

## CHAPTER XIII

### OTHER DEPARTMENTS

The important Departments in the district are Public Works, Veterinary, Forest, Industry, Agriculture, Medical, Co-operative and Education. The organisational set-up of each of these Departments in the district is presented below.

#### 157. Public Works Department

##### (i) Roads & Buildings

This Department is responsible for construction and maintenance of roads, buildings and bridges. It executes all works relating to construction of buildings and roads required by all departments of Government except such works as are transferred to the administration of the departments concerned or entrusted for execution to a State Government or the Military Engineering Service. At times, works of non-Government agencies are also taken up by it.

The Patna Division is an executive unit of P. W. D. having its jurisdiction over the district of Balangir. An Executive Engineer holds charge of the division with his headquarters at Balangir. He is head of the department at the district level. He is responsible to the Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, Berhampur. The division has been split up into 2 subdivisions, namely, Balangir and Kantabanji. These subdivisions are placed under the charges of Overseers or Assistant Engineers designated as Subdivisional Officers (P. W. D.). Their jurisdictions are again divided into sections managed by Sectional Officers. Balangir Section No. 1, Balangir Section No. 2, Sonepur Section and Titilagarh Section constitute Balangir Subdivision. Kantabanji Section and Patnagarh Section are included in Kantabanji Subdivision.

##### (ii) Electricity Department

The Electrical Division Office is located at Balangir. It is under the charge of an Executive Engineer, who is responsible to the Superintending Engineer. The main function of the division is to generate power in the diesel power-houses at Titilagarh, Sonepur and Balangir and to transmit energy to industrial and domestic consumers.

The Electrical Division is divided into two subdivisions, namely, Balangir and Titilagarh, under the direct control of the Divisional Officer (Electricity). Balangir Subdivision has four sections, namely,  
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Balangir, Sonepur, Tarbha and Patnagarh and Titilagarh Subdivision has the same number of sections located at Titilagarh, Kantabanji, Kesinga, and Bango munda.

**(iii) Rural Engineering Organisation**

The district constitutes a division of the Rural Engineering Organisation controlled by an Executive Engineer. The division is divided into nine subdivisions. Five out of these nine are regular subdivisions having headquarters at Balangir, Titilagarh, Sonepur and Khaprakhol, Balangir being the headquarters of two subdivisions, namely, Rural Engineering Subdivision, Balangir and Investigation and Maintenance Subdivision. The remaining four subdivisions have been created for drought relief work, with headquarters located at Patnagarh, Deogan, Muribahal and Birmaharajpur.

A subdivision consists of two or three sections each in charge of a Sectional Officer. The organisation has also posted 34 Sectional Officers in 20 Community Development Blocks of the district.

**(iv) Public Health Department**

Balangir district forms a section under the Sambalpur Subdivision. At present the section is managed by a Sectional Officer stationed at Balangir. The department is making surveys for water-supply in the town.

**(v) Public Works Department (Irrigation)**

The district constitutes the irrigation subdivision with its headquarters located at Balangir. It is under the control of the Chief Construction Engineer, Hirakud Dam Project. The function of the department in the district is to construct and maintain canals and tanks for irrigation purposes as well as to investigate minor irrigation projects in the area.

**158. Veterinary Department**

The District Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Officer is the district level officer of the department who functions under the Director of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Orissa. There are 13 Veterinary Assistant Surgeons, 63 Veterinary Stockmen, 5 Inspectors, 2 Dairy Supervisors, an Agricultural Overseer and other staff. There is a dairy farm and a poultry farm in the district besides one Veterinary Hospital, 12 Veterinary Dispensaries and 54 Veterinary Stockman Centres.

**159. Forest Department**

The Balangir Forest Division covers the ex-States of Patna and part of Sonepur and extends over an area of 735.11 sq. miles.

The Divisional Forest Office is located at Balangir. The Divisional Forest Officer is the head of the division. There is one Assistant Conservator of Forests at headquarters to assist the Divisional Forest Officer. The division consists of 7 ranges out of which three are in charge of Forest Rangers and four are in charge of Deputy Forest Rangers. The ranges are divided into 33 sections in charge of Foresters and 181 beats each under a Forest Guard. Besides, there are four Depot Foresters and four Depot Forest Guards to check forest produce in depots and in transit. There are twenty-nine persons in work-charge establishment and on daily-wage basis as Choukidars and Plantation Watchers.

### 160. Industries Department

The District Industries Office was established at Balangir on the 1st May 1957 to look after the industrial development of Balangir and Kala-handi districts and Baudh subdivision of Baudh-Khondmals district. The office represents the Directorate of Industries, Orissa, at district level. The District Industries Officer is assisted by an Industrial Supervisor and subordinate staff.

During the Second Five-Year Plan period (1956-57 to 1960-61) the industrial schools at Balangir and Sonapur were modernised and a number of new trades like light engineering, wood engineering and electric wireman training were introduced. Eight persons were given loans for development and construction of different industries. Production-cum-training centres were set up in leather, carpentry, brass and bell-metals in some Community Development Blocks of the district. A number of industries have been allotted iron and steel and non-ferrous metals like brass, zinc, copper, etc., required by them.

