

## CHAPTER XIII

### OTHER DEPARTMENTS

The organisational set-up, staff, duties and functions of the departments not mentioned in other chapters, are briefly described.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Public Health, Buildings and Roads and Irrigation are three wings of the Public Works Department located in the district.

#### **Public Health**

The public health works which include sewerage, water-supply and sanitary installations in Sirsa district are under the charge of two Superintending Engineers, Public Works Department's Public Health Circle and World Bank Public Health Circle both with headquarters at Hisar. They are further assisted by two Executive Engineers each holding charge of Public Health Division and World Bank Public Health Division, both located at Sirsa. The Superintending Engineers are under the administrative control of Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department, Public Health, Haryana, Chandigarh.

**Public Health Division, Sirsa.**—This division was established on November 1, 1970 and is one of the two divisions under the Superintending Engineer, Public Health Circle, Hisar. This division is headed by an Executive Engineer who is assisted by four Sub-Divisional Engineers namely ; Sub-Divisional, Engineer, Public Health Sub-Division, Sirsa, Sub-Divisional Engineer, Construction, Public Health Sub-Division, Sirsa ; Sub Divisional Engineer Public Health Sub-Division, Dabwali; Sub Divisional Engineer, Public Health Sub-Division, Fatehabad<sup>1</sup> (Hisar).

The division is mainly concerned with works relating to the maintenance and original works of water supply and sewerage schemes of Sirsa, Dabwali and Kalanwali towns, rural water supply scheme of Sirsa district and water supply and sewerage works in the mandi towns of Sirsa, Ellanabad, Rania, Kalanwali and Dabwali.

**World Bank Public Health Division, Sirsa.**—This division was established on December 31, 1978 under the control of Superintending Engineer, World Bank Public Health Circle, Hisar. This division is headed by an Executive Engineer who is assisted by four Sub-Divisional Engineer who look after World Bank Project, Public Health Sub-Divisions at Sirsa, Dabwali, Kalanwali and Sirsa.

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1. The Public Health Works in Fatehabad tahsil, Hisar falls within the jurisdiction of this Sub-Division.

Under the National Water Supply and Sanitation Programme launched in 1954, 129 villages were provided with water supply facilities by March 1982. Similarly under another scheme of National Water Supply and Sanitation Programme (World Bank Project) introduced on August 14, 1978, 35 villages were provided water supply facilities by 1982.

#### **BUILDINGS AND ROADS**

The buildings and roads (except national highway) in the district are under the charge of the Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department (Buildings and Roads), Hisar. Under him are two Executive Engineers, each heading a separate division both located at Sirsa. In addition to eight sub-divisions functioning under these Executive Engineers, there are two electrical sub divisions and one mechanical sub-division at Sirsa. The administrative control at the state level lies with the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (Buildings and Roads), Haryana, Chandigarh.

**Provincial Divisions I and II, Sirsa.**—The buildings and roads (except national highway) in the district are under the control of Executive Engineers, Sirsa Provincial Division No. 1 (created in 1966) and Sirsa Provincial Division No. II (in 1978). These divisions are under the control of Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department (Buildings and Roads) Circle, Hisar. The Executive Engineers are assisted by 8 Sub-Divisional Officers, who are incharge of the 6 sub-divisions at Sirsa and one each sub-division at Dabwali and Kalanwali.

**Mechanical Sub-Division P.W.D., B & R., Sirsa.**—Created in 1971, the mechanical sub-division is responsible for operation, maintenance and repairs of all machinery belonging to Public Works Department (Buildings and Roads) in the Sirsa district. The mechanical sub-division Sirsa works under the mechanical division, Hisar, which in turn functions under the mechanical circle, Karnal.

**Electrical Sub-Division Sirsa, No. I and No. II.**—The work of electric installation and maintenance of all government buildings in the district is carried out through electrical Sub-Divisions No. I and II located at Sirsa. Sub-Division No. I was created in 1971 and No. II in 1980. These sub-divisions function under the Electrical Division, Rohtak and over all control of Electrical Circle, Public Works Department (Buildings and Roads), Karnal.

#### **Irrigation**

The main source of canal irrigation in the district is the Bhakra Canal System. The system is in operation under Sirsa-Bhakra Canal Circle, Sirsa headed by the Superintending Engineer. The canal irrigation of this circle is looked after by 3 divisions; viz., Bhattu Division, Fatehabad (Hisar), Sirsa Division, Sirsa and Rori Division Sirsa, each headed by an Executive Engineer. Each of the divisions is assisted by various sub-divisions. For meeting the requirements of circle, there is also one Procurement Division at Sirsa headed by an Executive Engineer. Under Drainage Circle, Hisar, there exists a Drainage Division at Sirsa which is also headed by an Executive Engineer. There are two sub-divisions under this division. This division is engaged in the maintenance of the Ghaggar Canal System.

