

CHAPTER XIII

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

As stated in Chapter X there are offices of different Departments of the State Government in the district. The district level administrative set up of important Departments are discussed in the present Chapter.

196. Public Works Department

(i) Roads and Buildings

The district forms a part of the Mayurbhanj (Public Works) Division, which also includes the district of Keonjhar. So far as the district of Mayurbhanj is concerned the staff position is as follows.

The Executive Engineer (Roads & Buildings) who controls the Division is stationed at Baripada. The district has been divided into two P. W. D. Subdivisions, namely, Baripada and Rairangpur. The Subdivisions are again divided into smaller units called Sections. Accordingly, Baripada P. W. D. Subdivision has been divided into seven sections, and the Rairangpur P. W. D. Subdivision into two sections. The sections are placed under the charge of Sectional Officers, who are of the rank of Overseers.

(ii) Irrigation

The Executive Engineer (Irrigation Division) has his headquarters at Bhadrak in Balasore district and his jurisdiction extends over the districts of Balasore, Mayurbhanj and Keonjhar. The district of Mayurbhanj comprises one Subdivision under this Division with an Assistant Engineer stationed at Baripada. There are four Sectional Officers under him stationed each at Baripada, Krushnachandrapur, Karanja and Udala. This Subdivision is in charge of maintenance of all the old irrigation projects and the execution of new schemes.

(iii) Rural Engineering Organisation

The Rural Engineering Organisation started functioning in Mayurbhanj since 1st April 1962. The Division covers the entire district and is divided into 4 Rural Engineering subdivisions according to Revenue subdivisions of the district. Besides, there are three subdivisions created for specific projects. The subdivisions are further subdivided into several Sections.

197. Electricity Department

Mayurbhanj is under the Superintending Engineer of the Cuttack Circle (Electrical). This Circle has 4 Divisions of which Balasore Division comprises the districts of Balasore and Mayurbhanj.

Mayurbhanj district is divided into two Electrical subdivisions in charge of Subdivisional Officers having headquarters at Baripada and Kuldihā. A number of Sectional Officers work under the Subdivisional Officers.

198. Veterinary Department

The District Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Officer with his headquarters at Baripada looks after the livestock, poultry and Veterinary dispensaries of the district. Besides his function as the technical and administrative head of the Veterinary staff at the district level, he attends the headquarters Veterinary dispensary and conducts treatment of important cases. He is under the administrative control of the Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Orissa. There are Veterinary dispensaries and Stockman Centres managed respectively by Veterinary Assistant Surgeons and Stockmen in different Community Development Blocks.

199. Agriculture Department

The districts of Mayurbhanj, Balasore and Keonjhar constitute one of the six Agricultural zones of Orissa with headquarters at Baripada.

There are two District Agricultural Offices for Mayurbhanj district with their headquarters at Baripada and Rairangpur. These officers are assisted by a number of subordinate officers like Agricultural Supervisors, Overseers and other technical staff.

200. Forest Department

The district comprises two forest divisions—Baripada Division and Karanjia Division.

(i) Baripada Division

This Division consists of 7 Ranges, viz., Pithabata, Dukura, Betnoti Deuli, Udala, Kaptipada and Nilgiri. The Nilgiri Range is located in Balasore district. The forests in Jaleswar ex-Anchal and of Lakshman Khunta of Balasore ex-Anchal are included in Betnoti Range and Nilgiri Range respectively.

The Divisional Forest Officer or Deputy Conservator of Forests is in charge of the Division with headquarters at Baripada. He is assisted by an Assistant Conservator of Forests, six Forest Rangers, one Deputy-Ranger and a number of Foresters and Forest Guards.

(ii) Karanjia Division

This Division comprises the whole of Panchpir and Bamanghaty subdivisions and a part of Baripada subdivision. Its headquarters is located at Karanjia. It is under the charge of a Deputy Conservator of Forests who is assisted by an Assistant Conservator and a number of Foresters and Forest Guards.

201. Co-operative Department

The Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies is the head of the Department at the district level. He is stationed at the district [78 B. of R.—50]

headquarters. There are three Sub-Assistant Registrars to assist him. They inspect and supervise Credit and Weavers' Co-operative Societies. There are sixteen Block Level Extension Officers (Co-operation) to organise Co-operative Societies. The Inspectors of Co-operative Societies inspect and supervise the Weavers' Societies and Tassar Societies. They execute the demand for recovery of co-operative dues.

Apart from these, there are other officers like Research Officer (Sericulture), Special Officer (Tassar) and Weaving Supervisor to look after better production and marketing of tassar cocoons and to give technical guidance to the weavers.

An audit officer with his headquarters at Balasore, is in charge of auditing the Co-operative Societies in the districts of Balasore, Mayurbhanj and Keonjhar. So also a Special Officer who is *ex officio* Regional Marketing Officer looks after working of the Marketing Societies in the districts of Balasore, Mayurbhanj and Keonjhar with his headquarters at Balasore.

202. Industries Department

The Department came into being in the district in 1957 and a District Industries Officer was posted that year. He works under the control of the Director of Industries, Orissa.

Besides the District Industries Officer, other technical personnels working under him are a Sub-Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies (Industry), 8 Block Level Extension Officers, an Industrial Supervisor and an Assistant Manager for the Industrial Estate. The Superintendent, Purna Chandra Industrial Institute also functions under the administrative control of the District Industries Officer.

203. Education Department

The district is included in the Northern Education Circle which is in charge of an Inspector of Schools having headquarters at Balasore. He inspects the Secondary Schools of the district.

The District Inspector of Schools whose headquarters is at Baripada exercises control over Elementary Training Schools, Middle English Schools and Primary Schools in general. Under the District Inspector, there are four Deputy Inspectors of Schools stationed at the subdivisional headquarters. They look after the Elementary Training Schools, Middle English Schools and Primary Schools in their respective subdivisions.

The district has been divided into 42 circles with one Sub-Inspector of Schools or Assistant Sub-Inspector of Schools in charge of each circle to look after Primary Schools, which are being controlled by the Panchayat Samitis.