

CHAPTER XIII

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

The Administrative and Judicial Departments of the district have been dealt with in previous Chapters (Chapters X, XI and XII).

The administrative set-up of other Departments like Public Works, Agriculture, Veterinary, Forest, Industry and Co-operation are discussed in the present Chapter.

166. Public Works Department

(i) Roads and Buildings

The district of Koraput constitutes a P. W. D. division in charge of an Executive Engineer. His headquarters is located at Koraput. This division has been divided into four subdivisions, viz., (1) Koraput, (2) Nowrangpur, (3) Rayagada, and (4) Malkangiri. Each subdivision is in charge of a Subdivisional Officer, P. W. D. Every P. W. D. subdivision has roughly four sections each in charge of an Overseer.

The Executive Engineer is responsible to the Superintending Engineer of this circle for execution and management of all works within his division. In addition to his duties, he is the *ex officio* Professional Adviser of all departments within the limit of his charges, and in connection with matters he deals with the civil authorities in his division. The Executive Engineer is empowered to issue certificate of fair rent and cost of buildings hired by Government for public purpose. He can execute the work within his division for an unlimited value.

Assistant Engineers or experienced and technically qualified Overseers are appointed as Subdivisional Officers. The Subdivisional Officer is responsible to his Executive Engineer.

The sections are in charge of Overseers or other technically qualified men who are designated as Sectional Officers. The Sectional Officers are responsible to their Subdivisional Officers. Works and achievements of this Department in the district have been discussed in Chapter VII.

(ii) Public Health

The Public Health (Eng.) subdivision at Rayagada functions in the district through Berhampur Public Health division. This subdivision is in charge of protected water-supply schemes of Rayagada and Jeypore. For the present, this subdivision also looks after some works in Kalahandi district.

There are four Public Health sections under this subdivision. One section is at Jeypore and the other three are at Rayagada.

167. Electricity Department

The Electricity Department functions through Duduma Transmission division in the district of Koraput. This division is in charge of transmission, distribution and utilisation of hydro-electric power supplied from Machkund Power House.

The Chief Engineer, Electricity, functions through the Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle, Berhampur, under whose administrative control this division is placed. The headquarters of the division is at Rayagada.

There are four subdivisions attached to this division.

168. Agriculture Department

The Agriculture Department in the district is controlled by the Deputy Director, Agriculture, Koraput Range, with headquarters at Jeypore. The range is divided into three Agricultural districts, viz., Jeypore, Koraput and Rayagada, each in charge of a District Agricultural Officer. Besides, there is a separate Deputy Director of Agriculture for the mixed farm at Semiliguda. He is assisted by five Agricultural Officers, a Vegetable Specialist and an Agricultural Assistant Engineer.

The Department concentrated its activities in conducting fertiliser demonstrations in cultivators' fields, demonstrations of improved seeds, manures and grafts, introduction of new crops like Jhain Mung, Rangarasi, extension of double-cropped area, extension of Japanese method of paddy cultivation, besides making propaganda of compost production, plant protection measures for controlling pests and diseases, green-manuring, use of chemical fertilisers, bone-meal and supply of improved varieties of wheat, paddy, maize, gram, groundnut, sugarcane and potato seeds. Details of the achievements of this Department have been discussed in Chapter IV.

169. Veterinary Department

In December 1952 the District Veterinary Officer was appointed for Koraput district. He is under the control of the Deputy Director of Veterinary Services whose headquarters is located at Cuttack.

The main duties of the District Veterinary Officer are inspection of Veterinary Hospital and Dispensaries and Veterinary Stockman Centres. There is one Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Inspector stationed at Rayagada to assist the District Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Officer in inspecting the institutions.

There are Stockmen stationed at every police-station and their main duty is castration, inoculation and treatment of simple cases. The Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department has provided one Veterinary Assistant Surgeon and two to four Stockmen to each of the Community Development Blocks in the district.

The activities of this Department have been dealt with in Chapter IV.

170. Forest Department

The entire forests of Jeypore ex-zamindari was under the management of the Revenue Department since 29th December 1952 when the estate was vested in Government. The management was taken over by the Forest Department on 15th November 1957 and was kept under the administrative control of two Forest Officers, namely, Koraput and Rayagada Divisional Forest Officers.

Koraput division (subsequently changed to Jeypore division) having headquarters at Jeypore is divided into eight ranges, namely, Motu, Malkangiri, Ramagiri, Jeypore, Kotpad, Nowrangpur, Umakot and Jharigan.

Rayagada division having headquarters at Rayagada is divided into seven ranges, namely, Koraput, Nandapur, Alamanda, Rayagada, Bissamcuttack, Gunupur and Gudari.

The responsibility for the proper management of the forest business and finance of the division rests on the Divisional Forest Officer. He is primarily an Executive Officer and is expected to take an active part in all technical works. Subject to the working plan and any directions he may receive from his superior officers, he controls silviculture of his division, and is held responsible for the correctness of all technical operation.

The Range Officers are responsible for the efficient management and execution of work within their respective ranges. The Range Assistants (Foresters) and Forest Guards are to assist the Range Officer in carrying out the work of the Department.

171. Industries Department

The Director of Industries is the head of this Department. The Directorate mainly deals with the development and progress of cottage, small-scale and large-scale industries in the State. The District Industries Officer is under the administrative control and supervision of the Director of Industries. In December 1958, one Industrial Supervisor was posted to start the District Industries Office at Koraput. This

office is at present in charge of a District Industries Officer. The District Industries Officer is assisted by an Industrial Supervisor, a Sub-Assistant Registrar (Industries) and 13 Block Level Extension Officers. Besides, one Handpounding Supervisor and a Village Oil Inspector appointed by Khadi and Village Industries Board are attached to this office.

The District Industries Officer keeps close liaison with all the small-scale industries in the district and suggests measures for utilisation of raw materials and production of consumers goods and for improvement of technical skills. He maintains general supervision over the Industrial Schools and Industrial Estates.

The activities of the Department have been dealt with in Chapter V—Industries.

172. Co-operation Department

Koraput Co-operative Circle is confined to the whole of the Koraput district under the Southern Co-operative Division, Berhampur. There are two Assistant Registrars one at Rayagada and the other at Jeypore. Under the Assistant Registrars, there are 4 Sub-Assistant Registrars and 12 Inspectors. The Sub-Assistant Registrars look to the different activities of the Department in the district.

There are Co-operative Extension Officers in Community Development Blocks who look to the co-operative work in the respective Block areas. There is a Special Multipurpose Block at Narayanpatna in which there is one Co-operative Sub-Assistant Registrar and one Co-operative Extension Officer for organisation, supervision and inspection of Co-operative Societies.

Since 1959-60, audit has been separated from administration and has been kept under the control of the Audit Officers. The entire State has been divided into 6 Audit Circles and each circle is in charge of an Audit Officer. The Koraput district comes under the Audit Circle, Bolangir.

With the transfer of a major portion of the work relating to handlooms, Khadi and village industries and handicraft from the control of the Director of Industries to the control of the Registrar, Co-operative Societies, the nature and the scope of the work of the Department increased considerably in several directions and in consequence it has now become a major development department of the State Government.

The various activities of the department have been dealt with in Chapters IV, V and VI.