

CHAPTER XIII

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Roads and Buildings

The Public Works Department is responsible for the public works in the State and is divided into several branches, each being in charge of a Chief Engineer. For administrative purposes each branch is divided into circles having territorial or functional jurisdiction under the charge of Superintending Engineers. Generally, this department executes the civil constructions and maintenance of buildings, roads, culverts and bridges required by all the departments of the Government. Many departments of the Government and some of the corporations have engineers deputed from the Works Department to look to the maintenance and repairs of their buildings and also to undertake minor construction work of their establishments.

Kendujhar district comes under the administrative control of the Superintending Engineer, Kendujhar (Roads and Buildings) circle, and his jurisdiction covers the district of Sundargarh also. The district of Kendujhar is divided into two divisions styled as Kendujhar (Roads and Buildings) Division with headquarters at Kendujhargarh and Anandapur (Roads and Buildings) Division with headquarters at Salapada. The Executive Engineer as the divisional head, is responsible for the efficient management and execution of the roads and buildings works. Kendujhar (Roads and Buildings) Division which was created in 1966 consists of four subdivisions *viz.*, Subdivision No. I, Kendujhar; Subdivision No. II, Kendujhar; Barbil Subdivision and Champua Subdivision, and 13 sections.

Anandapur (Roads and Buildings) Division was established in 1981 at Salapada. This Division consists of three subdivisions *viz.*, Anandapur (Roads and Buildings), Anandapur (Bridge) and Ghatagan, and 9 sections.

Each subdivision is under the charge of an Assistant Engineer and each section is under the charge of a Junior Engineer.

Public Health

The Chief Engineer, Public Health, is the head of this organisation at the state level. For administrative purpose it has been divided into three circles, each under the charge of a Superintending Engineer. The Engineer of Kendujhar Division with headquarters at Mandua is under the control of the Superintending Engineer, Public Health Circle, Sambalpur.

Urban and rural water supply, sewerage, drainage and sanitary installations to Government buildings of the district are the functions of this department.

The office of the Executive Engineer, Public Health Division, Kendujhar, was started in June, 1978. Under this Division there are three subdivisions and twelve sections, each under the control of an Assistant Engineer and a Junior Engineer respectively. The subdivisions are located at Kendujhar, Anandapur and Champua. The works undertaken by this Division chiefly constitute the water supply to Kendujhar town and sinking of tube-wells.

The Irrigation Department is responsible for the major and medium irrigation projects including drainage, canals and flood control works in Orissa.

Irrigation
Department

The Irrigation Division of the Kendujhar district came under the jurisdiction of the Northern Irrigation Circle, Salapada. The State has been divided into six Irrigation Circles, each being in charge of a Superintending Engineer. The Chief Engineer, Irrigation, is the head of this department at State level.

Kendujhar district comes under the jurisdiction of the Northern Irrigation Circle, Salapada. Under this circle there are 3 irrigation Divisions, viz., Baitarani Division at Salapada, Anandapur Barrage Division at Bidyadharpur and Anandapur Canal Division at Hadagarha. Each division is under the charge of an Executive Engineer. Baitarani Division consists of 4 subdivisions and 17 sections. Anandapur Barrage Division comprises 4 subdivisions and 16 sections and the Anandapur canal division consists of 4 subdivisions and 16 sections. Each subdivision is under the charge of an Assistant Engineer and the Junior Engineers are in charge of the sections. The Salandi Dam Project is the major irrigation project and the canal work on the right side of river Salandi is being executed to provide irrigation facilities to Anandapur Subdivision. Flood protection embankment on both the sides of river Baitarani and Balabahalichattrra embankment of river Kusei have been constructed to save people from floods.

The Lift Irrigation Department is responsible to provide lift irrigation facilities to the farmers in the non-irrigated areas of the State. It lifts water after due survey and investigation of the sources of water.

Lift Irriga-
tion Depart-
ment

The Director, Lift Irrigation, Orissa, is the head of this organisation. Kendujhar district is under the control of the Lift Irrigation Division, Jajpur Road. The whole district is functioning under the Hydrological Division, Baripada, in respect of the ground water survey and investigation scheme for the construction of dug-wells.

