

CHAPTER XIII

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

**PUBLIC
WORKS
DEPARTMENT
(Roads and
Buildings)**

The office of the Chief Engineer (Roads and Buildings), Orissa, is located at Bhubaneshwar. There is an Additional Chief Engineer (Roads and Buildings) to assist him. The State has been divided into seven (Roads and Buildings) Circles, each being in charge of a Superintending Engineer.

Generally this wing of the Works Department executes all works relating to the construction and maintenance of buildings, roads and bridges required by all the departments of the Government. Many departments of the Government like the Education Department, the Police Department, the Labour Department etc. and some corporations have engineers deputed from the Works Department to look to the maintenance and repairs of their buildings. They also undertake minor construction work of the departments.

Boudh Khondmals district comes under the Southern Circle (Roads and Buildings), Berhampur. Under this Circle, the Phulabani (R & B) Division with its headquarters at Phulabani is working for the district. This Division is in charge of an Executive Engineer. It is further divided into four Subdivisions viz., (1) Phulabani Subdivision, (2) Boudh Subdivision, (3) Baligurha Subdivision, and (4) Daringbarhi Subdivision. Each Subdivision is under the charge of an Assistant Engineer. These four Subdivisions have 13 Sections which are located at different parts of the district. These Sections are placed under the charge of Sectional Officers in the rank of Sub-Assistant Engineers.

**Public
Health
(Engineering)**

This organisation is responsible for the execution of water supply, drainage and sewerage schemes in the rural and urban areas. It also executes water supply and sanitary installations to all the Government buildings of the district.

The Chief Engineer, Public Health, Orissa, Bhubaneshwar is the administrative head of the Public Health Organisation. He accords technical sanction. There are three Public Health Circles in the State, each being in charge of a Superintending Engineer.

The district of Boudh-Khondmals is under the control of an Executive Engineer, Public Health Division, stationed at Bhanjanagar (Ganjam). At present there is one Public Health Subdivision functioning in the district with headquarters at Phulabani. The Subdivision is in charge of an Assistant Engineer. It has three Sections, each being in charge of a Sub-Assistant Engineer. Of these Sections, two are located at Phulabani and the other at Boudh.

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

Irrigation
Department

There is one Chief Engineer at State headquarters at the head of the Department. The State has been divided into six Irrigation Circles, each under the control of a Superintending Engineer.

Boudh-Khondmals district comes under the jurisdiction of the Western Irrigation Circle, Bhawanipatna. Under this Circle, there is one Irrigation Division for the district with headquarters at Boudh. The Division is in charge of an Executive Engineer. Again it is divided into five Subdivisions, viz., (1) Salki Irrigation Subdivision, Boudh, (2) Pila Salki Dam Subdivision, Phulabani, (3) Pila Salki Canal Subdivision, Phulabani, (4) Phulabani Mechanical Subdivision, Phulabani and (5) Phulabani Investigation Subdivision, Baligurha. Each Subdivision is under the charge of a Subdivisional Officer in the rank of an Assistant Engineer. The Salki Irrigation Subdivision has four Sections, each in charge of a Sub-Assistant Engineer. These Sections are located at Boudh, Biranarsinghpur, Kamalpur No. 1 and Kamalpur No. II.

The functions of the Lift Irrigation Department are to survey and investigate the sources of water for providing lift irrigation facilities to the cultivators in the non-irrigated areas of the State. Besides ground water, the other main sources of lift irrigation in the district are rivers.

Lift
Irrigation
Department

The office of the Director, Lift Irrigation, Orissa, is located at Bhubaneswar. The Director is the head of the office. Boudh-Khondmals district is under the control of the Lift Irrigation Division, Balangir. The whole district is functioning under the Hydrological Division stationed at Balangir in respect of ground water survey and investigation scheme for the construction of dug wells.