An Industrial Estate at a cost of 5 lakhs is being established at Balangir.

### 161. Agriculture Department

Balangir district comes under the Deputy Director of Agriculture Sambalpur Range. The office of the District Agricultural Officer is located at Balangir. He is assisted by an Agricultural Supervisor, seven Overseers, two Sub-Overseers, one Plant Protection Assistant and thirty-five Fieldman Demonstrators.

### 162. Medical Department

(i) The Civil Surgeon, having his headquarters at Balangir, has jurisdiction over the whole district regarding the medical institutions and the staff. He is the Superintendent of the headquarters hospital, Balangir.

There are 7 hospitals in the district with a total number of 11 Doctors and 13 Nurses. Apart from these, there are 7 dispensaries and 7 Primary Health Centres each in charge of a Doctor. The Primary Health Centres have been provided with 2 Nurses each.

Nine Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and three Family Planning Centres are functioning in different parts of the district.

**(ii) Family Planning**

The District Family Planning Medical Officer functions under the administrative control of the Civil Surgeon. He is the head of the District Family Planning Bureau. Under him there are two sections—one on technical aspects like sterilisation, operation and insertion of loop and the other for publicity purposes.

In the technical wing there are three medical officers—one for the Static Unit, the second for the Mobile Unit and the third for the Loop Insertion Unit.

In the non-technical wing, there is one District Family Planning Extension Educator to look after wide publicity of the Family Planning Scheme in the district.

In each Community Development Block, there is one Block Extension Educator under the District Family Planning Extension Educators. Besides, there is a Computer in each block to calculate the growth of population along with other statistical works in block areas.

**(iii) Public Health**

Public Health Department deals with all preventive measures against communicable diseases like Cholera, Small Pox, Malaria, Leprosy, etc., besides improvement of sanitation and mass health standard in the district. This Department was separated from the Medical Department in 1949.

The District Health Officer is in charge of the administration of the department in the district. His subordinate staff consists of an Assistant Health Officer, 2 Pharmacists, 16 Sanitary Inspectors, 15 Disinfectors, 30 Vaccinators and 5 Leprosy Assistants. Moreover, there is a medical officer in charge of the Mobile Field Hygiene Unit.

The district has been divided into ten health ranges, two Municipalities and two Notified Area Councils.

Each health range consists of one Sanitary Inspector, two vaccinators and one Disinfectors. They generally work with a population of one lakh.

**(iv) Ayurveda**

Administration of Ayurvedic institutions has been separated from the direct control of the Civil Surgeons and a separate Inspectorate for Ayurveda has been created for the State. The Superintendent of Ayurveda is in charge of the department, whose headquarters is at Bhubaneswar.

The State has been divided into two circles, namely, eastern and western each in charge of an Inspector of Ayurvedic medicines. Balangir is the headquarters of the western circle. The Inspector was appointed on the 1st August 1962.

There are 11 Ayurvedic dispensaries in the district each in charge of a Kaviraja and one Ayurvedic hospital at Balangir having two Kavirajas.

### 163. Co-operative Department

The district forms a circle of the Co-operative Department. An Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies is in charge of the circle. He is stationed at the district headquarters. Prior to June 1957, Kalahandi district formed a sub-circle and was attached to this circle.

There are three Sub-Assistant Registrars, a Senior Inspector, twelve Block Level Extension Officers, nineteen Junior Inspectors and five Weaving Accountants to assist the Assistant Registrar.

Besides these, Orissa Khadi and Village Industries Board has placed one Hand pounding Supervisor and one Village Oil Inspector for industrial co-operative societies under the administrative control of the Assistant Registrar.

### 164. Education Department

There is one District Inspector of Schools for the district having his headquarters at Balangir. He is in charge of immediate supervision of schools of all classes in the district with the exception of high schools which, however, he may visit at the request of the Circle Inspector of Schools. The District Inspector of Schools exercises administrative control over the Middle English Schools and Elementary Training Schools. Under him, there is a Deputy Inspector of Schools stationed at Sonepur. There are 22 Sub-Inspectors of Schools in the district. Out of them, 6 are under direct control of the District Inspector of Schools.

### 165. Social Education Department

The functions of this department are to develop social education in the district, to organise Mahila Samitis, Adult Literacy Centres, Children's Organisation and milk feeding in schools and Mahila Samities. The District Social Education Organiser is the officer in charge of the department at the district level. The subordinate staff of the District Social Education Organiser consists of a District Organiser of Adult Education and twenty-six Social Education Organisers. The function of the District Organiser of Adult Education is to open Adult Literacy Centres in compact areas of shadow blocks. The Social Education Organisers have been posted in 13 active Community Development Blocks of the district, each block having two Social Education Organisers.

There is an officer of the State level designated as Adult (Social) Education Organiser in the office of the Director of Public Institution, Orissa, to supervise the works of the District Social Education Organiser of all the districts in the State.