer, 9 Foresters, 33 Forest Guards and a Chowkidar. The Chandipur Range is under the control of a Range Officer having headquarters at Baleshwar. Under him there are 4 Foresters, 13 Forest Guards and a Bungalow Chowkidar. The Raibania Section of the Betnoti Range is manned by a Forester, 4 Forest Guards and a Bungalow Chowkidar.

Besides the routine management of forest wealth, the Baripada Forest Division has taken up casuarina plantation in the district of Baleshwar. The entire sea coast has been covered with casuarina which is acting as a great barrier for checking shifting of sand dunes, preventing casting on the nearby cultivated fields and giving a handsome revenue to the state exchequer.

The Chandbali Wildlife Conservation Division has been established since 1980. The divisional office located at Chandbali is in charge of a Deputy Conservator of Forests assisted by two Assistant Conservators of Forest, and one Research Officer. The division is divided into one territorial range, i.e., Kanika Range with headquarters at Chandbali. This division in the district has jurisdiction over Chandbali police-station, Bansada police-station and portions of Tihiri and Basudebpur police-stations. Jurisdiction of the Kanika Range covers both Cuttack and Baleshwar districts. This Forest Division has been created to protect the mangrove forests and for farming of crocodiles at Dangmal in Cuttack district. The conservation of sea-turtles at Gahirmatha in Cuttack district is also his responsibility.

Moreover, there is a Coastal Shelter Belt Afforestation Division with headquarters at Baleshwar to establish shelter belt plantation along the coast as barrier against cyclonic and tidal bore hazards. The division is in charge of a Divisional Forest Officer who is assisted by two Assistant Conservator of Forests, five Forest Rangers, 15 Foresters and 36 Forest Guards. The five Forest Rangers are stationed at Jaleshwar, Baliapal, Baleshwar, Bhadrak and Nilagiri.

Industries Department

The Director of Industries, Orissa, Cuttack, is the administrative head of the Directorate. The district has a District Industries Centre headed by a General Manager. There are five divisions in the District Industries Centre, viz., (i) economic investigation and marketing (ii) machinery, equipment and raw materials (iii) credit (iv) cottage industries and (v) research, extension and training. Each functional division is headed by a Manager assisted by an Assistant Manager. Besides the Managers and Assistant Managers, other technical personnel working under the General Manager are 2 Economic Investigators, one Industrial Supervisor, one Sub-Assistant Registrar (Ind.), 4 Panchayat Industries Officers, 17 Industrial Extension Officers, one Salt Supervisor, one Coir Operator, one Junior Industries Inspector, 5 Instructors and other subordinate staffs.

The District Industries Centre looks after the establishment and promotion of small-scale industries, industrial potential survey, preparation of feasibility reports and financial assistance to industries and marketing of their products and other technical aspects.

Co-operative Department

The Registrar Co-operative Societies, Orissa is the administrative head of the department. The main functions of this department in the district is to look after the administration of co-operative institutions and implementation of different schemes. Special emphasis on the needs of the agriculturists, the workers and the consumers becomes a vital factor for stability and for rapid economic development in the district.

The Divisional Office at Baleshwar with a Deputy Registrar at its head started functioning since December, 1969. The Baleshwar Division was created covering the whole of Baleshwar and Mayurbhanj districts. In August, 1978, Mayurbhanj district was bifurcated from Baleshwar Division.

Under the Deputy Registrar, there are two co-operative circles with headquarters at Baleshwar and Bhadrak established since 1948 and 1970 respectively. Each circle is in charge of an Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies. The jurisdiction of Baleshwar circle extends to 10 Blocks under Nilagiri and Baleshwar subdivisions and Bhadrak circle extends to all the Blocks of Bhadrak subdivision and Similia and Khaira Blocks of Baleshwar subdivision. The Deputy Registrar is assisted by one Regional Marketing Officer, one Sub Assistant Registrar, seven Inspectors of Co-operative Societies.

At the Community Development Block level, there are Co-operative Extension Officers and Additional Co-operative Extension Officers. Besides, there is an Audit Officer of Co-operative Societies at Baleshwar. There are other functional Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies for Industrial weavers, Fisheries, Milk and Poultry Societies who have been specially declared as Additional Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

At Baleshwar circle level there is one Assistant Registrar at the top having 7 other Sub Assistant Registrars, 15 Inspectors, one Extension Officer in each Block and other subordinate staff.

At the Bhadrak circle, there is one Assistant Registrar, five Sub Assistant Registrars, and 17 Inspectors.