The Lift Irrigation Subdivision, Kendujhar, is in charge of an Assistant Engineer. There are four civil sections, i.e., Kendujhar I, Kendujhar II, Anandapur and Champua and one Electrical section

at Kendujhar under this subdivision. These sections are under the charge of Sectional Officers in the rank of Junior Engineers. The Lift Irrigation work is being done from the rivers and the ground water sources are also exploited through installation of tube-wells.

Electricity
Department

The functions of the Electricity Department are to generate, transmit and distribute electrical energy to the consumers on payment.

Kendujhar district is served by the Joda Electrical Division of the Orissa State Electricity Board. This electrical division, established on the 1st April, 1969, is termed as the Extra High Tension (Maintenance) Division and is in charge of an Executive Engineer with headquarters at Joda. The Division constitutes four subdivisions which are in charge of Assistant Engineers designated as Subdivisional Officers. One of these subdivisions is located at Kendujhar and the rest are located at Joda. Each subdivision consists of several sections and each section is in charge of a Junior Engineer.

Moreover, there is an Electrical Projects Investigation Division (No. II) with headquarters at Kendujhar. The Division is in charge of an Executive Engineer who functions under the administrative control of the Electrical Projects Investigation Circle, Bhubaneswar. This Division was originally meant to investigate the power potential of river Baitarani with specific reference to Bhimkund Project. Subsequently it was entrusted to investigate micro-hydel and small hydel stations in the district along with other projects elsewhere within its jurisdiction. Three subdivisions all located at Kendujhar, function under this Division.

The General Electrical Circle, functioning under the control of the Chief Engineer, Roads and Buildings, is responsible for the electrification of the Government buildings of the State. For Kendujhar district there is one Subdivisional Officer (Electrical) in the rank of Assistant Engineer with headquarters at Kendujhar. The Electrical Section Officers are stationed at Kendujhar, Anandapur, Champua and Barbil.

National
Highways

The Chief Engineer, National Highways and Projects, Orissa, is responsible for the improvement and maintenance of the National Highways in Orissa. He is the head of the department with headquarters at Bhubaneswar. There are five Circles, each being in charge of a Superintending Engineer. Kendujhar National Highway Division comes under the control of the Superintending Engineer, National Highway Circle IV, Angul, with headquarters at Dhenkanal. This Division functions on National Highway No.6 (from 265 km. to 423 km.) which runs through the district of Kendujhar for a distance of 92 km. (322 km. to 414 km.)

The District National Highway office came into being on the 1st September, 1971. The Executive Engineer is the head of this division. Kendujhar Division has four subdivisions (1) Kendujhar Subdivision No.1, (2) Kendujhar National Highway Subdivision No.II, (3) Suakati National Highway Subdivision and (4) Kanjipani Subdivision. Each subdivision has four sections under the supervision of Sub-Assistant Engineers or Junior Engineers.

The function of the Veterinary department is to look after the improvement of live-stock, including poultry and treatment and control of diseases among domesticated animals.

Veterinary
Department

The Director of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry is the head of this organisation. There are three ranges for the whole State, such as, Central, Northern and Southern, each under the control of a Deputy Director. The District Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Officer, Kendujhar, is under the administrative control of the Deputy Director, Northern Range, Sambalpur.

The District Veterinary Office, Kendujhar came into being on the 8th June, 1948. There are 16 Veterinary hospitals and dispensaries in the district in charge of Veterinary Assistant Surgeons, and 73 Live-stock Aid Centres in charge of Live-stock Inspectors. Besides, to eradicate the Rinder pest disease a follow up programme is operating in all the Community Development Blocks and one check-post is operating in the district to guard inter-state infection. One key village with semen collection centre at Kendujhar and 10 units located in the vicinity of Kendujhar town are functioning. One Fodder Production Farm and a scheme for subsidised fodder cultivation are also operating in this district. To arouse interest of the local farmers for fodder cultivation all the departmental institutions have lands as demonstration fodder plots. Under Poultry Development scheme one poultry farm, one Applied Nutrition Programme unit and two departmental poultry units are functioning in this district. One Live-stock Breeding Farm is functioning at Kendujhar. Dairy Co-operative Societies have been formed to facilitate the supply of pure milk in Kendujhar and Joda.