At present there is one Lift Irrigation Subdivision in the district with headquarters at Boudh. The Subdivision is in charge of an Assistant Engineer. It has four Sections (Civil) located at Boudh, Manamunda, Baligurha and Kantamal. These Sections are placed under the charge of Junior Engineers. Besides, another Section (Electrical) stationed at Boudh is also functioning under this Subdivision. It is in charge of a Sub-Assistant Engineer (Electrical). At present lift irrigation work is being done from the rivers Mahanadi, Tel and Bagh for supplying water mainly for *kharif* and *rabi* crops in the district.

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

Electricity
Department

The Electrical Division is in charge of an Executive Engineer with headquarters at Phulabani. This Division constitutes four Subdivisions, each being in charge of a Subdivisional Officer in the rank of an Assistant Engineer. Of these Subdivisions two are located at Boudh and the rest at Phulabani and G. Udayagiri. Each Subdivision consists of several Sections.

The Chief Engineer, Roads and Buildings, is in charge of the work of electrification of all Government buildings and looks after their maintenance. There is a separate Electrical Circle with headquarters at Bhubaneshwar for this purpose having jurisdiction all over the State. For Boudh-Khondmals district, there is one Electrical (R & B) Section located at Phulabani. The Section is in charge of a Sub-Assistant Engineer (Electrical) who functions under the control of the Subdivisional Officer, Electrical (R & B) Subdivision No. III, Berhampur.

National
Highways
and Projects

This department is responsible for the improvement of National Highways in the State.

The Chief Engineer, National Highways and Projects, Orissa, with headquarters at Bhubaneshwar is the controlling officer of the Department. To assist him, the State is split up into four National Highways Circles and one Investigation Circle, each being in charge of a Superintending Engineer. The Circles are divided into Divisions, each under the charge of an Executive Engineer.

The whole of Boudh-Khondmals district comes under the jurisdiction of the National Highways Circle No. II, with headquarters at Sunabeda (Koraput). The Project Subdivision, Phulabani, headed by an Assistant Engineer functions under the control of the Executive Engineer, Project Division, Berhampur (Ganjam). This Project Subdivision is further subdivided into five Sections located at Phulabani, Tikabali, Raikia, Baligurha and Bamunigan. Each Section is in charge of a Sub-Assistant Engineer.

Veterinary
Department

The function of this Department is to look after the improvement of live-stock, including poultry, and the treatment and control of diseases among domestic animals.

At the apex of the organisation is the Directorate located at Cuttack with the Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services as its head. For the whole State there are three Ranges, such as, Central, Northern and Southern, each under the control of a Deputy Director. The Deputy Director, Southern Range, Berhampur, is the immediate controlling authority of the District Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Officer, Boudh-Khondmals.

The District Veterinary Office came into being on the 11th December, 1952. The District Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Officer, Boudh-Khondmals, is responsible for the general supervision of the veterinary hospitals, dispensaries, stockman centres, poultry units and dairy farms in the district. He is to advise, direct and inspect the technical aspects of the operation of animal husbandry programmes in the Community Development Block areas. He has under him three Additional District Veterinary Officers, twenty two Veterinary Assistant Surgeons, thirteen Additional Veterinary Assistant Surgeons and a number of subordinate staff to assist him in his work. At present there are 19 Veterinary hospitals and dispensaries in the district in charge of Veterinary Assistant Surgeons. Besides, the district has 3 Mobile Veterinary Dispensaries, 53 Live-stock Aid Centres, 4 Goat Farms, 2 Dairy Farms, 3 Fodder Farms, 1 Poultry Farm, 32 Cow-Bull Centres and 4 Buffalo Centres located at different places of the district. The Mobile Veterinary Dispensaries are in charge of Junior Veterinary Officers while the Live-stock Aid Centres are looked after by Live-stock Inspectors.