A Central Co-operative Bank is functioning at Baleshwar along with its 17 branches located at different places of the district. There are two Urban Co-operative Banks operating one at Baleshwar and the other at Bhadrak, three Land Development Banks operating at subdivisional headquarters, i.e., Baleshwar, Nilagiri and Bhadrak. To provide integrated credit, supply marketing and other services to the people of tribal areas there are two large-sized Agricultural Multipurpose Co-operative Societies. To meet the credit needs of rural people, Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies are the principal credit agencies operating in the district. Besides, five Regional Co-operative Marketing Societies, two wholesale co-operative stores, one at Baleshwar and the other at Bhadrak, 59 Primary Consumer Co-operative Stores, 3 Subdivisional House Building Co-operative Societies, one Town House Building Co-operative Society, 18 Labour Contract Co-operative Societies, 62 Employees Co-operative Societies, two Press Co-operative Societies, 4 Lift Irrigation Co-operative Societies, 2 Specialised Commodity Marketing Societies, one unemployed Engineers Co-operative Society in tribal area at Nilagiri, one Co-operative Union at Baleshwar, and four Regulated Market Committees at Baleshwar, Bhadrak, Jaleshwar and Chandbali have been established in this district.

Agriculture Department

Improvement of agriculture, protection of crops from pests and insects, procurement and distribution of improved seeds and fertilisers are the main functions of the Agriculture Department. Demonstrations in the cultivator's fields are being conducted by this department to convince them about the modern farming methods.

The Director of Agriculture and Food Production, Orissa is the head of the directorate. The district comes under the administrative control of the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Baleshwar Range.

There are two District Agricultural Offices in Baleshwar district with their headquarters at Baleshwar and Barapada in Bhadrak each being in charge of a District Agricultural Officer. The Baleshwar Agricultural district covers 7 Blocks in Baleshwar and 2 Blocks in Nilagiri subdivision, whereas Bhadrak Agricultural district is covered by 10 Blocks under Bhadrak subdivision. One Agricultural Extension Officer with a number of Village Agricultural Workers are posted in each Block for imparting better advice on agriculture to the cultivators. Additional District Agricultural Officers are also there in the office to check and supervise the work of Agricultural Extension Officers and Village Agricultural Workers under their jurisdiction.

Besides, subject-matter specialists, Agricultural Overseers, Agricultural Supervisors, Fieldman Demonstrators, etc., are there to assist District Agricultural Officers to carry out the agricultural programmes.

The Agriculture Department has been reorganised with effect from 1977. Under this reorganisation of agricultural extension set-up, a number of schemes are operating in the district. High Yielding Variety Programme, Jute Development Scheme, Manure Compost Scheme, Water Hyacinth Scheme, Horticulture Development Scheme and Coconut Development Scheme are operating in the district. 2 coconut nurseries, one Transit Nursery, one Fruit Nursery are there in the Baleshwar Agricultural District. Sale centres are there under the control of the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Baleshwar. There are 7 seed farms in the district out of which 3 seed farms are under Baleshwar Agricultural district located at Balia, Bakarda and Sergar and four seed farms are under Bhadrak Agricultural district located at Bhadrak, Agarpada, Dhaninagar and Motto. All these seed farms are in charge of the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Baleshwar.

Health Department

The health department aims at providing curative, preventive and promotive health care for the community. The Chief District Medical Officer, Baleshwar is the administrative and technical chief for the health programme of the district. He is assisted by three Assistant District Medical Officers, one for medical, one for public health and one for family welfare at the district level. Each of them looks after the functions of their respective wings. The Assistant District Medical Officer (Medical) besides being in charge of the district headquarters hospital, is directly responsible for the administrative control of all dispensaries, medical aid centres, subsidiary health centres, public health centres and hospitals in the district.

The Assistant District Medical Officer (Public Health), Baleshwar deals with all the preventive aspect and control of various communicable diseases like cholera, typhoid, tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough, prevention of food adulteration, safe drinking water supply and drainage system and other miscellaneous functions like slum clearance, health education, etc. He is also the Additional District Registrar of births and deaths.

The Assistant District Medical Officer (Family Welfare) provides care, immunisation and education of the mothers and infants and is responsible for the implementation of family planning programmes and health education.

There is also one District Malaria Officer who looks after anti-Malaria work and a T. B. Officer at the district headquarters who is in charge of the T. B. Control Programmes. For leprosy, there are 4 Leprosy Eradication Units at Chandbali, Bhadrak, Jaleshwar and Baleshwar. Besides, there are specialists, Assistant Surgeons and a number of subordinate staffs posted at different hospitals and dispensaries in the district. At present, 10 hospitals, 19 Primary Health Centres, 29 dispensaries, 8 Medical Aid Centres and 31 Subsidiary Health Centres are functioning in the district.