The District Veterinary Officer is responsible for the veterinary hospitals and dispensaries and he is to advise, direct and inspect the technical aspects of the operation of animal husbandry programmes in the Community Development Block areas.

Forest
Department

The general function of the Forest department is to protect, manage and conserve the forests and to supply forest produce to the public. Besides, realisation of forest revenue, afforestation, reservation of new forest blocks and construction of forest roads and buildings are also done by this department.

Kendujhar district is functioning under the Angul Forest Circle with headquarters at Angul. The total forest area in Kendujhar district is 2494.36 sq. km., of which Reserved Forests of both A and B class constitute 1892.97 sq.km. and the rest are Protected Forests.

The Divisional Forest Office with headquarters at Kendujhar, is in charge of the Kendujhar Forest Division which constitutes the whole of the Kendujhar district and the Sukinda Tahasil of Cuttack district. There are two Assistant Conservator of Forests to assist him. There are 7 ranges in this division, each range being under the charge of a Range Officer. Each range is subdivided into some sections and one Forester is in charge of each section. Each section is divided into a number of beats and a Forest Guard is kept in charge of a beat.

A division for Kendu Leaves in Kendujhar district is functioning under the Cuttack Kendu Leaf Circle with headquarters at Cuttack. This division comprises the Kendu Leaf Units No.86,86A, 86B, 96, 97, 98, 99 and 101 covering the Kendu Leaf growing areas of Baleshwar, Mayurbhanj and Kendujhar districts and a part of Cuttack district and the Kamakshanagar subdivision of Dhenkanal district. To assist the Divisional Forest Officer there are 3 Assistant Conservator of Forests, 7 Range Officers and a number of subordinate staff.

Prior to 1973 the Kendu Leaves Trade was being done by private contractors. With Nationalisation of the Kendu Leaves Trade from 1973, the Kendu Leaf business is being managed by the State Government.

Industries
Department

The Director of Industries, Orissa, Cuttack is the head of the Industries Department. Before April, 1962, the District Industries Officer, Baleshwer was in charge of the promotion and establishment of industries in this district. From the 15th August, 1978, a District Industries Centre with a General Manager at the head was opened at Kendujhar. The General Manager is assisted by three Managers, one Assistant Manager and other subordinate staff.

The function of this department in the district is the establishment and development of medium and small-scale industries and cottage industries. These industries receive financial assistance from the banks, the Orissa State Finance Corporation, and the Orissa State Industries Corporation.

There are four Panchayat Samiti Industry Units in the district, two of them being oil units and one carpentry unit and one Saw Mill located at Tara, Mukundpur Patna, Jhumpura and Anandapur respectively. The aim of these units is to procure locally available raw materials and to sell the finished products in the open market.

The function of the Co-operative Department is mainly to have administrative control over the Co-operative Societies and to act as friend, philosopher and guide to the co-operative institutions.

Co-operative
Department

The Registrar of the Co-operative Societies, Orissa, is the head of the department. The State has been divided into three Divisions, each being in charge of a Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies. Kendujhar district comes under the Kendujhar Co-operative Division comprising Kendujhar and Sundargarh districts. There is only one circle in the district. The circle is under the charge of an Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies stationed at Kendujhar. The Assistant Registrar is in overall charge of the co-operative activities of the district. He ensures effective functioning of all the co-operative institutions of the district and is also responsible for the advance and collection of loans through co-operative banks and societies. The Assistant Registrar is assisted by 7 Sub-Assistant Registrars, 13 Senior Inspectors of Co-operative Societies, 9 Junior Inspectors of Co-operative Societies stationed in the three subdivisions, namely, Kendujhar, Champua, and Anandapur. Besides these, 13 Co-operative Extension Officers and one Additional Co-operative Extension Officer are posted in 13 Community Development Blocks of the district to look after the management of the Primary Co-operative Societies within their jurisdiction.

The Co-operative Department in the district have taken steps for the economic betterment of the aboriginal and other classes of the district by opening of sale and purchase centres at different places.