For minimising the wastage of available water in the district, a Canal Lining, Circle headed by a Superintending Engineer, is functioning at Sirsa. Under the circle, there exists four divisions two functioning at Sirsa and one each at Tohana and Fatehabad. Each division is functioning under an Executive Engineer.

#### HARYANA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD

The Operation Division, Sirsa of the Haryana State Electricity Board functions in the district for the distribution and maintenance of electricity to urban and rural areas and provides new industrial, agriculture and domestic connections, besides, Grid Sub-Station Construction Sub-Division, Sirsa, Civil Works Transmission Sub-Division, Sirsa, Stores Sub-Division, Sirsa, Tower Line Construction Sub-Division, Sirsa, Tower Line Grid Construction Sub-Division, Sirsa and Operation-cum-Construction, Sub-Division, Ding.

**Operation Division, Sirsa.**—The Operation Division, Sirsa is under the charge of an Executive Engineer. He is assisted by eight Sub-Divisional Officers four located at Sirsa, and other four located at Sub-Divisions one each at Dabwali, Kalanwali, Rania, and Ellanabad with two Sub-offices at Sahuwala and Chuta'a. This division falls within the Operation Circle, Hisar which is under the charge of a Superintending Engineer. The division is mainly responsible for providing electric connections and the maintenance of electric supply in the district.

**Grid Sub-Station Construction Sub-Division, Sirsa.—(33 KV Works).**—The sub-division is under the charge of a Sub-Divisional Officer who functions under the jurisdiction of Executive Engineer, System Improvement Division, Bhiwani. The division falls under the Grid Sub-Station Circle System Improvement Circle, Chandigarh. This Sub-Division is responsible for the high tension Grid Station and their augmentation in the district.

**Civil Works Transmission Sub-Division, Sirsa.**—The sub-division is under the charge of a Sub-Divisional Officer which falls under the jurisdiction of Executive Engineer, Civil Works (Transmission) Division, Narwana. The division falls under the Civil Works (Transmission Circle) Hisar, and was created in 1969. This sub-division is responsible for construction of all residential and non-residential buildings in the area.

**Stores Sub-Division.**—This sub-division is under the charge of Sub-Divisional Officer and comes under the jurisdiction of the Executive Engineer, Central Stores Division, Hisar. This sub-division was created in 1969. The sub-division is responsible for the collection and distribution of all electrical items and material required for construction, operation and maintenance in the district.

**Operation-cum-Construction Sub-Division, Ding.**—The sub-division at Ding is under the charge of a Sub-Divisional Officer who comes under the jurisdiction of Executive Engineer, Operation Division, Fatehabad (Hisar district). It is the responsibility of the sub-division to provide electric connections and maintain electric supply in parts of Sirsa and Hisar districts.

**Tower Line Construction Sub-Division, Sirsa.**—This sub-division is under the charge of a Sub-Divisional Officer and functions under the jurisdiction of the Executive Engineer, Transmission Line Construction Division, Hisar and Superintending Engineer, Transmission Construction Circle, Hisar. It is responsible for the erection of new extra high tension sub-station and lines in the district.

**Grid Construction Sub-Division, Sirsa.**—This sub-division is under the charge of a Sub-Divisional Officer and functions under the Executive Engineer, Tower Line Construction Division, Hisar. This sub-division is responsible for the construction of 220 KV grid sub-station in the district.

#### COOPERATIVE DEPARTMENT

The department is represented in the district by an Assistant Registrar with headquarters at Sirsa and is under the supervision of the Deputy Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Hisar under the overall administrative control of the Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Haryana, Chandigarh. The Assistant Registrar Cooperative Societies, Sirsa is responsible for the healthy growth and development of the cooperative movement in the district. He arranges for the agriculturist (through central cooperative bank, land development banks and agriculture credit and service societies) adequate and timely supply of short, medium and long term credit and agricultural requisites, such as chemical fertilizers, improved seeds, insecticides and pesticides. To ensure remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce, the produce is routed through the marketing cooperative societies. Besides, consumer goods like sugar, foodgrains, kerosene oil etc. are also arranged through the net work of cooperatives in the rural and urban areas. In June 1981, the Assistant Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Sirsa and Dabwali were assisted by 12 Inspectors, and 34 Sub-Inspectors, besides ministerial staff. Six Inspectors were deputed with the Sirsa Central Cooperative Bank Ltd., for recovery and advancement of loans to the cooperative societies. Besides, there was one Industrial Inspector and four Industrial Sub-Inspectors for supervision of industrial societies. Total number of Cooperative Societies of all types (except industrial) as on 30th June, 1981 was 482 with the membership of 1,18,724.

#### DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND BACKWARD CLASSES

This department is represented by the District Welfare Officer for Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes, who is assisted by two Tahsil Welfare Officers, one in each tahsil, and the male and lady social workers with lady attendants working in the community centre in the district. The administrative control at the state level is with the Director, Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes, Haryana, Chandigarh.

The main functions of the District Welfare Officer for Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes include creating public opinion against untouchability and to adopt measures for the welfare and uplift of Scheduled Castes, Vimukat Jatis and other Backward Classes.<sup>1</sup> He also guards the interest of these classes against victimisation, untouchability, ejection, etc.

1. For details about schemes for their welfare and uplift, see Chapter XVII on 'Other Social Services'.

The male social workers hold adult classes and deliver lectures against the evil practice of untouchability and also work for the uplift of Harijans. This work is intensively carried through the welfare community centre located at Odhan (Dabwali tahsil).

The lady social workers hold sewing and *balwadi* classes and arrange *satsang* at the welfare community centre. They deliver lectures to Harijan women on the care of babies and general cleanliness. Besides, they visit Harijan *bastis* and create public opinion among the residents to spread the idea of equality. The lady attendants are trained *dais* and provide maternity aid.

During 1978-79, an employment cell was set up to watch the reservation of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in government services. For this purpose a statistical assistant was posted in 1979 at Sirsa to assist the District Welfare Officer.

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The district treasury is under the control of Treasury Officer assisted by two Assistant Treasury Officers one each for the sub-treasuries at Dabwali and Kalanwali.<sup>1</sup> The administrative control at the state level rests with the Finance Department. The functions of the treasury and sub-treasuries are to make receipts and payments on behalf of the government and to maintain accounts thereof. The cash transactions on behalf of the government are conducted by the State Bank of India at Sirsa, Dabwali and Kalanwali.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

The department is represented by the District Public Relations Officer, who is assisted by one Assistant Public Relations Officer, Dabwali, 4 Field Publicity Assistants (including one lady Field Publicity Assistant), 1 Cinema Operator, 1 Radio Mechanic and *bhajan* party at Sirsa and 3 Block Level Publicity Workers at Sirsa, Rania, Bada Gudha and Dabwali. There are two information centres one each at Sirsa and Dabwali. The administrative control of this office at the state level is with the Director of Public Relations, Haryana, Chandigarh.

The District Public Relations Officer maintains constant liaison with the press and the public in general for putting across the government point of view. He undertakes publicity, drives through meetings, cinema shows, drama performances and personal contacts with a view to inform and educate the people about various programmes and policies formulated by the government and the development made in different fields. He also keeps the government informed of public reactions to its plans and policies and conveys public grievances to the district and state authorities. He is in charge of the community listening scheme under which radio sets have been allotted to panchayats, cooperatives and schools.

<sup>1</sup>. A sub-treasury at Ellanabad is functioning since May 30, 1981. The transactions are conducted through State Bank of India, Ellanabad.

**FOOD AND SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT**

This department is represented by a District Food and Supplies Controller who is assisted by one District Food and Supplies Officer, three Assistant Food and Supplies Officers, 21 Inspectors and 19 Sub-Inspectors besides other ministerial establishments. He functions under the administrative control of the Director Food and Supplies, Haryana, Chandigarh. He is responsible for procurement of foodgrains and their dispatches to other states, proper storage of the stocks of the grains and maintenance of buffer stocks in the lean period. He also arranges equitable distribution of sugar, kerosene oil, diesel, cement, coal/fuel, vegetable ghee and other essential supplies at reasonable controlled prices through 342 fair price shops (66 in urban and 276 in rural areas). These activities are regulated/carried out through various control/licencing orders issued by the Food and Supplies Department mainly under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

The Economic and Statistical Organisation is represented in the district by a District Statistical Officer. He collects, compiles, analyses and maintains statistics relating to various socio-economic aspects of the district. He also checks and scrutinises periodical progress reports prepared by the Block Development and Panchayat Officers and by various other district officers and prepares the District Statistical Abstract containing comprehensive data on various socio-economic aspects. He also prepares municipal year book giving detailed statistical information regarding towns.

He conducts various socio-economic surveys assigned by the Economic and Statistical Adviser to Government Haryana, Chandigarh from time to time. For preparing consumer price index, he collects data relating to weekly prices of essential commodities and services. His duties include maintenance of record about the arrival of essential commodities in different *mandis*/markets and their disposal, checking of season and crop reports, maintaining and checking of register of farm holdings and forming budget survey and conducting of annual census of government employees etc. The District Statistical Officer coordinates the statistical activities of various departments in the district and also renders them technical guidance regarding the collection and compilation of statistics.

The District Statistical Officer is actively engaged in monitoring the various plans/schemes being implemented in the district.