Education Department

The Education department is responsible to impart instruction to the public in general education, for the inspection and supervision of the educational institutions and in spreading education among the people of the backward areas of the district.

The state is divided into a number of Educational Circles, each being in charge of an Inspector of Schools. Education up to High English school standard is controlled by an Inspector of Schools for Baleshwar Circle with jurisdiction covering the whole of the district. To assist him there are four District Inspector of Schools stationed at Baleshwar (Baleshwar-I, Baleshwar-II) and Bhadrak (Bhadrak-I, Bhadrak-II), 5 Deputy Inspector of Schools and 48 Sub-Inspectors of Schools who are responsible for Primary, Middle English and Elementary Training schools including an Inspecting Maulavi and one Science Supervisor. The Inspector of Schools has got important duties besides inspection of schools, such as, holding of examination, implementation of physical education in schools, grants-in-aid, award of scholarships, national and state awards for teachers. There is one Farmers' Educational Literary Project at district headquarters with a Project Officer and District Organiser for Adult Education. Three Assistant Project Officers and 12 Supervisors of Adult Literacy Centres are also working under him.

Mining Department

The Director of Mines is the administrative head of this organisation. Investigation of minerals in the mineral bearing areas of the state is the main function of the department. Besides, this department is also responsible for collection of mining revenue and use of minerals for various purposes. The state is divided into a number of circles, and Baleshwar district comes under Baripada Circle with headquarters at Baripada (Mayurbhanj district). For the purpose of mineral administration, this district is under the Mining office at Baripada and in regard to mineral exploration

the district is under the control of the offices of the Central Zone, Kendujhar. Preliminary investigations for foundary sand at Chandipur, magnetite at Betei and Rangamatia, and soapstone at Nilagiri have been conducted.

Information and Public Relations Department

Director, Information and Public Relations is the administrative head of this organisation. He exercises overall administrative control and supervision on the work of the staff belonging to Information and Public Relations Department.

At the district level a District Information and Public Relations Officer functions under the direct supervision of the District Collector. There is one Zonal Organiser under him to look after Radio Rural Forum work. Besides, there are three Subdivisional Offices located at Baleshwar, Bhadrak and Nilagiri under Subdivisional Information and Public Relations Officers. Each subdivisional office has one publicity wing and one reading wing. There is one post of Radio Inspector in each of the Subdivisional Offices. In 1987 the total strength of the staff in the district was thirty-one. The objective of the department is to popularise government policies and programmes beneficial to the general public. Specially the department attempts in every possible way through vigorous publicity to educate and awake the poor and downtrodden for joining in the mainstream of developmental activities initiated by the Government.

Tourism Department

The general function of this department is to furnish information to the tourists about the places of interest and organise tourism stalls in different fairs and festivals.

The tourist office in Baleshwar with a Tourist Officer as its head started functioning from the year 1965 with other subordinate staff. The Tourist Counters at Bhadrak and Jaleshwar railway stations started functioning from the year 1982 each in charge of an Assistant Tourist Officer. The Panthanivas, Chandipur which was opened in 1966 has been transferred to the Orissa Tourism Development Corporation since 1980. A Panthasala at Panchalingeswar has been opened in June, 1985 for the tourists. A tourist lodge has recently been constructed for the tourists visiting Akhandalamani at Aradi.

Welfare Department

The Welfare department looks after all round development of the weaker section of the society in the district particularly of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes. The two special programmes under this department, i.e., I. T. D. A. and M. A. D. A. monitor the economic development of the Scheduled Tribes and the Scheduled Castes.

In the District Welfare Office, a District Welfare Officer, an Assistant District Welfare Officer and other subordinate staff look after the welfare matter of the district under the supervision of the Collector. There are 3 Assistant District Welfare Officers at the subdivisional level, i.e., in Baleshwar, Nilagiri and Bhadrak, under the supervision of the Subdivisional Officers. At the C.D. Block level there are Welfare Extension Officers under the supervision of the Block Development Officers. Besides, there is a Welfare Extension Officer for M. A. D. A. (Modified Area Development Approach) Programme in Jaleshwar Block and another for I. T. D. A. (Integrated Tribal Development Agency) Programme in Nilagiri Block. The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes D. F. C. C. (Development Finance Co-operative Corporation) Programme has been started since 1980-81 in the district with a District Manager and other staffs.