**Agriculture
Department**

The Kendujhar Agricultural District is functioning under the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Kendujhar Range, with headquarters at Kendujhar. The Director of Agriculture and Food Production, Orissa, is the head of this organisation who exercises overall administrative control and supervision of the work of different agricultural stations, farms and offices.

The function of the Department is to promote Agriculture in the district by supplying seeds, fertilisers and pesticides to the farmers and by educating them in the modern scientific methods of cultivation. One District Agriculture Officer is posted to Kendujhar. He is assisted by three Assistant District Agricultural Officers, 8 Subject Matter Specialists, 44 Agricultural Extension Officers and 330 Village Agricultural Workers. Besides, there is one Statistical Assistant, one Assistant Biochemist, 3 Compost Mistry, one Compost Inspector, one Fertiliser Sample Collector, one Agricultural Instructor, 4 Agricultural Supervisors and a number of subordinate staff.

**Medical
Department**

Preventive and curative health services are the functions of the Medical Department. It controls epidemics and tackles the health situation arising due to natural calamities, like tornado, flood, cyclone, etc. The curative work is done by the Chief District Medical Officer who is also the Superintendent of all hospitals, dispensaries and primary health centres in the district. He is in overall charge of the medical administration of the district. Subordinate to the Chief District Medical Officer there are three Assistant District Medical Officers directly in charge of Medical, Public Health and Family Welfare organisations respectively. The Assistant District Medical Officer (Medical), besides being in charge of the District headquarters hospital, is directly responsible for the administrative control of all the medical institutions in the district. The Assistant District Medical Officer, Public Health, looks to the proper maintenance of rural sanitation and prevention of epidemics and supervises vaccination. He also ensures speedy and timely remedial measures at the outbreak of epidemics. The Assistant District Medical Officer, Family Welfare, is directly responsible for the implementation of the Family Welfare Programme involving planning, supervision, evaluation and services.

The Chief District Medical Officer is assisted by the Assistant District Medical Officers, Specialists, Medical Officers and a number of subordinate staff posted at different hospitals and dispensaries in the district. At present 10 hospitals, 13 Public Health Centres, 10 dispensaries, 2 Maternity Health Units and 2 Maternity Aid Centres are functioning in this district. Out of these, 2 hospitals, one dispensary and 2 Maternity Health Units are functioning under the Tribal and Rural Welfare Department.

The function of the Education Department is to impart instruction to the public in general education. The department is also responsible for the inspection and supervision of the educational institutions and takes keen interest in spreading education among the people of the backward areas of the district.

Education
Department

The State is divided into a number of Educational Circles, each being in charge of an Inspector of Schools. A separate Inspectorate for the revenue district of Kendujhar was established with effect from the 11th August, 1975 with headquarters at Kendujhar. The Inspector of Schools, Kendujhar, is the highest authority at the district level who directly controls the High English Schools and the Secondary Training Schools of the district. The whole district of Kendujhar is divided into three educational districts, viz. Anandapur, Champua and Kendujhar, each under the charge of a District Inspector of Schools. The Middle English Schools and the Elementary Training Schools are under the direct control of the District Inspector of Schools. Under the District Inspector, there are 23 Sub-Inspectors of Schools who are in charge of supervision and inspection of the Primary Schools. One District Organiser has been posted in the district to look after adult literacy.

The function of the Mining Department is exploration of minerals and their exploitation. This department is also responsible for processing the mining concession application, collection of mining revenue and use of minerals for various purposes.

Mining
Department

Kendujhar district is functioning under two mining circles controlled by a Senior Mining Officer at Joda and a Mining Officer at Kendujhargarh. To help them in their work there are Assistant Mining Officers, Surveyors, Inspectors of Mines and other subordinate staff. For the purpose of mineral exploration a Deputy Director of Mines has been stationed at the Central Zone office, Kendujhargarh. He is assisted by ten Geologists, four Senior Technical Assistants, five Supervisors, one Surveyor, one Assistant Chemist, etc. In addition, there is one Analytical Laboratory at Joda with an Analytical Chemist at its head for analysis of ores and minerals. Under the Analytical Chemist there are one Additional Chemist, one Assistant Chemist, one Laboratory Assistant, one Laboratory Technician and five Sampling Supervisors.