

CHAPTER XIII

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

166. Public Works Departments

(a) Roads and Buildings (P. W. D.)

A Roads and Buildings Division at Sambalpur, in charge of an Executive Engineer, is functioning to execute the civil constructions like roads and buildings and to look after their maintenance.

This division has three subdivisions at Sambalpur, Deogarh, and Bargarh. The National Highway Subdivision at Sambalpur is under the control of this division. Each subdivision is in charge of a Sub-divisional Officer in the rank of an Assistant Engineer. A subdivision consists of several sections which are in charge of Sectional Officers in the rank of Sub-Assistant Engineers.

(b) Public Health Division (P. W. D.)

Public Health Division, Sambalpur, executes the public health works, such as, water-supply, sanitary installations, sewerage, and drainage works, etc.

The Division is in charge of an Executive Engineer with headquarters at Sambalpur. The division is divided into four subdivisions each in charge of an Assistant Engineer. The headquarters of these subdivisions are located at Sambalpur, Dhenkanal, Burla, and Jharsuguda. Sambalpur Subdivision is subdivided into five sections; Dhenkanal subdivision into five sections; Burla Subdivided into four sections; and Jharsuguda subdivision into four sections. So, in total there are eighteen sections under this division and each section is placed in charge of a Sectional Officer.

167. Electricity Department

The main functions of the department are to erect and maintain power lines, supply power to domestic, commercial and industrial consumers and realise electric energy charges from them.

The division is in charge of an Executive Engineer with headquarters at Sambalpur. Under his control there are four Sub-divisional Officers in the rank of Assistant Engineers. Two are stationed at Sambalpur and one each at Jharsuguda and Bargarh. The subdivisions are divided into twelve sections, each in charge of a sub-Assistant Engineer.

168. Irrigation Department

To investigate and execute irrigation schemes in the districts of Sambalpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Balangir, and Kalahandi, an Irrigation Division (Northern Investigation Division subsequently renamed Northern Irrigation Project Division) was created in 1958. This division was under control of Medium Irrigation Investigation Circle (which was subsequently renamed as Irrigation Project Circle) at Bhubaneswar in charge of the Chief Engineer, Irrigation, Orissa.

The division was subsequently transferred to the control of Hirakud Dam Circle under the Chief Engineer, Hirakud Dam Project, Burla, since 1st April 1960, with only four Irrigation Subdivisions, i. e., Sambalpur, Balangir, Kalahandi, and Dhenkanal (Darjang Irrigation Subdivision). The latter two subdivisions were subsequently transferred to Angul Irrigation Division, and a new subdivision (Sundargarh Subdivision) was included in this division.

The headquarters of the Sambalpur Subdivision is located at Barpali. There are four sections under this subdivision.

169. Hirakud Dam Project

The Hirakud Dam Project is in charge of the Chief Engineer Hirakud Dam Project whose headquarters is located at Burla.

There is an Electrical Operation Division at Burla, which is placed under the Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle, Hirakud Dam Project. The staff consists of an Executive Engineer and three Sub-Assistant Engineers. The Division is divided into four subdivisions namely Power House No. I, Burla ; Chiplima Power House, Chipilima ; Switchyard and Tie Line, and Power Channel Subdivision. The staff of these subdivisions consists of nine gazetted, twenty-five non-gazetted technical personnel and a number of subordinates.

Another electrical division named as Electrical Construction Division is functioning under the Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle, Hirakud Dam Project for construction of generating stations, switchyard and transmission lines. There is a Civil Works Division of the Hirakud Dam Project to execute different civil construction works undertaken by the Project. The Division is in charge of an Executive Engineer whose headquarters is located at Burla. The division is subdivided into two subdivisions, namely Burla Subdivision and Chiplima Subdivision.

170. Hirakud Research Station

There is a research station at Hirakud to study different problems of the Hirakud Dam and other major, minor and medium irrigation projects of the State and to train Engineering personnel for quality control works.

The Research Station is in charge of the Chief Research Officer assisted by three Assistant Research Officers at Hirakud and a Sub-divisional Officer at Jobra Laboratory Subdivision, Cuttack.

171. Rural Engineering Organisation

This department is looking after the construction of own buildings, rural roads and minor irrigation projects.

The Superintending Engineer, Northern Division, Sambalpur, is in over all charge of the department with jurisdiction over Sambalpur, Dhenkanal, Sundargarh, Balangir, and Keonjhar districts. In this district there are two divisions, namely, Rural Engineering Division, Sambalpur North and Rural Engineering Division, Sambalpur South. Both the division headquarters are located at Sambalpur.