The general function of the Forest Department is to protect, manage, conserve and improve the forests and to collect timber, bamboo and other minor forest produce for sale. It satisfies the rights of cess-paying tenants particularly as regards timber and grazing. It maintains the forest vegetation on all the hills in the catchment areas of the streams in order to check run off and to prevent denudation and consequent soil erosion with a view to conserve the water-supply and preserve the fertility of the agricultural lands. This is a quasi-commercial organisation and derives good revenue from forest products.

Forest
Department

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Orissa, Cuttack, is directly responsible for the control and management of the forests and is the administrative head of the Department. He exercises overall administrative control and supervision on the work of the staff belonging to the Forest Department. For administrative purpose, the whole State has been divided into eight Forest Circles.

Boudh-Khondmals district comes under the jurisdiction of Berhampur Circle. At present there are two Forest Divisions in the district, viz., Phulabani and Baligurha with headquarters at Phulabani and G. Udayagiri respectively.

Phulabani Forest Division covers the jurisdiction of Boudh and Khondmals civil subdivisions. Before the merger, the administration of the forests of the ex-State of Boudh was being controlled by a State Forest Officer. He was under the supervision of the Forest Adviser, Eastern States.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Phulabani, is assisted by 3 Assistant Conservators of Forests, 4 Forest Range Officers, 3 Deputy Rangers, 22 Foresters (three under plan scheme), 120 Forest Guards (twelve under plan scheme), 10 Orderly Forest Guards, 5 Check Naka Guards, 6 Depot Forest Guards and a number of subordinate staff. Besides, there is one Forest Range Officer with headquarters at Phulabani who is in charge of Nature Conservation.

The Phulabani Forest Division comprises a total forest area of 2,272.73 square kilometres. The charges of the Ranges are held by a Forest Ranger or a Deputy Forest Ranger. The headquarters of the Ranges are at Phulabani, Boudh, Purunakatak, Phiringia and Manamunda. The Forest Ranges are further divided into 19 Sections and kept in charge of Foresters. There are 108 Beats placed in charge of Forest Guards.

The total forest area of the Baligurha Forest Division is 3,476.3 square kilometres. Its headquarters is located at G. Udayagiri. The Divisional Forest Officer is assisted by 18 Foresters, 98 Forest Guards and a number of subordinate staff. This Division consists of six Forest Ranges located at G. Udayagiri, Baligurha, Simanbarhi, Kotagarh, Belaghar and Kararha. There are 13 Sections in this Forest Division.

Moreover, there is a Kendu Leaf Organisation under the control of an Additional Chief Conservator of Forests with headquarters at Cuttack. Under him there are three Kendu Leaf Circles in the State with headquarters located at Cuttack, Sambalpur and Balangir. Each Circle is in charge of a Conservator of Forests. The Boudh-Khondmals district is under the Conservator of Forests, Kendu Leaf Circle, Cuttack. There are two Kendu Leaf Divisions in the district located at Phulabani and Boudh.

Industries Department

The function of this Industries Department is to pursue and expedite industrial promotional activities in the district and to encourage more entrepreneurs to establish new industries in the rural and small scale sector.

The District Industries Office for Boudh-Khondmals started functioning at Phulabani in May, 1963. At the district level, the Department is headed by the District Industries Officer who is under the administrative control and supervision of the Director of Industries, Orissa State, Cuttack. The Director is the executive head of the Industries Department at the State level.

The District Industries Officer with headquarters at Phulabani is assisted by three Panchayat Industries Officers, four Extension Officers (Industries) and a number of subordinate staff. At present there are three

Panchayat Samiti Industrial units in the district located at Phulabani, Baligurha and Tileshwar, each in charge of a Panchayat Industries Officer.

The Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Orissa, is the administrative head of this organisation at the State level. He has his headquarters at Bhubaneswar. Under him there are an Additional Registrar, three Joint Registrars of Co-operative Societies, seven Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies, four Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies and other officers. The State has been split up into seven Co-operative Divisions, each under the charge of a Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

Co-operation
Department

Boudh-Khondmals district is functioning under the control of a Deputy Registrar of co-operative societies, Berhampur Division (Ganjam). At present there is one Co-operative Circle in the district with headquarters at Phulabani. The Circle is kept under the charge of an Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

The Assistant Registrar is responsible for the organisation, inspection and supervision of various co-operative societies. At Panchayat Samiti level there are Supervisors and Co-operative Extension Officers attached to the Block Development Officer. They look after the management of the Primary Co-operative Societies within their jurisdiction.

The Assistant Registrar, Phulabani Co-operative Circle, is assisted by 6 Sub-Assistant Registrars, 10 Senior Inspectors of Co-operative Societies, 11 Junior Inspectors of Co-operative Societies and 15 Co-operative Extension Officers.

The Director of Agriculture and Food Production, Orissa, Bhubaneswar, is the head of this Organisation. He exercises overall administrative control and supervision of the work of different agricultural stations, farms and offices. For administrative convenience, the State has been divided into six Ranges, each under the charge of a Deputy Director of Agriculture.

Agriculture
Department

The District Agriculture Officer ensures the supply of inputs like seeds, fertilisers and pesticides to the cultivators through Community Development Blocks. He assists the cultivators to raise their socio-economic status by adopting improved agricultural practices, scientific cropping pattern, balanced fertiliser consumption, proper plant protection measures of different crops and soil water management. Besides the supply of pest-resistant quality seeds, different kinds of loans such as crop loan, loan for erection of irrigation sources, land development, purchase of farm machinery, etc. are also given to the cultivators.

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Demonstrations and training are imparted to the farmers to teach them the improved methods of cultivation and the operation of improved agricultural implements. Moreover, steps are also being taken to adopt dry farming in rainfed areas through diversification of the cropping programme basing on the land suitability and agro-climatic conditions in the district.

The District Agriculture Officer, Phulabani, is under the administrative control of the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Phulabani Range, with headquarters at Boudh. To assist the District Agriculture Officer, there are 2 Subject Matter Specialists, 4 Additional District Agriculture Officers, 39 Agriculture Extension Officers, 278 Village Level Workers and a number of subordinate staff.

The Tribal Development Agency is in operation in the 5 Blocks of Baligurha subdivision and the Drought Prone Area Programme is in operation in all the 14 Blocks of the district excepting that of Boudh. Besides, Integrated Tribal Development Programme is also in operation in 7 Blocks-3 in Phulabani subdivision and 4 in Baligurha subdivision.

At present there are five departmental seed farms under this Agricultural District located at Phulabani, Boudh, Sarangagarh, G. Udayagiri and Kotagarh. Besides, the large size farm located at Paljhar is under the charge of a Farm Superintendent with headquarters at Paljhar. Moreover, Insitu Plantation of Mango has been started at G. Udayagiri under the Horticulture Development Scheme. It is under the control of a Horticulturist.

The Rural Development Department is the controlling department of the Rural Engineering Organisation. The Rural Engineering Organisation is undertaking construction and maintenance of rural roads, buildings and minor irrigation projects. It also executes other deposit works of different departments.

There is one Chief Engineer at the State headquarters as the head of the Organisation. The whole State is divided into three Ranges, namely, Northern Range, Sambalpur; Central Range, Bhubaneshwar; and Southern Range, Berhampur; each under the control of a Superintending Engineer. Boudh-Khondmals district falls under the jurisdiction of the Superintending Engineer, Southern Range, Berhampur (Ganjam).

At present there are two Rural Engineering Organisation Divisions functioning in the district, viz., the Rural Engineering Organisation Division and the Minor Irrigation Division, each in charge of an Executive Engineer. Both the Divisions are located at Phulabani. The Rural Engineering Division has been divided into five Subdivisions located at

* Now defunct.