Food and Civil Supplies Department

The District Civil Supplies Office, Baleshwar was opened in 1943 under the administrative control of the Collector with a Civil Supplies Officer as the officer-in-charge. This office was formed to undertake the distribution of essential commodities to the consumers of the district. To assist the Civil Supplies Officer there is one Assistant Civil Supplies Officer, one Supervisor of Supplies, two Inspectors of Supplies in the District Civil Supplies Office. Three Subdivisional Civil Supplies Officers have been posted at Baleshwar, Bhadrak and Nilagiri. The Civil Supplies Office in Baleshwar is in charge of an Assistant Civil Supplies Officer with 3 Supply Supervisors, 16 Supply Inspectors and other subordinate staff. The Bhadrak Subdivisional Civil Supplies Office is in charge of an Assistant Civil Supplies Officer. He is assisted by 4 Supervisors, 16 Supply Inspectors and other subordinate staff. The Nilagiri Subdivisional Civil Supplies Office is functioning with an Assistant Civil Supplies Officer and 3 Inspector of Supplies.

Since 1981, with a view to regulating the flow of essential commodities and to counteract artificial scarcity, the Orissa State Civil Supplies Corporation (O.S.C.S.C.) was formed as a commercial

wing of the Food and Civil Supplies Department. Three Supervisors of Supplies, 11 Inspectors of Supplies are there to allot and distribute different essential commodities in the Notified Area Councils and Block areas.

The Civil Supplies Officer is acting as Civil Supplies Officer-*cum*-District Manager in the district headquarters, the Assistant Civil Supplies Officer is acting as Assistant Civil Supplies Officer-*cum*-Assistant District Manager in the subdivisional level. Six Supervisors of Supplies have been designated as Unit Officer to look after lifting of food grains and for supervising the distribution of essential commodities at Block level. 29 Inspectors of Supplies designated as Marketing Inspectors are in-charge of distribution of essential commodities at Block and N. A. C. levels. Moreover, one M. I. Officer, 6 M. I. Inspectors are posted to study the market price of different essential commodities and submit reports basing on which price index of essential commodities are prepared.

Statistical Department

The Director, Bureau of Statistics and Economics is the head of this organisation. The whole state is divided into three Ranges, namely, Northern (headquarters, Sambalpur), Central (headquarters, Cuttack), and Southern (Headquarters, Brahmapur) each under the control of a Deputy Director. Baleshwar district comes under the jurisdiction of the Deputy Director of Statistics, Central Range, Cuttack.

The District Statistical Office with headquarters at Baleshwar came into being in 1957 with a District Statistical Officer as the controlling officer in the district. He is responsible for conducting different types of surveys relating to crop survey, national sample survey, price collection, annual survey of industry, economic survey, etc., in the district. Under the District Statistical Officer, there is an Additional District Statistical Officer, who looks after the execution of the E. A. R. A. S. Scheme (Establishment of an Agency for Reporting Agricultural Statistics). Besides, to assist the District Statistical Officer, there are Assistant District Statistical Officers, Statistical Investigators, Field Supervisors, Statistical Assistants, Junior Statistical Assistants, Field Inspectors and a number of subordinate staff.

Registration Department

This department is concerned with the work of registering sale deeds and earns revenue through registration fees and stamps.

The Inspector-General of Registraton, Orissa, is the controlling officer of the Registration offices. Under his control there are three Deputy Inspector-General of Registration in different ranges called Northern Range, Central Range and Southern Range with headquarters at Sambalpur, Cuttack and Brahmapur, respectively. Baleshwar district comes under the jurisdiction of the Northern Range, Cuttack. The District Registration Office with a District Registrar and a District Sub-Registrar came into being in January 1822 with headquarters at Baleshwar. There are 16 Sub-Registrars under the control of the District Sub-Registrar. The Sub-Registration offices are located at Baleshwar, Bhadrak, Soro, Jaleshwar, Dhamnagar, Chandbali, Nilagiri, Basudebpur, Basta, Baliapal, Khaira, Thiri, Bhandaripokhari, Jaleshwarpur, Dhusuri and Bant (at Barapada). The District Sub-Registrar is also declared as Marriage Officer.

Community Development Department

Under the Community Development Department there are two Directorates at the state level, one for Community Development and Grama Panchayat and another for special projects. The Collector is in overall charge of the administration and activities of the Community Development Department in the district. He is assisted by other officers, viz., the District Development Officer, District Panchayat Officer, District Welfare Officer and the Project Officer.