The Rural Engineering Division, Sambalpur North, comprises of four subdivisions with headquarters at Sambalpur, Kuchinda, Deogarh, and Laikera. Each subdivision is in charge of an Assistant Engineer. Sambalpur and Deogarh Subdivisions are divided into three sections each. Kuchinda and Laikera Subdivisions are divided into four sections each. The sections are in charge of Sub-Assistant Engineers.

The Rural Engineering Division, Sambalpur South, has four subdivisions with headquarters at Bargarh, Padampur, Rairakhol, and Sambalpur. The Sambalpur Subdivision, in charge of an Assistant Engineer, looks after the construction and maintenance of rural roads only for the whole district. It has three sections. The Bargarh and Padampur Subdivisions are divided into four sections each and Rairakhol into two sections. Besides there is one Assistant Engineer as Personal Assistant to Superintending Engineer, Northern Division.

172. Health Department

The Health Department has been divided into two branches, namely Medical and Public Health at the district level. The Public Health Department is managed by a District Health Officer and the Medical is managed by a Chief District Medical Officer.

(a) Medical

The curative aspect of the Health Department is done by the Chief District Medical Officer with his subordinate staff posted at different hospitals and dispensaries. The Chief District Medical Officer is in overall charge of the department and is the Superintendent of all hospitals, dispensaries, and primary health centres. At present there are fifteen hospitals, twenty-one dispensaries, twenty-seven Primary Health Centres and fourteen Maternity and Child Welfare Centres, each in charge of a Medical Officer.

(b) Public Health

The Public Health Department deals with the preventive aspect of the Health Department and control various communicable diseases. Rural sanitation and prevention of food adulteration, etc., are also looked after by this Department.

The Department is in charge of the District Health Officer, whose headquarters is located at Sambalpur. His subordinates consist of a District Leprosy and Epidemic Officer, two Senior Sanitary Inspectors, one Special Sanitary Inspector, thirty-four Sanitary Inspectors, forty Vaccinators, nineteen Disinfectors and five Leprosy Assistants. Moreover, there is an Assistant Health Officer posted at headquarters to assist the District Health Officer.

The district has been divided into 13 Health Ranges. In each there is one Sanitary Inspector, 2 Vaccinators and one Disinfector. The municipalities of Deogarh and Bargarh have one Senior Inspector and one Vaccinator each. Jharsuguda municipality has two Sanitary Inspectors and two Vaccinators. Sambalpur municipality is a separate organisation having a Health Officer, a Sanitary Inspector, 5 Vaccinators and 4 Disinfectors.

173. Veterinary Department

The function of the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department is to look after the improvement of livestock including poultry and treatment and control of diseases among domesticated animals.

There are two District Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Officers with headquarters at Bargarh and Sambalpur. The District Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Officer, Bargarh, has jurisdiction over Bargarh and Padampur subdivisions. The rest of the subdivisions are under the jurisdiction of the District Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Officer, Sambalpur. They are assisted by one Inspector and Poultry Supervisor each to supervise the work of veterinary dispensaries and stockman centres located at various places. These institutions are manned by 33 Veterinary Surgeons and Technicians and 78 Veterinary Stockmen.

174. Co-operative Department :**(a) Co-operative Societies**

The District comprises of two Co-operative circles, i. e., Sambalpur and Bargarh. The jurisdiction of Sambalpur Circle extends to 4 Subdivisions of the district and of the Bargarh Circle extends to Bargarh and Padampur subdivisions. The Bargarh Circle was created in October, 1961,

As regards the Handloom Co-operative Societies and Industrial Co-operative Societies, these are under the supervision of Assistant Director of Textiles, Bargarh and District Industries Officer, Sambalpur, respectively. The Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies supervises the activities of Central Co-operative Bank and all other Agricultural Credit Societies, Fishery Co-operative Societies and Employees' Co-operative Societies, etc.

(b) Textiles

The primary functions of this Department is to look after the development of handloom, to supervise all the Weavers' Co-operative Societies including the Powerloom Weavers' Co-operative Societies and to train the weavers to adopt improved methods of weaving.

The Office of the Assistant Director of Textiles was established since February, 1962 with headquarters at Bargarh. Sambalpur, Sundargarh and Dhenkanal districts are under his jurisdiction.