Phulabani, Tikabali, G. Udayagiri, Nuagan and Baligurha. The Rural Engineering Subdivisions consist of 14 Sections. Under the Minor Irrigation Division there are also five Subdivisions, one of them functioning at Berhampur as D. P. A. P. Subdivision, Phulabani, attached to the office of the Superintending Engineer, Southern Range, Rural Engineering Organisation, Berhampur. These Minor Irrigation Subdivisions are again subdivided into 15 Sections. The Subdivisions are put under the charge of Assistant Engineers. The Sections are placed under the charge of Section Officers who are in the rank of Sub-Assistant Engineers.

The Health and Family Welfare Organisation is divided into three sub-sections, viz., Medical, Public Health and Family Welfare under the administrative control of the Chief District Medical Officer, Phulabani. There are three Assistant District Medical Officers separately in charge of Medical, Public Health and Family Welfare branches at the district level. The Director of Family Welfare, Orissa, stationed at Bhubaneswar, is the administrative head of the Department at the State level.

Medical
Department

The curative aspect of the Health Department is looked after by the Chief District Medical Officer with his staff posted at different hospitals and dispensaries in the district. The Chief District Medical Officer is in overall charge of the department and is the Superintendent of all hospitals, dispensaries and primary health centres. Besides the supply of medicines, equipments and diet to the medical institutions of the district, operations of minor cases are also being conducted.

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

Conduction of Vasectomy and Tubectomy cases and issue of various contraceptive devices are the functions of the Family Welfare Bureau of the Medical Department.

The Chief District Medical Officer, with headquarters at Phulabani, is assisted by 5 Assistant District Medical Officers (one Family Planning and four Medical), 6 Specialists, 88 Medical Officers and a number of subordinate staff posted at different hospitals and dispensaries in the district. At present there are 9 hospitals, 14 dispensaries, 4 Maternity Aid Centres, 15 Primary Health Centres having 3 sub-centres, 15 Rural Family Welfare Planning Centres having 3 sub-centres and 2 Maternity Health units, each in charge of a Medical Officer.

The Education Department is responsible for the inspection and supervision of the educational institutions and their management in the district. Apart from its usual functions, the department also takes keen interest in spreading education among the people of the backward classes in the district.

Education
Department

The Director of Public Instruction, Orissa, is the administrative head of the Education Department at the State level. His headquarters is at Bhubaneswar. For administrative convenience, the State is divided into a number of Circles, each being in charge of an Inspector of Schools.

The whole of the Revenue District of Boudh-Khondmals is divided into three Educational Districts, viz., Phulabani, Boudh and Baligurha, each under the charge of a District Inspector of Schools. The Inspector of Schools, Boudh-Khondmals Circle, Phulabani, is the controlling authority of the District Inspector of Schools. Under the District Inspectors, there are 28 Sub-Inspectors of Schools who are in charge of proper supervision and inspection of Primary schools. Each of the Sub-Inspector is in charge of a circle which consists of about 50 to 60 Primary schools. The Middle English schools and Elementary Training schools are under the direct control of the District Inspector of Schools. The Inspector of Schools, Phulabani Circle, is the controlling officer of the High schools and Secondary Training schools of the district. There is also one Deputy Inspectress of Schools with headquarters at Phulabani, for the inspection and supervision of the Tribal and Rural Welfare schools. At present there are 106 Tribal and Rural Welfare educational institutions under her control. Besides, the Organiser of Adult Education stationed at Phulabani looks after adult literacy in the district.

**Mining
Department**

The Mining Department undertakes the investigation of minerals in the mineral bearing areas of the State.

The Director of Mines is the administrative head of the Mining Department whose office is situated at the State headquarters. For better administration, the whole State has been divided into 9 Mining Circles. Besides, for investigation work of minerals there are three Zones, viz., Sambalpur, Keonjhar and Berhampur. The Mining Officer stationed at Berhampur is in charge of the Boudh-Khondmals district and looks after all aspects related to mining such as collection of mining revenue, production and despatch, proper mining of mines and processing of mineral applications. This district comes under the Berhampur Zone for investigation work of minerals.