The District Development Officer looks after execution and review of C. D. programmes along with the review and progress of other development departments in the district. He also deals with the Panchayat Samitjs and their administration.

The District Panchayat Officer is in charge of administration of Grama Panchayats.

The District Social Welfare Officer is responsible for the social welfare activities in the district, such as, I. C. D. S., (Integrated Child Development Scheme), Mahila Samitjs, Old-Age and Widow Pension, Disabled Pension and other allied programmes.

The District Rural Development Agency in the district was started in 1982 and is manned by a Project Officer to implement special projects like the anti-poverty programmes and programmes providing employment to rural poor. The Collector is the Chairman of this Agency.

At the subdivisional level, the Subdivisional Officer is in overall charge of supervision, execution and review of Community Development Programmes. He is assisted by one Subdivisional Panchayat Officer. He is also the sanctioning authority of old-age and widow pension.

There are 19 C. D. Blocks in the district and each Block is divided into several Grama Panchayats. The Community Development Block offices are located at Bhadrak, Chandbali, Dhamnagar, Remuna, Basta, Nilagiri, Khaira, Soro, Baleshwar Sadar, Basudebpur, Tihiri, Bhandaripokhari, Bant, Bahanaga, Oupada, Jaleshwar, Bhogra, Baliapal and Similia. There are I. C. D. S. (Integrated Child Development Scheme) offices at Remuna and Nilagiri. After introduction of Orissa Panchayat Samiti Act, the Block has been designated as Panchayat Samiti. In each Block, there is a Block Development Officer who is also the Executive Officer of the Panchayat Samiti. He is assisted by 2 Junior Engineers, one Grama Panchayat Extension Officer, 10 Village Level Workers, and a number of other staff for executing different Community Development programmes. Besides, other departments like Co-operation, Fishery, Industry, Education, Harijan and Tribal Welfare have posted Extension Officers in each Block to assist the Block Development Officer for execution of development programmes of their respective departments. The Subdivisional Panchayat Officer at subdivisional level and Grama Panchayat Extension Officer at Block level assist the subdivisional and Block Development Officer respectively for proper administration of Grama Panchayat.

Labour Department

The Labour department is responsible to maintain peace in industry, to foster industrial harmony to increase production and productivity of the factory and other industrial establishments by different labour enactments.

The Assistant Labour Commissioner is the administrative head of the department in the district. He is functioning as Commissioner under Workmen Compensation Act, Payment of Wages Act and Minimum Wages Act in the district. He is also functioning as authority under Payment of Gratuity Act and Equal Remuneration Act for the districts of Baleshwar and Mayurbhanj. He is assisted by subordinate officers, viz., the District Labour Officer, Baleshwar; the Assistant Labour Officer, Baleshwar; the Assistant Labour Officer, Nilagiri; the Rural Labour Inspectors, etc.

The District Labour Officer and the Assistant Labour Officer are functioning as Inspectors under various Labour laws, Conciliation Officers under Industrial Dispute Act, Licensing Officer under Orissa Shops and Commercial Establishment Act, etc. The Rural Labour Inspectors are there to implement the Minimum Wages to agricultural workers in rural areas. Besides, they are also functioning as Inspectors under Minimum Wages Act, Bidi and Cigar Workers Act, Equal Remuneration Act, etc.

Commerce and Transport (Commerce) Department

In the district there are four offices, viz. one subdivisional office of launch service at Chandbali, the Crew Training Institute of Chandbali, the Subdivisional Office of Gopalpur Port Project at Dhamara and Dhamara Fishing Harbour under the Commerce and Transport (Commerce) Department.

The launch service started functioning at Chandbali in 1979 under the supervision of one Assistant Director, one Supervisor, 6 Serangs and 6 Launch Drivers and 14 Khalasis. It renders useful service at the time of flood and cyclone. The Ferry Services are paying in two different routes from Chandbali to Rajnagar and Chandbali to Aradi.

One Crew Training Institute headed by an Executive Engineer as Principal-*cum*-Superintendent has been established at Chandbali in 1979 with two Instructors, one Marine Foreman and five crews. The Institute undertakes refresher courses for 3 months and regular courses for 10 months.

The Subdivisional Office at Dhamara under supervision of an Executive Engineer, Gopalpur Port Project has been established on the 6th October, 1986 with one Assistant Engineer and 2 Junior Engineers to look after construction and maintenance of fishing bases and jetties. The Fishing Jetties are at Dhamara, Chandipur and Chudamani.

The Dhamara Fishing Harbour is managed by an Assistant Conservator and other subordinate staff for maintenance of the harbour and to facilitate loading and unloading of fish.