One Sub-Assistant Registrar is posted to look after the general and financial aspects of Weavers' Co-operative Societies. One Senior Inspector and four Junior Inspectors have been posted for the supervision of the Weavers' Co-operative Societies and to train the weavers in improved methods of weaving. To introduce new designs two supervisors are posted under the control of the Assistant Director of Textiles.

(c) Banking

An Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Land Mortgage Bank, with headquarters at Sambalpur, is posted to supervise the Land Mortgage Banks and to look after the investment of the long term loans through the Primary Land Mortgage Banks. The jurisdiction of the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Land Mortgage Bank, Sambalpur covers five districts of Sambalpur, Sundargarh, Dhenkanal, Keonjhar and Balangir. His subordinate staff consists of 4 Sub-Assistant Registrars, 4 Senior Inspectors and 3 Junior Inspectors.

175. Agricultural Department

The district is placed under the administrative control of the Project Leader-cum-Deputy Director of Agriculture to look after the agricultural activities of Government. His headquarters is located at Sambalpur. His subordinate staff consists of a Farm Management Specialist, Agricultural Chemist, Soil Chemist, Plant Protection Officer, Seed Development Officer, Agricultural Information Officer, Assistant Agricultural Engineer, Project Demonstration Officer, and Agricultural Research Officer.

The district is divided into three agricultural zones. Each zone is in charge of a District Agricultural Officer, with headquarters at Sambalpur, Bargarh, and Kuchinda. Every zone has an Agricultural Supervisor, two Overseers and six Fieldmen Demonstrators. Besides, 48 Fieldmen Demonstrators have been posted in the Community Development Blocks, out of which 22 are in Bargarh, 13 in Kuchinda and 13 in Sambalpur.

176. Industries Department

The District Industries Office is located at Sambalpur. It looks after the development of various industries in matters of state-aid to industries and supply of controlled commodities. The survey of the Industrial potentialities is also conducted by this department. The District Industries Officer gives his guidance about the prospect and implementation of new industries. Industrial Schools and Industrial Estates are managed by this department. The District Industries Officer is assisted by two Industrial Supervisors. Besides, there are a number of subordinate staff to look after various other sections viz., Khaddi and Village Industries Section, Panchayat Industries Section, Industrial Estate at Jharsuguda and Industrial Schools. The staff consists of one Sub-Assistant Registrar, twenty-five Block Level Extension Officers; Junior Inspectors, two Technical Supervisors, five Panchayat Industries Officers, two Assistant Managers, one Village Oil Inspector, One Leather Supervisor and one Hand-pounding Supervisor.

177. Education Department

School Education

The Inspector of Schools, Sambalpur-Sundargarh Circle with headquarters at Sundargarh is the Controlling Officer of High Schools. To assist him in office work there is one Deputy Inspector of Schools. There are four District Inspectors of Schools, namely, Sambalpur, Padampur, Deogarh, and Bargarh; 2 Deputy Inspectors of Schools at Sambalpur and Rairakhol and 44 Sub-Inspectors of Schools who are responsible for Primary, Middle English and Elementary Training Schools. The District Organiser of Adult Literacy Education, in the rank of a Deputy Inspector of Schools, with headquarters at Sambalpur, is functioning to look after adult literacy.

The Inspectress of Schools, with headquarters at Cuttack, is in charge of Girls' High Schools of nine districts. Sambalpur is under her jurisdiction.

178. Forest Department

There is one Conservator of Forests, with headquarters at Sambalpur. Under his control there are four Divisional Forest Officers, with their respective headquarters at Rairakhol, Deogarh, Bamra, and Sambalpur. A special division for Kendu leaf with one Divisional Forest Officer at Sambalpur, is also under his control.

The Divisional Forest Officers of Sambalpur and Rairakhol are assisted by one Assistant Conservator of Forests, each. A division is sub-divided into a number of ranges, sections and beats placed in charge of a Ranger, Foresters, and Forest Guards respectively. There are 18 Rangers, 8 Deputy Rangers, 91 Foresters, and 447 Forest Guards.

There is another Conservator of Forests with headquarters at Sambalpur, for afforestation. Under his control, there is one Divisional Forest Officer at Sambalpur.

The Working Plan Officer I and II with their headquarters at Sambalpur, are under the control of Conservator of Forests Development, Cuttack. The Working Plan Officer I has 4 Rangers, 3 Foresters and 6 Orderly Forest Guards and Working Plan Officer II has 3 Rangers, 3 Foresters and 5 Orderly Forest Guards.